



# The Transmitter

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## Coming in November and December

November 6-7<sup>th</sup>, DOME FLYING SEASON OPENS! \*\* Fly FREE! \*\* White Pine Golf Dome, Bensenville

November 9<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm – “Virtual” TURKEYS!!

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Board Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

December 14<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm - Christmas Meeting

December 21<sup>st</sup>, Board Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

## Turkey Winner in 2015

*By Scott Taylor*

Next meeting is our turkey give away. Well, not real turkeys, but “virtual” turkeys! For those that have attended our monthly meeting we draw one winner every month. In November, those winners are presented with a grocery gift card. You don’t need to be present to get your gift card, but it is always nice to put the face with the card!

We also have a few extra cards to be raffled during the evening. So don’t miss a chance to get your own gobbler. Come to the November meeting.

Just in case you have forgotten, below are the the winners at the meetings this year.



*Robert Littlefield (Jan)  
Tom Lyons (Feb)  
Ruth Egging (Mar)  
Mike Cannata (Apr)  
Mike Maciejewski (May)  
Bob Elsner (Jun)  
Ernie Blenkle (Jul)  
Scott Taylor (Aug)  
Tom Lyons (Sep)  
John Gazdziak (Oct)*

# Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

October 12, 2015

## ATTENDANCE

There were 24 members and a new member Tom McCreery present at the Itasca Public Library meeting.

**Next meeting November 9th at Itasca Public Library 500 W. Irving Pk Rd. Itasca, IL 60143**

## OFFICER REPORTS

**President: Hector Rivera** the main concern for the club at this time is (1) Electing a President and (2) a Chairperson for the Swap. This will work out.

**Vice President: Hector Rivera** for door prizes Steve Merrill donated a clear covering material 25 feet long, have some filling material and some miscellaneous stuff. Rollover is still on covering iron and heat gun.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** nothing new but in the bank we have \$4745, our goal was to have \$3000 carried over from last year but we only carried over \$2400. All the Fun Fly is paid; still have the Turkeys to get.

**Secretary: Ofelia Rivera** has name tags for members are: Tom K., Dan K., Ron W., Roland G., Gaddiel T., Bob P.

## COMMITTEES

**Fun Fly Director– Ernie Blenkle** If you want to do anything new that is fun just let me know we need new ideas for next year Fun Fly and I am open to suggestions. Please contact me with your ideas.

**Flight Instruction– Steve Merrill** was absent.

**Swap Shop –** At this point the Swap is still on.

**Safety Officer-Tom Lyons** was absent

**Dome Flying: Ofelia.** We're open every Friday and Saturday starting in November 6th evening until April 16, 2016, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. \$10.00 a night, \$150 for the season, \$125 in December and so on. No more dome discount cards people got to confused and this will make everything simpler for everyone. New hours are 9 to 11

**Old Business-** No President well, old business will be new business right away.

**New Business-** No President and at this moment. Mike Cannata did most of the nominating, Keith nominated Jeff Mrachek but declined until next elections. Hector volunteer to be the President and the majority was passed. Keith took over the Vice president position and the majority was passed.

Hector goes on to say we need to have a chairperson for the swap Marty volunteer to run it and even though he is handling the web site he just only one person to contact him with all or any updating needed. Ernie made a good point in keeping the swap going and if we do not have it this year our vendors will never forget and we might not get them back the following year. Ernie also mentioned that we all as members we need to set-up and help Marty every way we can to have a very successful Swap. Bob E. mentioned that the bldg. we are going to be in will be across from the old bldg. is bigger and we could and will be able to open the overhead doors. We will make this work for us.

## RAFFLES

**Door Prizes–** Ruth E., Robert B., Hector R., Leno. Turkey goes to John Gazdziak

# WHITE PINES GOLF DOME INDOOR FLYING RULES

*Flying indoors requires responsibility, respect for others, unique piloting skills, and slight risk to property or the people inside an enclosed space. If you cannot accept these risks, please do not fly at indoor sites!*

