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## **Coming in July and August**

July 11<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting, **\*\*PRATT'S WAYNE WOODS\*\***, West Shelter, 7:00pm

July 17<sup>th</sup>, Fun Fly # 3, Pratt's Wayne Field, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am first pilot off

August 7<sup>th</sup>, Barnstormer/Prop Master Interclub Fun Fly, SpringBrook, 9:00am trims, 10:00am first off

August 8<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

August 14<sup>th</sup>, Fun Fly # 4, Pratt's Wayne Field, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am first pilot off

## **\*\* IMPORTANT \*\* July Meeting Location Change**

### **New Location: Pratt's Wayne Woods**

For the past couple of years, it seems one or more of our membership meeting dates at the Bloomingdale Public Library, has been in conflict with another organization. This year is no exception. The Library has informed us they cannot accommodate us for both our July and September meetings.

When this happens we usually have two choices, move our meeting date, or move our meeting. A third but less appealing option is to cancel the meeting. This we would like to avoid.

So, at least for our July meeting, the choice is *move our meeting*. Instead of the Library, our July meeting will be held at the West Shelter in Pratt's Wayne Woods. To get to the shelter, enter the Forest Preserve road directly across from the road to the field. Follow the road almost all the way to the end, to the large shelter. This will offer us some protection in the event of light rain, but offers little protection

from mosquitoes! So, don't forget your favorite repellent.

If we get to the shelter and find it has been booked for another group, our fall back location will be the flying field itself.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but the Library availability seems to be out of our control. We may need to discuss at a future meeting whether there are alternatives to the Bloomingdale Library.

Also, while the field location should work for our July meeting, we will still need to find a solution to our September meeting location. Put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas.

If you would like to make some lemonade out of this lemon, and the weather cooperates, then don't forget to come out to the Forest Preserve early with a favorite flyer and get some "stick" time in before the meeting!

# Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

June 13, 2011

## ATTENDANCE

There were 35 members in attendance. New member Roland Gibbs has been away from the club a few years, but has returned! Welcome back!

## OFFICER REPORTS

**President: Mike Maciejewski** presided over the meeting.

Mike reported that Ruth Egging underwent her liver transplant surgery in late May. She is doing very well and is in the process of stabilizing. We all hope to see her soon!

Mike said he met with the Prop Masters to set a date for the Interclub Fun Fly. It was agreed to hold the event on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This year the event will be hosted at the Springbrook field. It is now up to us to come up with the contest.

**Vice President: Dave West** said the F9F ducted fan jet returns as the rollover this evening. It is going to go tonight! Entertainment would be our hidden treasures.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** said he had submitted our meeting room requests to the Bloomingdale Library. He is now waiting to see if there are any conflicts.

Bob said he had gotten word from Ruth Mischnick to pass along her thanks for the many donations made in Mert's name. Thanks to everyone for their support.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** had a couple of extra newsletters as well as AMA identification labels. Labels sell for the bargain price of 15 cents each.

## COMMITTEES

**Fun Fly – Scott Stampfli** said that so far, we have been 0 for 2 on the Fun Fly events. The first two have been washed out. The next event will be on Father's Day Sunday.

There was further discussion on the options for Interclub Fun Fly. We seemed to settle in on a 60 second timed flight with some added loops, rolls, and a spot landing. We will make this the event for June Fun Fly to get some practice.

**Flight Instruction – John Howe** said he has been doing some training but no solos yet.

## OTHER BUSINESS

**Tents at the Field – Bob Sarley** asked if anyone knew the logic behind the limit of one 10x10 canopy at field events. Bob Elsner said he didn't know other than it may be motivated by fees, since there is a charge for additional canopies.

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Club Treasures – Dave West** laid out a number of the club treasures in the back of the room for members to peruse. They included videotapes, hats, tee shirts, frequency tags, and labels.



**Covering Tips – John Howe** gave members some tips on covering. He brought in a wing that had four different areas treated differently. He was using a material covering called Koverall as well as some material he purchased at a fabric store. He recommended sealing the wood with Deft Lacquer sealer before covering. After applying, he suggested sealing the material with Minwax Polyacrylic or a similar Home Depot product. Thanks John!



## PLANES

**Mike Cannata** showed the club his de Havilland Mosquito from Hobby King. This is a twin powered electric and constructed of EP foam.



**John Howe** showed off his giant scale Corsair. This was built from a Top Flite kit and included Century Jet retracts.



## RAFFLES

**Bob Sarley** was the winner of the turkey. **Jim Plazyk** took home a Prop Balancer door prize. **Alex Sowa** won the F9F rollover prize. Alex wasn't present, so he should be getting a nice surprise phone call!

