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Coming in April and May

April 8th, Member Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm – Membership Meeting

April 19th, Swap Setup, DuPage County Fairgrounds, about 4:00pm (Tentative)

April 20th, SWAP 'Til YOU DROP!, DuPage Fairgrounds, 8:00am – 12:00pm, 6:30am Vendor Loading

April 22th, Board Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

May 13th, Member Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm – Membership Meeting – STATIC DISPLAY

May 19th, Fun Fly #1, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am Start

April Swap and May Static Display

Our main event in April is rapidly approaching. Our Annual Swap Shop will be happening on Saturday April 20th from 8:00am until 12:00pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. As usual we will need plenty of volunteer help to assist vendors unloading and loading, man exit doors, sell door and raffle tickets, and assist in checking vendors in and selling any unused tables.

Please let us know at the next meeting if you will be able to help. This is our main money-making activity for the year and it runs on person power!

The Swap provides another opportunity for members. To find those special deals and planes and then share

them with the rest of the club at the annual Static Display!

The current plan is to maintain the three categories we have supported the past few years. These would be Scratch/Kit built, Almost or Ready to Fly models, and rotary wing models (helicopters and drones).

All entries must be wirelessly remote controllable but can be powered by any source or unpowered. Entries should not have been a previous Grand Champion winner.

Fun Fly #1 – May 19th

by Stan Crowe

Our first Fun Fly of the year will take place on May 19th and will begin with a balloon bust!

How will it work? First, place your plane in center of the circle. Plane can be placed pointing in any direction. Time will start when you idle up. You will then you have a one minute time limit. Try to hit as many balloons as you can. You will get one point for each balloon busted. If all balloons are busted within one minute, the clock will be stopped and recorded. The fastest time wins.

Weather and time permitting we may also have a Dead stick landing event. You would take off fly for no more than one minute (with a max altitude 400 agl). Then cut your engine power and land. if need to power up for safety reasons or to save the plane you would be

disqualified (it is for fun and not worth jeopardizing people or planes). Land on the runway (or grass) and the person who's wheels touch closest to center of circle wins.

We will have door prizes at the end of the Fun Fly. All flyers participating will receive two tickets, other attending club members will receive one ticket.

Food will be served including sandwiches, chips, pop, and water. If cold, we may even have coffee!

Pilots should get there early for trim flights and the first plane will be off at 10:00am.

Hope to see you there!

Notes of Suburban RC Barnstormer Meeting

Membership Meeting was called to order on March 11, 2019 at 7:05 PM.

Attendance: There were 17 members present at the meeting held at the Itasca Public Library.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: A new member was in attendance, **Les Arnold**. **Hector Rivera** stated that the Swap meet was in a month. The next meeting will be April 8th and the Board Meeting will be March 28th.

The Toledo show will be the week before our Swap meet. A couple of clubs are having swap meets as well, Rock Valley will be the week after ours. The Pekin club is having an open fly-in On July 13th.

Vice President: **Paul Kramer** stated that it is required to now register in the FAA. The registration is \$5 for 3 years and you get a certificate.

The field now has a sign that there is a model airplane field noting where our field is.

The web site was updated to include a guide for connectors that are made to spec. Paul had a printed copy of the connectors.

Secretary: **Ruth Egging** handed out membership cards that Scott Taylor graciously printed out. If you did not receive a card you will probably receive it next month.

The thank you letter was sent to Art Peterson and his family.

Treasurer: **Bob Vance** stated that the bank balance is about \$5,939 but he wrote a large check to give to the Swap Meet chairpersons for the rooms that will be used. Jerry is doing better.

COMMITTEES

Safety Officer: Larry Amiot will be doing a presentation regarding safety.

Dome: Dome hours are 9PM to 11PM Fridays and Saturdays

Public Relations: **Merv Keeney** handed his survey results. One of the items was asking if we could meet at the field, there is also a building by the field. The building would cost around \$200 for one meeting otherwise we could have the meeting at the field on warm summer nights, but we should

start the meeting earlier since it does get dark. Merv had sent out 49 surveys.

Fun Fly's: **Stan Crowe** stated that the May Fun Fly event is on. The events for the next Fun Fly will be a Balloon bust, where the pilot taxis around busting as many balloons as possible. Stan was also thinking about having a Dead stick event. Each Fun Fly will have a raffle and sandwiches, pop and chips. Stan will put something together to publish the rules.

OLD BUSINESS

Wellness - An update was given about **Gerry Fleischfresser**, he is at Marian Joy now. **Tom McCreery** is in the hospital, he is doing okay and undergoing more tests.

Swap Meet - No new update.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation - Larry Amiot gave a presentation on LIPO batteries and safety concerns. LIPO batteries are not supposed to be charging all the time. The Lithium batteries that are made now are more robust and can be on a smart charger. To start the user should plug into the charger first then the battery. Larry had a sheet entitled "15 Things Every LIPO Battery User Should know" and handed out a few to members.

PLANES

Tom McCreery presented a Hobby King MX2 he stated that he got his for \$28. It weighed 13.7 lbs and was 13 Amp. It is green, blue and white.

Marty Schrader had a Tech One SU31 aerobatic plane. It is similar to a Park 450.



RAFFLES

The table was full of items for the door prizes and almost every member's number was drawn. Some members declined the door prize. **Paul Lund** won the Turkey.

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