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Coming in June and July

June 9th, Member Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

June 15th, Fun Fly #2, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim Flights 9:00am, Competition Begins 10:00am

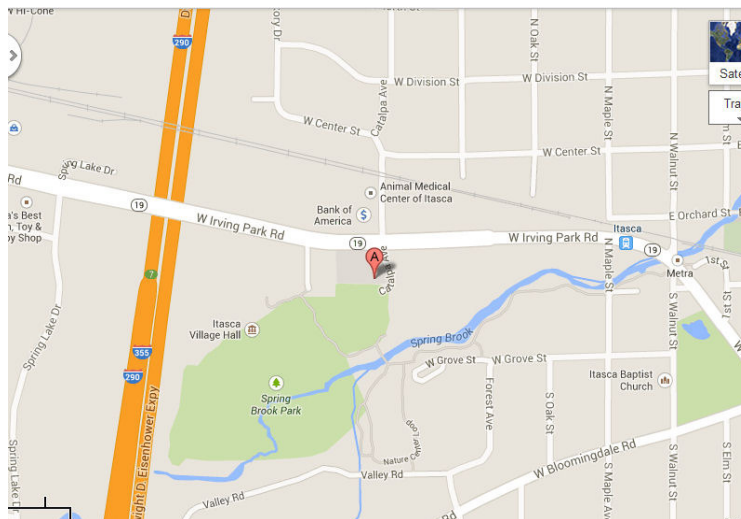
July 14th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

July 20th, Fun Fly #3, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim Flights 9:00am, Competition Begins 10:00am

June 9th Meeting at Itasca Library

Please note that due to a scheduling conflict at the Bloomingdale Library, our next membership meeting will be at the Itasca Library. It will be held at the same time in the main conference room.

The library is located at **500 W Irving Park Rd** in Itasca.



Interclub Fun

Be aware that the date for the Interclub Fun Fly has not been finalized yet. We had tentatively set the date for June 22 but both clubs are considering a later date either in July or August. The Propmasters have published the details for the

event and pushing the event back would give us some time to practice! Final decision will be announced at the next meeting. Stay tuned but see the details on page 4.

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

May 12, 2014

ATTENDANCE

There were 29 members present at the Bloomingdale Library meeting. Members welcomed new member Ernie Blenkle to the group.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike Maciejewski presided over the meeting.

Mike said that due to the Bloomingdale Library being unavailable, our June meeting would be held at the Itasca Library. Thank you to Bob Vance for making the arrangements.

Mike reported that Al's Hobby shop had closed their doors. It was sudden and without notice. However, don't throw away gift cards just yet. There is a possibility they may reorganize in the future.

Vice President: Steve Thill had a number of door prizes including tools, glue, and thin CA. The Tactic radio continues as our rollover prize.

Steve also thanked Chuck Weibler for his donation of an indoor electric Sukoi for us to use as a raffle prize. Thanks!

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said the refund for unused tables and chairs had been received in the amount of \$391 from the Fair Grounds. That gives us an official profit of \$1723. It was a little less than last year, but still a good year.

Bob also discussed changes that were recommended for the budget due to reduced income from membership. Adjustments to raffles and food were made so we could continue with a \$3000 carry over to the next year to cover early year operating expenses.

Field permits have been requested, but the interclub fun fly date has not been finalized yet.

Secretary: Scott Taylor reminded members to get their application renewals in. Don't miss any of the sanctioned fun!

COMMITTEES

Flight Instruction – John Howe – No report.

Fun Fly Chairman – Steve Merrill said the first fun fly would be 1 minute of loops and then a spot landing. The next event would be on June 15th, but Steve will be out of town on that date and is looking for a volunteer to chair the event.

Steve also reminded members there would be a War Birds Fun Fly on May 25th. However, some changes have been made this year to allow any size War Bird and antique models.

OTHER BUSINESS

By-Laws – Steve Thill presented changes to the by-laws and asked the membership for their input. Steve characterized the by-law changes as being made to reflect how we actually run our club. For example, our new officers take over responsibilities the first of the year, but our by-laws said they took over immediately after elections. There was a motion to accept the by-laws as proposed. The motion was seconded, and the membership passed the motion. The new by-laws will be posted on our website.

