



# The Transmitter

Suburban RC Barnstormers - P.O. Box 524, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

**AMA CHAPTER 640**

**March 2021**

<http://www.suburbanrcbarnstormers.com>

## **Coming in March and April**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday, Member Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start.**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start.**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Member Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start.**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start.**

## **Join the “Postal” Fun Fly Challenge**

Thanks to Ernie Blenkle for his idea for a “postal” fun fly. The plans are now afoot! Please refer to the page 3 for details on the building and flying rules. Pilots are free to make modification but must conform to the wing dimension specifications.

One change from the description in February is the use of a rubber band launch with a 6 inch or less stick.

We are targeting the month of May for the flight recording and submittals.

## **“Zoom” Meetings Continue in 2021**

Topic: SRCB Member Meeting

Time: Mar 1, 2021 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89277759581?pwd=OXRQTWt5TnpqcGRTdjFWUktySldtdz09>

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## **Time to Renew!**

We need your support more than ever. Please renew TODAY!

# Meeting Notes for Membership Meeting

February 1, 2021

**Membership Meeting** was called to order on February 1, 2021 at 7:07 PM.

**Attendance:** There were 17 members present at the meeting held on-line using Zoom.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**President: Hector Rivera** said the SRCB Board meeting would be on February 15<sup>th</sup> this month and the next membership meeting on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>. COVID is still an issue so we will continue the Zoom meetings until further notice.

Hector said the Fox Valley Swap appeared to be taking place on February 20<sup>th</sup>. He was planning to attend to see how they were handling the COVID restrictions. However, prior to the event, their website reported the event had been postponed with it possibly being rescheduled later in the year.

Hector also reported that Marty has updated the email addresses on our website to reflect the new Board members.

**Vice President: Paul Kramer** shared his experience building a Spitfire from plans. He is making several modifications such as giving it a nose wheel rather than a tail wheel. Paul will continue with the rest of his build experience at the next meeting.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** said he will be mailing membership cards as renewals are received. The first batch was sent, and others will be sent roughly monthly. Please mail your applications and renewals to our post office box.

**Treasurer: Larry Amiot** reported a bank balance of \$5,551. He said there were currently 19 paid members for 2021.

## NEW BUSINESS

**“Postal” Fun Fly Competition: Ernie Blenkle** discussed the “postal” fun fly. He wanted to clarify that the information published in the newsletter has one change to it. The launch of the planes can be by a stick catapult. This will help individuals that may have difficulty with a hand launch. The stick must not be longer than 6 inches but there are no restrictions on the rubber band. However, tests have found 1/8 to 1/16-inch width works best. Ernie uses binder bands from Walmart and FAI rubber bands are also available. We are currently expecting the Fun Fly month to be May.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Larry Amiot gave a presentation on the differences between the flight stabilization technologies for AS3X, SAFE, SAFE Select, and SAFE +. Larry did a great job providing the flight characteristics, features, and auto land capabilities. Both the benefits and limitations were provided. If you missed the presentation and would like more information, let Larry know.

## SHOW AND TELL

**Larry Amiot** suggested having some Foam-Tac minis on hand for making field repairs to foam airplanes. It is better than a large bottle that can dry out. Bob Vance similarly recommended tubes of single use super glue for balsa models.

## Door Prizes

**John Goetz** won the door prize and **Kurt Klempetz** won the Turkey!

# “Postal” Fun Fly Using Whipper Wiz

By Ernie Blenkle

I was thinking that with Covid-19 still raging that Fun Flys might be difficult at best, however I may have a solution that just might encourage members to build and compete again in a very entertaining manner. Since Field #1 and Field #2 use different models where Field #1 is mostly gas and nitro and Field #2 is electric and gliders, this becomes difficult to coordinate however I may have found a solution.

**First** - I propose a postal contest...what is a postal contest? This is where members compete over a given period of time (usually a month) with **similar builds** and **any location**. they are **on their honor** to report the results of their flight(s) **correctly** to a fun fly coordinator.

**Second** - A simple competition using simple aircraft that anyone can make like the Whipper Whiz constructed of balsa wood.

**Note:** - The Whipper Whiz is a tiny free flight model.

I'll attach a link to the PDF of the minimal materials list and requirements.

<http://www.charlesriverrc.org/articles/whipperwhiz/WhipperWhiz2plan.pdf>

**Third** - Running the contest, I suggest an entry be three consecutive flights, recording the length of each flight, the sum of the three is reported to the coordinator. You may make one entry per day during the running of the contest.

- The top 3 entries over the course of the month of the contest place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Contestant Placing)
- The highest 3 entries for each field are added, the winner is the Field either #1 or #2 with the highest entries. (Field #1 vs. Field #2 Placing)

**Four** - A mention should also be for the 'best looking' Whipper Whiz.

**Five** - A mention for 'most innovative' Whipper Whiz.

**Note:** - The contest should allow only balsa, no carbon. Catapult style launches using a stick no longer than 6 inches. The wing must be no more than 6 inches in span and the wing chord at the root no more than 1 inch. Fuselage modifications such as lengthening, or tapers and tail modifications are fine.

Regards  
Ernie



