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Coming in March and April

March 14th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm
March 17th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11:00pm
March 28th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

April 11th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm
April 14th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11:00pm
April 23rd, Swap Shop, Dupage County Fairgrounds, 8:00am – 12:00pm
April 25th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Complete Schedule of Events for 2011

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| January 1 st | Noon Fun-Fly | July 17 th | Fun Fly # 3 |
| January 10 th | Club Meeting | August 8 th | Club Meeting |
| January 13 th | Dome Fun Fly | August 14 th | Fun Fly # 4 |
| January 15 th | Dome All Nighter | September 12 th | Club Meeting |
| January 24 th | Board Meeting | September 18 th | Fun Fly # 5 |
| February 14 th | Club Meeting | September 25 st | Giant Scale Fun Fly |
| February 17 th | Dome Fun Fly | September 26 nd | Board Meeting |
| February 28 th | Board Meeting | October 10 th | Club Meeting |
| March 14 th | Club Meeting | October 24 th | Board Meeting |
| March 17 th | Dome Fun Fly | November 14 th | Club Meeting |
| March 28 th | Board Meeting | November 17 th | Dome Fun Fly |
| April 11 th | Club Meeting | November 28 th | Board Meeting |
| April 14 th | Dome Fun Fly | December 12 th | Christmas Meeting |
| April 23 rd | Swap Shop | December 15 th | Dome Fun Fly |
| April 25 th | Board Meeting | December 19 st | Board Meeting |
| May 9 th | Club Meeting | | |
| May 15 th | Fun Fly # 1 | | |
| May 29 th | Club Members Only. Come Fly Warbirds of Any Size. | | |
| June 13 th | Club Meeting | | |
| June 19 th | Fun Fly # 2 | | |
| June 26 th | Interclub Fun Fly – To Be Confirmed | | |
| July 11 th | Club Meeting | | |

- All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library
- Bensenville Golf Dome Flying Nov-April; Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Thurs. is Barnstormers only.

Get Your Planes Ready! April is Static Contest Month

Don't forget, April is Static Contest Month. This is a chance to show off your favorite Ready to Fly, kit-built, or scratch built model. See how it fairs against the other favorites and

maybe take home a certificate suitable for framing! More details at the next meeting and next newsletter.

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

February 14, 2011

ATTENDANCE

There were 37 members in attendance. In addition new flyer and guest Mike, was attending. Art Wojda's neighbor and his son sat in on the meeting. They are also new to the hobby.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike Maciejewski presided over the meeting.

Mike announced that the Board had approved awarding Dan Naumowicz a free one-year membership in recognition of the support he has provided the club through his donations and help at events. Thank you Dan!

Mike also reminded members that the AMA website is a great place to look for upcoming events.

Vice President: Dave West said the door prizes for today were a tool kit (donated by Leno), some Velcro "One-Wrap" bands, and a \$5 gift certificate for TrueRC products. The featured "glue" for the evening was Ambroid glue.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner brought the members up to date on a number of items including the Forest Preserve field permits, completion of the "Annual Report" for the state, and the bottom line for the eNiter.

Our posted profit for the eNiter was \$121.78. The reasons for the decline are still unclear to us, but more flying sites in the area may have increased competition for flyers, and the novelty of these types of events may be wearing off.

Bob also said the Library reminded us we need to be out of the meeting room by 9:45pm.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said that he had gotten reports of newsletters being eaten by the postal equipment. In an effort to help stop that, he is adding additional staples. A little tougher to open, but hopefully in one piece!

COMMITTEES

Fun Flys – Ron Hilger said the next Fun Fly would be a Delta Dart Free Flight event. There will be winners for both distance and duration. Due to the

budget changes, there will be lots of prizes, but no food!

Safety – No report.

Flight Instruction – John Howe said he showed up, but no one was there! All kidding aside, flight instruction is on hiatus until spring.

OTHER BUSINESS

2011 Budget Approval – Mike said we still had the task of approving the 2011 budget at hand. Mike and Bob fielded any questions and a motion was made to accept the budget as propose. The proposal was quickly seconded and passed.

April Swap – Debbie Howe reported that work for the Swap Shop on Saturday April 23rd is already underway. Orders are being taken for tables. Volunteers will be needed for setup on Friday before the event (3p-4p), as well as the day of the event (6a-1p). The majority of volunteers are needed in the early morning to help vendors bring in their items.

Potential FAA Small Unmanned Aircraft

Regulations - Mike M. brought up the subject of potential regulation of the RC hobby by the FAA. Although the proposals are still in the committee stage, it appears there may be restrictions on speed, altitude, weight, and use of turbines in the future. Proposals are scheduled to be posted for comments in June. Please keep up to date on this subject; the potential to restrict our hobby is great.

