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## **Coming in December and January**

December 9<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

December 14<sup>th</sup>, Dome eNiter, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

December 16<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

January 13<sup>th</sup>, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

January 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

## **President's Corner**

*By Mike Maciejewski*

Hello, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have you told your family and friends what you want for Christmas? Don't make the list too long or you might not get what you need.

Isn't this a great hobby? We get to call ourselves pilots, we can fly most any type of aircraft and we meet a lot of good people.

How are your flying skills? I have good days and not so good days. I was flying one of my airplanes at a fun fly at another club's field. Everything was going well until the engine stopped. Johnny was standing next to me and asked if I needed help landing the plane, I said no I can land it. That was a mistake. The landing would have been a good one if I didn't flail so soon. There was damage to the fuselage and the wings. All I could think of was, I should have let Johnny land the airplane.

A couple of months ago I was flying at our field and there were a few of the better pilots there. One of them offered to spot for me while I flew. There is something about having the insurance of a good pilot standing next to you. The flight was going well until the engine died. This time when help was offered I let him take over the transmitter for the dead stick airplane. Everything was going well until there was no place to land without flying into someone. He tried to make a turn close to the ground and the plane went in. He felt bad for not getting the plane down in one piece. To me it was just one of those things. I don't think I could have done any better. At least the plane is repairable.

I took the help; I had all the confidence in him to get the airplane down in one piece. If he asks to help me again I would say yes. He is still a better pilot than me.

## **Christmas Give Away and Charity Raffle**

*By Scott Taylor*

Don't forget that our December meeting includes a door prize give away for the members in attendance. There is usually something for everyone and cost you nothing but your time, so don't miss it!

In addition, we have the Bloomingdale Wish Tree Charity Raffle, for which you can buy tickets, place

them in the bowl next to the item you want to win and hope for the best! Of course all of the money from the raffle goes to help needy families in the community. Please count your blessings and bring your dollars to help! **(Note: if you are able to donate an item for the raffle, please bring it to the meeting)**

# Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

November 11, 2013

## ATTENDANCE

There were 35 members present. In addition there were several visitors including Paul who was checking out the club, flies a 40-size glow engine flyer.

## OFFICER REPORTS

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

Mike noted that construction on the new field had begun! The path to the field has been started.

Mike also said the Board has been working to revise the bylaws to make them more in line with the way we actually conduct our activities. Thanks to Steve Thill and Bob Sarley for their special efforts on the bylaws.

**Vice President: Steve Thill** had a number of door prize items that included a LiPo battery, lead, glue gun, nuts, and a plane holder. The rollover prize is the Little Extra 330LT.

Steve has been trying to get Zeus battery to give a talk at our meeting, but they have decided to get out of the LiPo battery business. But Steve suggested you might visit their store because they still have lead acid batteries of all types and sizes. They can also build battery packs for transmitters and receivers.

Steve also had a list of some suggested websites for RC related audio broadcasts. The lists were available for members to take.

Next month the entertainment will be the Christmas raffle.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** said we have submitted our meeting date requests to the Library for January through June.

Bob also said he had copies of the 2014 budget that was proposed by the Board. The budget was passed out and reviewed by members. After some discussion there was a motion to approve the budget, which was seconded, and then passed.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** had some new nametags and also reminded members it was time to renew for 2014.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Night Hawk Dome Flying – John Kubitz

introduced the Dome Managers, Jim Stoplman, Bob Vance, and himself. Also, Bob Sarley will be helping on specific evenings and events. The first Friday of the month, Bob will have the RC flight simulator set up on the big screen. December 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Dome eNiter.

**Safety – Tom Lyons** passed along his Thanksgiving advice. Don't fly after eating turkey!

## OTHER BUSINESS

**Swap Shop – John Howe** reported that the ad has been placed for the swap in the AMA magazine and paperwork given to the Fair Grounds.

**Charity Raffle – John Howe** talked briefly about the Charity Raffle that will be conducted at the Christmas meeting. Because donations are hard to get from vendors in this economy, he appealed to members to bring in items they may no longer want that would be appropriate for prizes. 100% of the raffle money will be donated to the Bloomingdale Wishtree foundation.

**Winter Club Build – John Howe** showed members an UpRoar (John Gazdziak's), which was suggested as an alternate to the Glow Dog for a club build airplane. John asked members to tell him by vote which they preferred, but there was roughly an equal number of votes.

**Hell's Barnstormer Tee Shirts – Glenn LaRocco** said an order for Hell's Barnstormers tee shorts has been placed and will be arriving soon. Bob Elsner asked about club apparel and Glenn said we could also place an order to replenish our stock.

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Tips – Jim Stolpman** showed members how he uses bees wax to hold screws and nuts on tools rather than magnets. It holds great and lets go easy.

**Turkey Raffle – Scott Taylor** awarded the "Turkey" gift certificates to members that had won throughout the year. Winners included Marty Schrader, Bob Sarley, Debbie Howe, Caroline

Doughty, Orvil Fluharty, John Kubitz, Steve Merrill, John Cacciatore and Dave West (absent). The August turkey winner was unknown, so if you think you won in August, please let us know.

Barry McConnell and Bob Vance won the extra "Turkeys".

## PLANES

**Steve Thill** showed off a couple of new items. One was an EPP foam flyer that uses a 2S battery. It is very tough and capable of flying outside. It is a good 3D flyer.

Steve also showed a Blade Nano QX quad helicopter. It is easy to control and incredibly stable with guards to prevent damage if it comes in contact with ceilings and walls.