- 1. Be respectful of the Golfers; please be quiet & don't enter the golf pits until 9:01 PM!**
- 2. Pit entry - and then actual flying** - will begin at signals from your NightHawk Host. Flying begins at 9:01 PM or after the Pilot's Meeting, and must cease at 11:00 PM.
- 3. Safety of Golf employees, pilots, and spectators is YOUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN!**
- 4. Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)** membership is REQUIRED for all pilots!
- AMA membership is **FREE** for **Youths** aged 19 or less as of July 1! Apply by mail to the AMA!
- 6. AMA's Park Flyer Rules and these NightHawk rules** apply to all pilots and spectators.
- Spectators who try to fly aircraft are Pilots, must register, and must pay the Pilot fee.
- 8. Student Pilots** must fly with an AMA member, and training requires Manager notification.
- Short, nightly Pilot's Meetings will be held before flying begins during November, or as-needed.
- 10. Frequency flags required** on 72 MHz transmitter antennas, but none are required for 2.4 GHz.
- Check Blue Sign-In-Roster for 72 MHz frequency interactions, and coordinate with other pilots.
- No Smoking, Alcohol, or Controlled Substance use is allowed during flying periods.
- You must **YELL** "On the Field" to warn other pilots of your intentions, especially when entering the field, or anywhere near the Heli/3D flight areas in the corners of the Dome. SAFETY FIRST!
- 14. No one allowed on the flying field** except for a minimum time required for model retrieval.
- During our occasional flying CONTESTS or COMPETITIONS, no one is allowed on the field **at all!**
- 16. You** must be aware of Dome employees/pilots on the field and you must avoid flying near them.
- If you go to retrieve your model, YOU must watch for any aircraft still flying. **Stay alert!**
- We define our "**Flight Line**" as the shadow of the Balcony on the turf and the extension of that shadow line, following the shape of the pits, to the sides & all the way up to the Dome ceiling.
- All fixed and rotary wing craft must fly beyond, i.e., in front of, the Flight Line; **not** just above it.
- The **Flight Pattern** for all aircraft is normally **Counter Clockwise** in an oval beyond the Flight Line. Think of it as making LEFT HAND turns - the same as most auto racing ovals.
- 21. Aerobatics** and all **hovering** are limited to the left and right corners of the flying area outside the flight pattern at a minimum distance of 10 feet from all pilots, employees and all spectators.
- 22. Fixed-Wing Limits:** 2# weight, 150 watt motor, and 60 mph are the limits. Prudent speed and aerobatics depending on conditions and traffic, at the sole discretion of the NightHawk Host!
- 23. Heli Limits:** Micro & Mini Heli's only: **Max. 450 motor size.** Max. tip-to-tip dia. 28" / 700mm.
- 24. For multi-rotors**, 28" or 700mm prop-tip-to-prop tip maximum and 2# maximum weight limit.
- For safety/damage reasons, **NO Carbon Fiber, metal, or fiberglass blades/rotors** are allowed!
- Rotary craft are permitted to fly the entire Dome only when "Helicopter Only" times are called, or if they fly "in-pattern". Also, we try to do "Heli-Only" once per night - if it is requested by pilots.
- Combat, "Heli-Only", Hi-Speed-Fly, Reverse-Direction, or any other special flying must first be cleared and announced by your NightHawk Host. Talk to your Host for any special requests.
- Only **electric aircraft** are allowed in the Dome. Also, no laser lights or pointers are allowed.
- Please become aware of the locations of the 5 fire extinguishers and 4 Emergency-Only exits.
- MARK your batteries, chargers, tools, etc, in case you forget and leave them behind.
- You must put cardboard or other protection underneath your aircraft if you plan to glue or make knife cuts or repairs. Why? The Dome leases space to multiple Golf Pro Businesses, and those Golf Pros leave their equipment and furniture out for the use of THEIR customers. They don't want them damaged. Therefore, if you do not have protective material, do not make repairs!
- Pit #15 is reserved for your NightHawk Host.
- No piloting is allowed from the balcony, and no children under age 12 allowed on the balcony.
- Notify your NightHawk Host ASAP of any and all incidents, problems, or suggestions.
- Please clean your pit area before you leave, and make sure you take all your equipment home.
- The NightHawk Host will make the final decision in all situations not otherwise covered.

Contact Stan Warden with any questions: 630-470-0556 or FrenchStan@ComCast.Net

# **NEW FLYING HOURS** **AT WHITE PINES INDOOR DOME!** **PLUS, OUR FIRST WEEK IS FREE!**

The White Pines Golf Dome invites you to warm, wind-free, Radio-Controlled “NightHawk” flying this winter. Season is from Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through April 16, 2016. We’re open Friday and Saturday nights, **from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM!** Multi-Rotors, heli’s, airplanes and 72MHz, are all welcome. NightHawk is for all Women, Men, Girls, Boys, Veterans, Seniors, and all **brand new pilots!** We’re handicap accessible, too.

Entry is just \$10 for everyone. But, a **Better Buy** is the **Season Pass**, with the cost pro-rated by the month (\$150 during November, \$125 during December, etc). If you attend only, say, **half** the available 46 evenings, a Season Pass averages just over \$6 per night!

White Pines Golf Dome is located just southwest of Chicago’s O’Hare airport, at 500 W. Jefferson St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.), in Bensenville, Ill. As a service to the RC community, SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com has agreed to post NightHawk Flying Rules. Feel free to stop at the Dome to watch or ask questions of our pilots or your NightHawk host.

**Golfers:** for indoor **GOLF**, see the [WhitePinesGolfDome.com](http://WhitePinesGolfDome.com) website for directions and Golf information.

**Student pilots** can train without an Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) card under the guidance of an AMA pilot using a “buddy box”. Remember, those under 19 years of age as of July 1, 2015, can apply for a FREE AMA membership and ParkFlyer insurance via US mail. Go to [ModelAircraft.org](http://ModelAircraft.org) for FREE Youth Membership info.

To see a video of what it’s like to FLY in our Gigantic Dome, go to Vimeo.com and type “GOLF DOME”.

For questions about NightHawk Flying, contact Stan Warden; 630-470-0556 or at [FrenchStan@ComCast.Net](mailto:FrenchStan@ComCast.Net)

Pilots must be current Academy of Model Aeronautics members, at any level of membership; Jr., Sr., Park, etc.

We’ve got a total of 46 great nights of flying this season, and we hope to see all our past friends and especially you brand-new pilots. Please tell your friends, club members, co-workers, and family about us!

**Don’t forget, we have unobstructed flying!**  
**No Rims or Nets or Hanging Lights!**  
**Dome is 10 stories tall x 300’ x 300’!**  
“It ain’t like flying in a gym; it’s like flying at a real field!” 110115

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