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Coming in April and May

April 11th, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, AIRCRAFT STATIC DISPLAY, 7:00pm

April 25th, Board Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

May 9th, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

May 23rd, Board Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

Member Static Model Display at the Next Meeting

By Scott Taylor

The tradition continues this month with our Annual Static Aircraft Display. This is your chance to show the other members what you have been working on this winter, or maybe what you picked up at our Swap Shop!

There will be three display categories. These include an ARF (Almost Ready to Fly) category, a Kit/Scratch built category, and a rotary wing category.

The rules for this event are simple. Members bring in one or more model to enter into the display and register for the appropriate category. Each model will be assigned a category and number. Models that have won a Grand Championship certificate in the past are

not eligible. All entries must be controllable by radio control.

Members will then select the three models they like the best in each category and the numbers will be totaled. The model with the greatest number of "votes" will be awarded a Grand Championship certificate, while other models down through 4th place will be awarded Reserve Championship certificates.

Don't be shy. Members love to see the variety of planes and the creativity of our members displayed in grand fashion.

So see you there with plane in hand!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

March 7, 2016

ATTENDANCE

There were 23 members present at the meeting held at the Itasca Public Library. New member Tom Jennings was present. Tom is now retired and picking up where he started years ago.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Hector Rivera presided over the meeting.

Hector welcomed those present and wished everyone good flying in the days ahead. He reminded everyone the next meeting will be on the normal 2nd Monday of the month on April 11th.

Hector said there was a swap on March 19th in Rockford put on by the Rock Valley Flyers. If you can go please take some of our swap flyers and let Hector know.

Vice President: Keith Egging said he had a number of door prizes including a black spinner, glow starter, clamp, and Cox powered Messerschmitt. We still have the Hobby King Discus Glider as the rollover prize.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported that we still needed to provide the Fair Grounds with the down payment for the event, but Marty has been given a blank check!

Secretary: Offie Rivera was helping with elections and was absent. **Scott Taylor** filled in as Secretary. Sorry no coffee!

Scott said the attendance sheet had the 2016 members. So, if you don't see your name, you probably have not renewed yet. Please see Bob!

Scott also talked about the cost of mailing hard copy newsletters. So, if you have an email and are willing to drop the hard copy, please let him know so we can save a few dollars. You can identify this on your application or send Scott an email.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly Chairman – Hector Rivera

mentioned that we don't currently have a Fun Fly Chairman for the outdoor flying season. If you think you can help, please step up to the plate!

Safety Chairman – Tom Lyons has been sick so his first tip was "Wash your Hands!" But on a more serious note, the outdoor flying will be starting soon for most, and it is critical to check your equipment before those first flights. That means checking the batteries, checking fuel connections, checking servos both mechanically and electrically, and check the control surfaces (hinges) of your aircraft. It is a great idea to periodically check the capacity of your batteries. Paul Kramer can give you some great tips on that!

Dome Flying – In **Offie's** absence others reported that we are still flying in the dome and that turnouts are good. Marty had mentioned there is another group that flies on Thursday. They fly racing drones. Pretty amazing but not for the faint of heart!

OTHER BUSINESS

Swap Shop – Marty Schrader said things are moving along with the Swap Shop and will be here soon. About 80 tables have been sold so far. There will be 5 club tables. We will also have an area to fly small planes and drones which should be a great addition. We will need help for the event so please plan to attend if you can!

April Static Display – Scott Taylor asked members if they would like to continue to with the aircraft static display event traditionally held in April. The members agreed they would like to continue the event. So, with that settled! The static display will once again be held at our April meeting. There will be three categories, ARF, Scratch/Kit Built, and Rotary Wing. Show the members what you got! Bring your planes to the next meeting!

Flight Training – New member **Tom Jennings** asked about buddy boxes. **Dave West** said our club has two types. One for Futaba and one for Spektrum. They are in the flight box and can be used by any members.

Itasca Library Decorating – **Bob Vance** said he would be talking to the new staff of the Itasca Library about hanging our club plane and displaying some airplane related items.

