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Coming in July and August

July 13th, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

July 19th, Fun Fly #3, New Pratt's Wayne Flying Field, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am First Pilot Off

August 2nd, Propmaster/Barnstormer Interclub Fun Fly at Springbrook Field, 9:00am

August 10th, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm (Location tentative)

August 16th, Fun Fly #4, New Pratt's Wayne Flying Field, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am First Pilot Off

President's Corner

By Steve Thill

Happy 4th of July!

The new field has been pretty busy this year and it has been fun watching folks mastering the new runway. It has been a soggy spring / summer and had some damage to the field as the gravel around the plane stands was getting washed away. Thankfully the Forest Preserve has repaired the area around the plane stands. In addition, the Forest Preserve has replaced our port-o-pot with a larger ADA accessible version which is greatly appreciated.

We've locked in the Open House date for the new field with the Forest Preserve. It is going to be Saturday, July 25th and I am working with them to set a specific time. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and/or volunteer if possible. We would like to have a good showing and will need folks to help with some flight instruction, possibly demos, and just being overall good ambassadors

for our hobby, club and new field! We are working on a flyer to give to local hobby shops, clubs, etc. to promote our event.

As we get comfortable with the new field we need to be sure we don't get too comfortable and become lax on safety. Please be sure to always restrain planes when starting, not taxi in the pits, stay aware of the designated flight area, have a spotter when possible and be sure to call out your intentions as a pilot (taking off, landing, low pass, etc.). Let's keep this hobby safe and fun for all to enjoy!

Fly Safe,

Steve

Next Meeting at Itasca Public Library

Thanks to Bob Vance, we have secured the Itasca Library for our next club meeting on July 13th. Although the location of the August meeting is uncertain due to some remodeling at Itasca, it is

likely the Itasca Library will become our new home for meetings. The Itasca Library is located a short distance east of old Route 53 on Irving Park Road.

The address is 500 W Irving Park Rd, Itasca, IL
60143. 630-773-1699

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

June 8, 2015

ATTENDANCE

There were 24 members present at the Bloomingdale Library meeting. Visitor Jason said he has been flying on and off that past 4 years and is looking to share his love of the hobby. Dennis Miendersen from the Palos RC club was attending to share some event information with us.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Steve Thill presided over the meeting.

Steve discussed the challenges we have had getting rooms for our meetings at the Bloomingdale Library. Dave West was able to secure space at the Poplar Creek Library for the remainder of the year, but we are also looking into other options. Bob Vance will check on the availability of the Itasca Library, which seemed to be a preferred location by our members. (UPDATE: The Itasca Library has been secured for the July meeting.)

Steve passed on information from the Forest Preserve about grass cutting. He said the grass closer in to the runway would be cut once a week and the outer area about once a month.

Vice President: Hector Rivera said he had a triangle, parachute, shower head and ailerons for door prizes. The camera is still our rollover prize, but we will roll until it goes!

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported a balance of about \$5700 after our recent swap. He says we should be in good financial shape for the remainder of the year.

Secretary: Offie Rivera was unable to be here but **Scott Taylor** filled in in her absence. Scott had some extra newsletters and name tag.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly Chairman – Ernie Blenkle reminded members of the Fun Fly on June 14th. We are planning to have a bomb drop and spot landing. Ernie asked members if they wanted the spot on the runway or the grass, and the majority responded the runway. Good practice!

We have informed the Propmasters that we would like a "Don't Spill The Beans" event for our interclub Fun Fly. We will be practicing this event at the July Fun Fly.

Safety – Tom Lyons wanted to remind our members to get back to basics when it comes to safety at our new field. Pilots should walk their planes out to and back from the pilot line, announce their intentions to take off and land and respect the designated areas such as the flight line, the pilot stations, the pits, and the runway.

Novice Thursday Night – Dave West said the Thursday night novice training has been going well. This run from about 6pm until 8pm weather and lighting permitting. If you know anyone that is interested, bring them along. Thanks to a generous donation by Jeremy at Hobby Town, we are now in possession of an "Apprentice" training plane to use.

Dome Flying – Members will soon be talking to the new owner of the White Pines golf course about arrangement for flying this fall and winter. Topics to be covered are insurance and available days and hours for flying.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dennis Miendersen asked to share some information about upcoming events sponsored by the Palos RC club. Events included the 2nd Annual Training Day that would be held at their field on June 13th. This event would include Full Scale pilots discussing aerodynamics and flight, a flight simulator would be operating, RC flights will be conducted using a buddy box, and food will be served. Please join in!