Dome eNiter – Stan Warden once again thanked the volunteers that helped at the Dome eNiter event. His thanks were expressed in more than just words. Stan had an additional raffle for a Reactor Bipe for those that helped.

eFest Report – Members Ivan Phipps and Alex Sowa gave members a report on the recent event in Champaign, IL. They said the facility was wide but narrow, and parking was confusing. But the turnout was good, it was a great group of pilots, and the event generally went smooth.

ENTERTAINMENT

Presentation - Dave West provided members with some great information on the new RC radios that include telemetry. Dave had a Spektrum DX-8 and Hi-Tec Aurora on hand to demonstrate the ability and show the size of the transmitters/receivers. It was a very interesting presentation. Is telemetry in the future for RC?



Ambroid Glue – Dave West provided a little history on this once popular glue along with pros and cons. This glue is not for foam, but is very good for woods and fiberglass. One big con, is over many years, the glue eventually “evaporates”

leaving you with an airplane that has come “unglued”!

Crash of the month – Ivan Phipps and Eric Eder both gave descriptions of recent crashes while flying indoors. Ivan was involved in both and Eric ended up underneath Ivan’s plane in one event. As a result, Eric was awarded the Ambroid glue!

PLANES

Hector Rivera showed the members his T-6 Texan balsa frame. He said the last time he covered a model it was using dope and tissue. He was looking for direction on advances in covering. Several volunteered their help!

Willie Cowgill gave a great overview of his Fancy Foam MX-2. The kit is pre-painted and laser cut. He was using a two-cell pack and an 8x4.3 prop. His kit weighed in at 4.7 ounces. He considers it a 9 out of 10. It is not as precise as he would like, but it flies great.

RAFFLES

Mike Maciejewski took home the tools door prize, **Ron Hilger** grabbed the Velcro straps, and **John Cacciatore** got the \$5 TrueRC certificate. **John Gazdziak** won the Turkey and the rollover, rolled over.

Entertainment -- Tips & Tricks

By Dave West

The featured speaker for the March meeting is ... **YOU**. We will do a Tips & Tricks night. It is an opportunity to share little things you've found that make our hobby easier, safer, or just more fun.

- Have you found a way to keep your Xacto knife from rolling off the table?
- Do you have a method to separate charged batteries from dead ones?
- How about a way to safely store or transport planes to prevent "hanger rash"?
- Have tips for: Painting -- Epoxy mixing -- Foam cutting -- Servo mounting?

It can be anything that you can share in less than two minutes. If possible, bring in an example or do a demonstration. It can be an original idea or something you've read or been told. As an incentive, everyone who brings in something will

receive a small, but useful prize -- a pack of #11 Xacto knife blades!

In the interest of time, we are going to take the "crash of the month" off the agenda for awhile. It might return when the outdoor flying season gets underway.

The "glue of the month" for March is Hot Melt Glue. This glue's popularity has grown with the popularity of indoor and park flyer "foamies". Some of you can't live without it, while others have never used it. Let's talk about when and where its best used or avoided.

No one won the rollover prize so the 62" electric Space Walker can still be had for a one dollar raffle square. Odds are pretty good that it will be won this time.

Is Your Membership Current?

Are you a card-carrying member of the Suburban RC Barnstormers? Well if your membership card doesn't say 2011 on it, you are not! What does that mean. If you receive a paper copy of The Transmitter, this will be your last newsletter. Also,

you cannot participate in club events unless your membership is current. So if you haven't renewed yet, please take the time to fill out the application and send Bob a check!

February and March fun fly

By Ron Hilger

February Fun Fly- Delta Darts

Twenty-one Barnstormers attending and twelve participated in the event. Nancy showed us all how to thermal a Delta Dart and easily won the duration event. Ivan won the distance event with his forty-foot flight into the sand trap. The winners were awarded showerheads for their excellent performance. It was fun and, except for the Gamblers, all attending left with a raffle prize of their choice.

March Fun Fly- Helicopter Pylon Race +

It's time for the rotary wing jockeys to show the fixed wing guys what they can do. This will be a timed event, with only one chopper in the air at a time. One figure-eight lap around the poles with two spot landings thrown in to make it a little more interesting. The poles will be about forty feet apart with a five-foot square centered between the pylons. There will be another five-foot square at ninety degrees and twenty feet from the center which will also be the start and finish.

Flight sequence - lift off- land in center square- lift off and complete one figure eight- land in center square- lift off and return to start square.

Raffle Prizes

Gambler- T-28 or P51 ARF one plane only, your choice if you roll matching numbers

Six Mystery Prizes one is a Spectrum flight pack (receiver and two servos)

Some of the other stuff

Corsair- mini arf
P-40- mini arf
Me-109- mini arf
Spitfire- mini arf
Hellcat flat foam kit
Sealing iron
Heat Gun
Servos
Blue foam

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