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## Fathers Day Fun Fly – June 19, 2011

*By Dave West*

Although we had no food or prizes at the June 19th Fun Fly (do to a lack of volunteers), we had a good turnout and great fun. The weather was better than forecast and brought out over 20 club members with 12 flying. As practice for the inter-club fun fly, the event involved a 60 second timed flight with two maneuvers (loops and/or rolls). Starting with 100 points, each pilot lost one point for every second over or under 60. Five extra points were awarded for touching down within a spot-landing box.

In honor of Fathers Day we used patronyms -- just like they do in Iceland or on Klingon. Mike son of Louis (aka your president) brought water and pop, while I, Dave son of Cal (aka your vice president), brought a clipboard and a stopwatch. Together we timed each flight while numerically heckling (distraction training?) the pilots.

Lino son of Joe had the highest score of the first round with a 100 (out of a possible 105). The second round leader was Steve son of Bruce with a remarkable 104; followed closely by Ivan son of John with a 103. Combining the scores for the two rounds, Stan son of Stan won the event with a 199. Tom son of Dale took second (198), while Jeff son of Stanley and Lino son of Joe tied for third (196).

Thanks to all who participated including: Alex son of Jesse, Nick son of Angelo, Ron son of Nick, and Bob son of Bob. As a group we improved greatly from round one to round two. I'm sure the practice will prove extremely helpful when we take on the Propmasters on August 7th. Go Barnstormers!

## **A member's perspective: the importance of being an ambassador to the RC hobby**

*by Cecil Walston*

Like many of you in the RC club, you probably have had a love of models, aviation, or both for most of your life. Some members in our club were actually pioneers in the field of model aviation and have seen numerous advances in technology turn this hobby from one of a minority of elite craftsman, who spent untold hours developing ideas and hardware, to an industry filled with ARF and RTF out-of-the-box products that almost anyone can master!

My first attempt at model aviation flight was when I managed to talk my very frugal father into buying me a Cox .049-powered CL P-40 Warhawk when I was seven years old. I was head-over-heels in love with the P-40, with its Flying Tiger decals, and I couldn't wait to get it home and start flying!

Well, neither dad nor I had any experience with airplanes, model or otherwise, and we studied the instructions front to back. Hey, the ads on TV and the brochure made it look and sound so simple! Needless to say, the airplane never even ran for me, much less flew, so we sadly returned it to the local store and traded it for a Fokker Dr. I Triplane. The Triplane actually ran great, but our lack of experience and knowledge saw the Red Baron's legacy in a heap pretty quickly right alongside my dreams and aspirations of being a master of the skies. Unfortunately, my dad saw the entire hobby as a complete waste of money, and he hasn't had anything but disgust for it since.

The saddest part of this whole story is that this is actually the normal outcome rather than the exception.

My first serious attempt to fly RC airplanes was when I lived in Frisco, Texas, and was very close to the North Dallas RC Club field. I met several folks who were what I would consider to be "True Ambassadors" to the hobby. Among them were Laverne Chandler and US National Aerobatic team member Bradley Lang. Laverne let me fly his Ugly Stick, and Bradley let me fly his Super Chipmunk. Unfortunately for me, my work schedule and salary did not permit me to join a club of this caliber, so I did a lot of observation and spectating ... and wishing!

After a couple of other false starts, I have finally persevered and will soon be flying a plane that my "Ambassador" and mentor, Don Berner, helped me build from pieces and parts of airplanes crashed by other folks. I am a member of the AMA, and Angelo RC Inc., our local flying club, and have even recently taken over as secretary/treasurer too.

The moral of this story is this: without ambassadors who are willing to put forth the effort to bring in new members, promote the hobby, and guide new members through the pitfalls that would otherwise make them walk away in disgust, our hobby will ultimately stagnate or be relegated back to those elite, diehard few who are going to do it no matter what! If we promote our club and our hobby in a responsible way, everybody wins!

Being a good ambassador is more than being a proponent for the hobby; it also means being a good neighbor and member of the community. Let's face it, not everybody likes airplane noise, be it models or full scale! I know it's hard to believe, but it is true! As far away from homes as our field is located, we still get an occasional complaint. Being in West Texas, sometimes the only time we can fly without strong winds is early in the morning. Be considerate, especially if you fly a make or model of airplane that is particularly loud. One persistent complainant can shut down a flying club site forever.

We also need to be super attentive to our safety rules, regulations and record. Remember, it only takes one highly publicized injury or incident to permanently ruin the reputation of a club or hobby. I know personally of three RC fliers who have lost fingers to propeller strikes!

I guess what I'm trying to say is this: please be aware of how you represent the club and our hobby. Several of our members have gone well above and beyond in their role as ambassador for me, and I fully intend to do the same for others that I meet. Sometimes it's easy to forget how hard it was when we first started out in this hobby. Hopefully we can look back and see how some well-timed and friendly advice can save a new member a whole lot of money and misery, and will hopefully ensure that they become lifelong RC fliers and club members.

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