Other events included an All Electric event on August 9th, and their club would be participating in an evening Car event sponsored by the city of Westmont. This is also something we have an opportunity to participate in.

Details for these events can be found on their website at <http://www.palosrc.com>.

ENTERTAINMENT

Show and Tell Night!

Shock Camera – Keith Egging showed the club a camera he had recently gotten that he said was much cheaper than a GoPro. It is high definition with built in microphone and capable of taking still or video and storing it in 32 GB of memory. This camera can also transmit the video or stills over Wi-Fi or Bluetooth up to about 50 feet. The video can be displayed on a watch screen. Ask Keith for details.



Laser Cutter - Dave West showed member some items he cut out with his new laser attachment for

his flatbed computer controlled cutter. He discussed the different materials and thicknesses he can cut. Dave said he would love to work with someone interested in cutting kit pieces.



RAFFLES

Door Prizes – Bob Elsner took home the Turkey. **Ruth Egging** won the triangle, **Dave West** grabbed the ailerons, and Ernie Blenkle cleaned up with the shower head! The rollover raffle was won **by Paul Krammer**.

... Notes from the desk of the Fun Fly Coordinator ...

By Ernie Blenkle

Fun Fly #2 - 06/14/15 Bomb Drop & Spot Target Landing

First let me say thanks to the participants, Steve Merrill, Dave West, Bob Sarley, Jeff Peca, Scott Stampfli and myself. Honorable mention Dave (Last name unknown), unfortunately the trim flight with his plane did not go as anticipated...sorry Dave.

We were waving off the rain all morning long.

We had three rounds and the best score was a near perfect score by Jeff Peca in the first round, he faltered later in the contest and Scott Stampfli almost caught him.

I think Scott will put Jeff in his place on the next contest "Don't Spill the Beans" coming up on 07/19.

Some of us, Bob Sarley and I struggled with bombs dropping early and in my case wheels falling off (twice).

The best part of the morning might just have been the Silly Putty, I couldn't get plastic Easter eggs, but found some Silly Putty in plastic eggs and Scott's daughters seemed to have time of their lives with the old toy from 1949.

Regards

Ernie Blenkle – Fun Fly Coordinator

Adjusting Your Flying Style to the New Field

By Scott Taylor

Nobody said it was going to be easy, but it is important! Many of you have now had the opportunity to fly at our new model flying field. In many ways it is a great improvement over our old field. It has a paved runway, designated pilot stations, a shorter walk from the parking lot, to mention just a few.

But one thing our old field had over the new field is depth! At the old field you could fly well beyond the cut grass area and be flying over nothing but tall grass for hundreds of feet. Unfortunately, our new field does not have the same depth as our old field, and the consequence of flying too far out is flying over Sterns road, with constantly passing cars, or over the populated Pat Phillips center.

We are so accustomed to the unlimited depth of our old field that it is very difficult to judge how far we really are from the flight line. But this is something we will need to learn to adjust to. Already, we have seen airplanes out beyond the boundaries of the field. And while it may seem no big deal while standing at the flight line, the sudden sight of a

model flying overhead to a driver could be disturbing or distracting. Not to mention the consequences of a model over the road when a battery fails, a mechanical problem develops, or a pilot simply loses control. The consequences of such things can range anywhere from warnings and tickets to lawsuits and the flying field closing.

So, please take extra care to be aware of the boundaries of the new field and make an extra effort to stay within those boundaries. This is for the safety of all involved and to preserve what we now have.

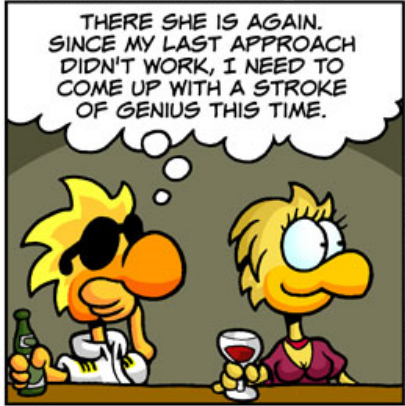
And please spread the word. As members you are better informed about risks such as these, but keep in mind we fly at an open field and not all pilots are members of our club. If you see someone flying in an unsafe manner please take the time to educate them on safe flying at our field!

Thanks to everyone for their efforts.



CHICKEN WINGS®

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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