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Coming in August and September

August 11th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

August 17th, Fun Fly #4, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim Flights 9:00am, Competition Begins 10:00am

September 8th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm, Half Lower Level

September 14th, Fun Fly #5, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim Flights 9:00am, Competition Begins 10:00am

September 21st, Giant Scale Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Open Flying 9:00am

September 22nd, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

President's Corner

By Mike Maciejewski

Hello. We are two thirds of the way through summer, have you been out flying. I have been to a couple flying events and out to our field. I am trying to make up for lost time and having fun with my 30 year old trainer. I put it back together and I'm having a ball flying it.

At the inter club fun fly with the prop masters we came in a close second. The plaque went back to them. It would be nice if they had a place to display it, but they don't. I should have made an offer to hold on to it for them and put it in the display case at the library.

I would like to thank Steve Merrill for hosting the fun fly and putting together a great lunch. Thanks goes out to all of the club participants and those who came out to help. It was a fun event and you did not have to be a great pilot to help out the cause. You

just had to be close to the target to score well. If you could land on the field, you would have gotten a good score.

I'm looking for someone that can change our logos to a different file format so they can be made larger without degradation. If you can help, please let me know.

Last month I went to the forest preserve office to find out about the new flying field. The new field is finished the construction phase. They are waiting for the grass to come in. I was told that the field would not be opened till this fall or next spring. Get in as much flying in as you can at our currant field, it won't be around long.

Mike

Mini-Swap at August Meeting

Reminder! The August 11th club meeting in Bloomingdale will feature the club "Mini-Swap". Now is a great time to go through your hangar and

bring those items you no longer need. This is a great opportunity to buy, sell or swap for items to finish an existing project or start a new one!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

July 14, 2014

ATTENDANCE

There were 27 members present at the Itasca Library meeting. There were no visitors.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike Maciejewski presided over the meeting.

Mike reminded everyone this is an election year, so if you are interested in a position or know someone you think would make a good officer encourage them!

Vice President: Steve Thill said he had some 2-3/4 inch wheels, a battery pack, some rechargeable AA batteries, a 9x4 propeller, and some zip ties.

The rollover prize remains the Sky Fun Pusher.

Steve also asked members to let him know if they have any ideas for presentation, show and tell's. He is always looking for something new that would be of interest to our members.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said all of the field permits had been approved. But we need to write them a check and pick them up!

Secretary: Scott Taylor said he would be happy to give others the opportunity to serve as secretary. Membership is free!

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly Chairman – Mike Maciejewski reminded everyone that the Interclub Fun Fly would be on July 27th. This will be a 2 minute timed flight with a spot landing. **Steve Merrill** said our next Fun Fly (7/20) will be practice for the event.



Pilots at July 20th Fun Fly

Safety Chairman – Tom Lyons said flying had been going well at the field and has been safe. But reminded everyone to respect the propeller by not standing in front of or in the arc of the propeller.

OTHER BUSINESS

Parallel Charging - One of our members talked about charging three identical battery packs in parallel. Apparently one battery was bad and caused a problem with the other two. Marty Schrader suggested that batteries should never be charged in parallel as one bad battery can destroy any others. Always charge them separately or use a multi-battery charger.

Field Report – Mike Maciejewski said he had gone to the Forest Preserve office to check on the progress of the field construction. He was told the field is complete but the grass has not fully grown in.

ENTERTAINMENT - Show and Tell

Chuck Weibler showed a kill switch modification he made to his radio. His switch was changed from a momentary switch to a toggle switch. This was to better help know the state of the switch.



Steve Thill showed members a heavy work glove he found that is great for hand propping big engines. It is a Miller welding glove.

PLANES

Mike Cannata showed the members a new Spitfire he bought at Al's Hobbies. He has enhanced his model with some electric retracts he got from Horizon Hobbies. He says it flies very well.



RAFFLES

Door Prizes – Bob Babyar and Stanley Crowe picked up wheels, **Bob Elsner and Bob Sarley** got LiPo batteries, **Paul Krammer** got the AA rechargables and **Chuck Wiebler** got the propeller. **Chuck Wiebler** won the turkey. The Mini Sky Fun rollover will return!

Barnstormers/Propmaster Fun-Fly 2014

By Steve Merrill

Although the temperature and humidity were acceptable for our annual interclub fly in with the Propmasters on Sunday, July 27th, the WNW wind direction made for an interesting end to the competition.

The contest was simple. Take off and count in your head for 2 minutes. When the pilot called "Time" the stopwatch stopped and the actual time was recorded. Then a dead stick spot landing was thrown in for some added challenge. Each pilot started with 100 points, and points were deducted for time and landings.

With the wind out of the West, more than the North, the flight line was changed to allow for easier take offs into the wind. Midway through round one, the wind picked up to about 15 – 20 mph, so both clubs decided we would only fly one round.

The top 5 scores from each club were determined and compared against each other. There was only a 9 point difference between our top 5 guys and the top 5 Propmasters. The Propmasters won the event and took home the award plaque. Next year will be another story...



FOR SALE

For Sale: Hanger 9 , Taylorcraft 20CC ARF,
Wingspan 80.5 in.
Length: 63.7 in.
Weight: Appx. 14 lb.
Engine: Zenoah G20ei

Included: Manual,
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Engine Battery True RC 3.7V 2100 mah ,
Extra Zinger 16-8 Prop.

Not Included is a Spektrum 2.4 GHz Receiver-\$50.

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