PLANES and Other Things!

Keith Egging showed members a 20 year old Decathlon he had built. He is in the process of cleaning it up and plans to donate it to Pilot Pete's (without engine of course). If you would like a closer look, have a great lunch or dinner there! Pilot Pete's is located at the Schaumburg airport.

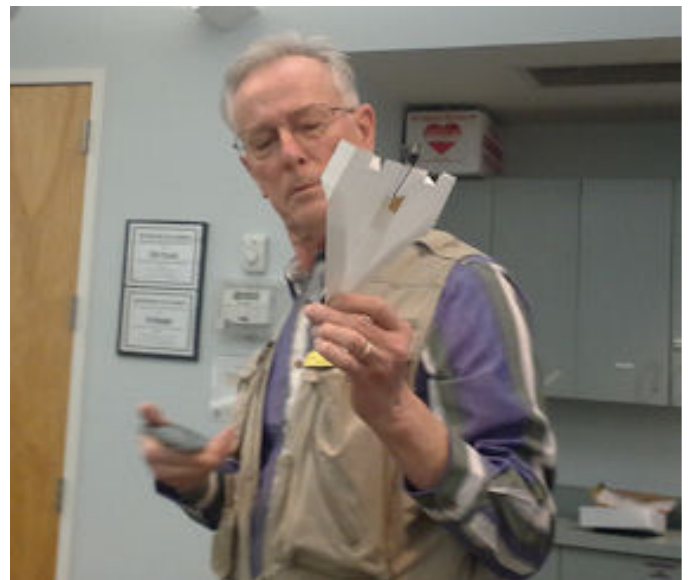


Dave West showed the members a really cool device that he put together to help with the raffle at the swap. He created a printer that you could speak to and it would print what you said. This will be used to print names on raffle tickets of the purchaser at the swap. Amazing!

Marty Schrader talked about building quadcopters. Parts have become very reasonable and you can build a very sophisticated quad very cheaply. He had a couple to show.



Bob Vance had previously talked about a power pod you can put on a paper airplane called the Power Up 3.0. You can use these to fly your paper airplane using your cell phone through a cell app and Bluetooth connection. He also said the company is planning to sell a twin power pod with first person video very soon.

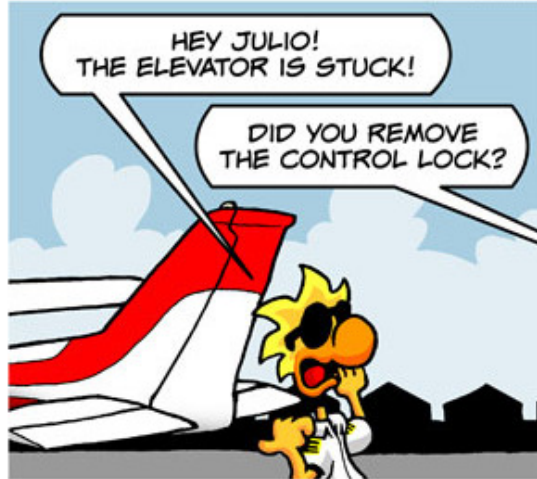


RAFFLES

Door Prizes – **Art Peterson** grabbed the glow starter, **Jeff Mrachek** took the spinner, **John Cacciatore** got the clips, and **Marty Schrader** went home with the Messerschmitt. **John Gazdziak** won the turkey. And **Hector Rivera** went home with the Rollover!! Congratulations to all!

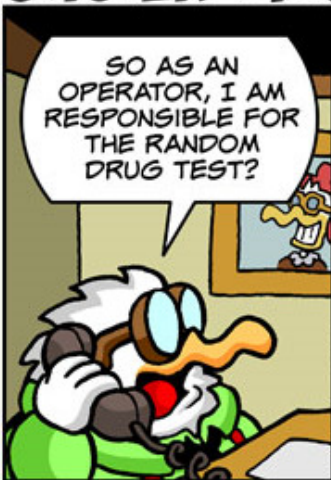
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