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Coming in September and October

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

October 13th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm,

October 27th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

New Rollover Raffle

By Steve Thill

Since last months rollover prize was taken home by Stan Warden. It is time to start a new one!

This month we will be raffling a receiver ready F6F Hellcat.



September 14th Fun Fly #5

By Ernie Blenkle

Steve Merrill told me he would be out of town for the September 14th Fun Fly and asked me to handle the mayhem!

He had picked the Easter egg bomb drop, and unless someone objects to that, that will be the contest for the 14th.

We will have waters, a selection of sodas, and I picked up some flour for the bombs.

I do not know if we have any eggs or where they are, perhaps in the field box but we will find some.

In lieu of food, I thought perhaps we could use the Fun Fly money to purchase a Distance Measuring wheel from Menard's?

Hope to see you all there!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

August 11, 2014

ATTENDANCE

There were 24 members present at the Bloomingdale Library meeting. We had one guest, **Tom Nied**. Tom is an intermediate sport flyer. Former member **Tom Brodowski** has returned and was present Tom is now back from college and flying quad drones and large scale models.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike Maciejewski presided over the meeting.

Mike Maciejewski said a number of members of the Propmaster's and our club went to visit the new field after the Fun Fly event. The field is finished by the grass has not gotten established yet.

Vice President: Steve Thill said had several door prizes including a sanding bar, a glue gun, wheels, an EZ Threader, and a set of ball hex wrenches.

The rollover prize remains the Sky Fun Pusher. This is a charge and go plane that includes servos, transmitter, receiver, batteries, and stabilizers. It's a great prize!

The entertainment tonight is the member's swap.

Steve said that the Forest Preserve has posted notice that the field would be close one day sometime between August 10th and September 13th. to treat the field with a non-native plant killer.

Steve reminded everyone this is an election year. Please consider running!

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported a balance of about \$4700 in the bank.

Secretary: Scott Taylor had nothing new to report but had one newsletter for the taking.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly Chairman – Mike Maciejewski briefed the members on the interclub fun-fly. Although we came in second, we only missed by about 9 feet. Mike says, "Hey, we had a shot!" Hamburgers, hot dogs, and potato salad were served which everyone enjoyed.

Steve Merrill said the new Fun Fly on Sunday would be the "keep the beans" competition. Pilots will get cups with beans in them for their planes, who must take off, do as many loops as possible in one minute and land. Points will be awarded for the number of loops performed and the number of beans left in the cup.

Dome Chairman – John Kubitz said he needed some help with managing the website for the dome this year. If you are interested, please let him know.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Cannata said that **Ron Hilger** was having surgery to address some back and hip issues. So couldn't make it tonight.

ENTERTAINMENT – Member Swap

RAFFLES

Door Prizes – Mike Canatta won the turkey this month. Ernest Blenkle won the Hex Wrench set, Bob Elsner took the glue gun, Steve Merrill the sanding bar, Bob Sarley the 3" wheels, and Marty Schrader the EZ Threader. The Mini Sky Fun rollover was won by Stan Warden. Congratulations!

Fun Fly #4 Report

By Scott Taylor

Fun Fly #4 was held on August 17th. This was an event to challenge both man and machine. The challenge began by attaching a cup to your airplane and fill it with 5 beans (of your choice). The next step was to take off, do as many loops as possible in one minute, and then land. Did the beans make the trip? That was the question. Points were awarded for both the number of loops and the number of beans remaining.

Weather wise the day was comfortable with a high overcast which prevented us from looking at the sun while flying. Winds were not too

strong but out of the east which made take-offs and landings more challenging.

Lots of different airplanes with different characteristics. Electric motors were smoother which prevented the bean from jumping like Mexican jumping beans. The glow engines planes were a bit bigger which made for smoother flights. Either way, you couldn't predict how many beans were going to be left when the plane came to a stop.

To round off the day, we had drinks and snacks to fill our stomachs. All in all a great Fun Fly. Don't miss the next one!



New FAA Guidelines for Model Aircraft FAA-2014-0396 AMA Concerns

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2014/06/27/response-needed-to-faa-model-aircraft-rule/>

AMA's Areas of Concern Regarding the FAA Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft

On Tuesday, June 24th AMA issued a member alert expressing concern over some provisions in the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft established by Congress in the FAA modernization and Reform Act of 2012. In that alert, we let members know that we would be following up with today's alert that explains AMA's concerns in greater detail.

We need you to take action now and respond by July 25, 2014 to the FAA Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft that was released June 23, 2014. The Academy has reviewed the rule and is extremely disappointed and troubled by the approach the FAA has chosen to take in regards to this issue. FAA's Interpretive Rule

To help you respond to the FAA, we have outlined AMA's major concerns in the bullets below. A more in-depth explanation of our concerns can be found at AMA's Concerns

- Throughout the rule the FAA takes great latitude in determining Congress' intentions and in placing tightly worded restrictions through its "plain-language" interpretation of the text.
- The FAA uses the plain language doctrine to create a regulatory prohibition of the use of a specific type of technology.
- FAA's overreaching interpretation of the language in the Public Law is evident in the rule's interpretation of the requirement that model aircraft be "flown strictly for hobby or recreational use."
- Although the FAA acknowledges that manned aviation flights that are incidental to a business are not considered commercial under the regulations, the rule states that model aircraft flights flown incidental to a business are not hobby or recreation related.
- The rule overlooks the law's clear intention to encompass the supporting aeromodeling industry under the provision of the Special Rule, "aircraft being developed as a model aircraft." The rule's strict interpretation of hobby versus business puts in question the activities of the principals and employees of the billion dollar industry that supplies and supports the hobby.
- The Public Law states that when model aircraft are, "flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft (must) provide(s) the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower (when an air traffic facility is located at the airport) with prior notice of the operation. However the rule indicates that approval of the airport operator is required. Although it is understood that making notification to the airport and/or ATC will open a dialog as to whether the planned activity is safe to proceed, there is no intent in the law that this be a request for permission on the part of the model aircraft pilot.
- The Interpretive Rule establishes new restrictions and prohibitions to which model aircraft have never been subject. This is counter to the Public Law which reads, "The Federal Aviation Administration may not promulgate any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft or an aircraft being developed as a model aircraft,..." if established criteria are met.
- The Interpretive Rule attempts to negate the entire Public Law by stating, "Other rules in part 91, or other parts of the regulations, may apply to model aircraft operations, depending on the particular circumstances of the operation. This in and of itself makes model aircraft enthusiasts accountable to the entire litany of regulations found in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, something that was never intended by Congress and until now never required by the FAA.

How to Respond to the FAA.

All AMA members, family and friends need to take action now to let the FAA know that this rule significantly impacts the entire aeromodeling community and that this community is resolute and committed to protecting the hobby.

There are four methods to submit a comment. Emailing your comment is the fastest and most convenient method. All comments must include the docket number FAA-2014-0396. Tips for submitting your comments.

Email: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Send Comments to Docket Operations, M-30; US Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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