## RAFFLES

**Francis Crowe** won the glue gun, **Leno DiDonna** took home the nut driver, **Ruth Egging** won the LiPo battery, **John Howe** won lead, and **Paul Kramer** won an Al's Gift Card. There was no winner in the rollover.

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## Dome E-Niter – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

*By Stan Warden*

The Suburban RC Barnstormers again invite all AMA pilots to our Dome E-Niter; a night's worth of warm, wind-free, indoor Electric Park Flying at the 2nd largest golf dome in the USA. We're located immediately southwest of Chicago's O'Hare airport, at 500 W. Jefferson St. (3rd Ave.), Bensenville. The White Pines Golf Dome is a prayer come true for winter flying. It's 300' wide by 300' deep and it's 10 stories tall! As one pilot said: "It's not like flying in a gym, it's like you're outside at a park!"

Our E-Niter raffle this year is extra special and a real VALUE! We have TWO different types of prizes with TWO different raffle tickets you can buy. Prize #1 is Horizon Hobby's ParkZone Plug-N-Play Icon A-5. It has a 53" wingspan, a 480 brushless motor, and a 30 Amp ESC. This is a great mid-sized amphibian for the field or for float-fly. It lands and takes off from snow and grass, too! Prize #2 gives you 3 chances to win Hobby King gift certificates worth \$50, \$20 and \$20. The odds of you winning are a million times better than the Illinois Lottery. And, you can buy both types of tickets or just the ticket that suits your needs!

We haven't forgotten brand-new and newer pilots. Our instructors will be available to help set up your airplanes, helicopters and quadcopters. We have "Buddy Box" radios to help you get started with your aircraft. Finally, we have a Real-Flight

simulator on-site. But, it's not just displayed on a computer monitor; it on an 8' tall by 10' Wide Screen. It's so big you get the feeling you're flying "out at the field!" The Sim is available all night to everyone – for FREE.

For those of a more aggressive ilk, we have Streamer and Ultimate Combat events, Cat and Mouse, Lights-Out flying, Reverse Flying and two areas for 3D and heli practice. Women, men, girls, boys, airplanes, quadcopters, heli's, and 72MHz radios are all welcome. If you want to Swap or Sell your stuff, bring your own table and we'll set you up in the Fairway or in one of our 34 "pits".

Doors open at 11:01 pm on Saturday night, December 14, 2013, and close at 3:00 am Sunday. Entry is \$15 for all AMA pilots and \$2 for spectators. TrueRC.com will be on site with batteries, aircraft and equipment for sale, and the WPG Dome has sandwiches, coffee and snacks available. Contact Stan Warden at [FrenchStan@ComCast.Net](mailto:FrenchStan@ComCast.Net) or 630-654-8476. To see our pilots in action, go to [Vimeo.com](http://Vimeo.com) or [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) and search for "White Pines Golf Dome". Also see [SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com](http://SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com) for Rules, aircraft sizes, and more info. Some 110 V charging outlets are available.

This is an AMA Sanctioned Event, #13-2200.

A Barnstormer and good friend has passed away

**Thomas “Jake” Jacobs**

Tom was an active member of the Barnstormers and a volunteer Dome Staffer.

Tom died on November 11, 2013  
He will be remembered

And

He will be missed.



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## Help the Barnstormers and RC Hobby by Recycling Your Magazines!

*By Stan Warden*

If you have kept up with model magazine articles over the years, you know that the number of AMA members has been in decline for a long, long time. In the real world, declining numbers in ANY hobby mean less influence over the public at large and fewer “resources” to which we can have access. Happily, the last two years have seen slight up ticks in AMA membership numbers. Here is an AMA suggestion for promoting your club:

To keep the level of Barnstormer attendance high for the long haul, many of us believe we continually need to get new people interested who are NOT already RC pilots. One way to recruit NEW people is to recycle and **re-label old** - but good looking - RC magazines, and then distribute them to the places where you often see other magazines: hospital waiting areas, medical offices, employee break-rooms, oil-change shops, car dealers, hair salons, sports venues, community events, coffee shops, barber shops, salons, waiting rooms, swap shops, schools, **non-RC clubs** of any kind, exercise locations, blood donor waiting areas, lawn equipment repair shops, hotels, motels, R/C get-togethers, military sites, etc. Got more or better location ideas? Let us all know! This idea is simple, cheap, easy, and helps recycle old magazines to boot!

How would this work? One way is, when you're done with your RC magazines, you members bring them to the Barnstormer Membership meetings. Then, we put our "Compliments of Barnstormers" labels on them (SEE BELOW). Any member can take them and drop one or two off when they visit locations mentioned above.

Another way is for Barnstormers to volunteer to take a page of pre-printed labels home, re-label your own (good looking) RC magazines, and drop them off at any place that's appropriate.

As usual, there are caveats to anything: labels don't grow on trees, so if anyone has some labels to contribute, that's great. Also, we can't hand out multiple sheets of them to club members. We have to balance the supply and printing costs of labels versus anticipated (likely) usage. I can donate boxes of pre-printed Avery labels to start and keep a supply available for the first year.

We need to think of more ideas of realistic places to leave the magazines. It would be nice to revisit our "drop points" to try to figure out if the magazines were used or not. We should realize there are places we should NOT drop off magazines, such as hobby shops that already sell magazines. They wouldn't appreciate our leaving freebies behind, right? Can your family members help distribute to jobs, break rooms? How about non-RC Friends? Friends of friends?

### **LABEL EXAMPLE:**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS MAGAZINE HOME WITH YOU!**

This recycled RC magazine is compliments of the SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com. We fly Radio-Controlled airplanes, helicopters of all kinds. Contact us for training, membership, our RC flying location, or help getting started in Radio-Controlled flying.

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