SRCB Swap Shop – John Howe wanted to thank everyone for their help at the swap. The help was great as usual! As another way of saying thank you, all those that volunteered would be entered in a helper raffle that will take place at the next meeting.

Field Report – Mike Maciejewski said progress was being made on the new field. They have been doing rolling and paving and the barricades have been removed.

ENTERTAINMENT

Steve Thill told the story of his "Big Foot's" maiden flight. It started with getting his tight new OS engine started. Took a bit to get the propeller spinning, but after a few starts and some run time, it began to loosen up. One thing he discovered was that his muffler bolts wanted to back off. The solution was some special lock nuts.



Another issue he had was with the plane being a little nose heavy. He felt this was due in part to some heavy oversize wheels. He found a lighter brand that will shave a good 7 ounces off the weight.

But into the air it went and well if flew! But the landing! The big wheels created a lot of drag which tended to force the nose over. Fine-tuning is in progress.

PLANES

Hector Rivera show the club a foam bi-plane “trainer” called a Mini Bite. This is a rudder/elevator controlled plane. He says it flies well and can go fast! He said the foam is tough but doesn’t hold up well to a 50-pound tool box falling on it!



Paul Kramer had a modified Gimlet airplane to show the club. This was a plane he built from planes. He modified the fuselage to add surface below the wing to improve knife-edge performance. His Gimlet is powered by a .46 motor and will be his practice aerobatic plane.



Ralph Niedzwiecki attended the recent show in Toledo. There he found a vendor that will take your picture and then make you a pilot figure using your face! The resemblance between Ralph and Mini-Ralph was awesome!



RAFFLES

Door Prizes – **John Gadziak** was a double winner taking home the turkey plus the glue, **Keith Egging** took the CA, and **Stanley Crowe** took the tool.

Swap Shop Workers Raffle – Next Meeting

Did you volunteer to help at this year’s Swap Shop? Then we are very grateful. Vendors consistently tell us we have one of the best events that they attend. Why? Because of all the help we provide! And you all provide the manpower. Without our volunteers our event could not succeed.

How can we and the vendors thank you? Well, many of the vendors donate merchandise so we can have a raffle for our volunteers. If you helped, don’t miss the next club meeting. A raffle for the workers will be held!

Barnstormers Fun-Fly 2014

Last Updated 05/15/2014

This year's contest with the Barnstormers will be the dreaded "**Two-Minute Dead-Stick Spot Landing**". As per the contest rules, the visiting club selects the contest. So since we are the visiting team and we pick the contest. Here it is...

A landing spot will be marked on the field. This spot will become the target for the spot landings. All landings distances will be measured from this spot. So this will be a true spot landing. We will mark a spot on the field with a stake (flush with the ground) and some marking tape. Everyone tries to land exactly on the spot. Landings will be marked where the mains first touch. We will have two guys designated as "markers", one from each club. As each plane lands, the one guy will mark the landing spot. The second will measure the distance from that mark to the landing spot. This will keep the contest moving since it would take only a few seconds to measure the landing and clear the field for the next take off.

Here's how it works. The object of this event is to fly for exactly two minutes and perform a "Dead-Stick" spot landing. Each pilot starts out with 100 scoring points. Points are deducted from this "perfect score" depending on the pilot's performance during the event. The judges will start the clock when the main gear leaves the ground on takeoff. When the pilot

has determined that the two-minute time period has elapsed, he will shout "TIME or TWO MINUTES". At this point the judge's clock is stopped and pilot's time is recorded. When the pilot shouts "TIME", he also must, in the case of 'wet' engines throttle back to idle; in the case of electrics he must stop his motor. The pilot then begins his spot landing approach. **If at anytime after shouting "TIME" the pilot changes his throttle setting, throttle trim tabs or restarts his motor, he is disqualified.**

Here are the rules. One scoring point is deducted for every 5-second above or below the two-minute time limit. Example less than five seconds no deduction, less than ten seconds one point, less than fifteen seconds two point deduction, etc. One scoring point is deducted for every whole foot the pilot lands away from the center spot. Landings will be scored by first touch of the main gear. Examples, less than one foot, no points are deducted, less than two feet one point is deducted. Less than three feet results in a two-point deduction.

Best five scores from each club will be totaled; highest team score is the winner.

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