


The Transmitter

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

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Coming in September and October

September 6th, Monday, Member Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start

September 20th, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start

October 4th, Monday, Member Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start

October 18th, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start

Zoom Meetings Return in September

We held our August meeting “in-person” at the Itasca Library on Monday August 2nd, however, as we walked in the door, the sign said, “Masks Required”! Unfortunately, COVID has raised its head again, and the risks of spreading it have increased.

We raised the question of continuing meetings at the Library with masks or returning to Zoom meetings until we know how serious this new wave is.

The nearly unanimous opinion was to return to Zoom. So, in September we will restart Zoom meetings and continue to reassess how we will meet as things develop.

Topic: SRCB September Membership Meeting
Time: Sep 6, 2021 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89690188829?pwd=YmVWdEgrRyt1MnN6VW9zeUZqSVI4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 896 9018 8829

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Blown Away at the Interclub Fun Fly!

The morning started with a shower, but it was short lived and gave way to relatively blue skies and what appeared to be a great day for a fun fly.

But as the event began the winds, which were both predominantly from the south and increasing in speed, became a big challenge.

The first pilots experience control problems and it was soon decided the event would be best postponed. But lunch was great!

As of this moment, we have not made solid plans, but weather permitting we will likely try again in late September or early October.

Meeting Notes for Membership Meeting

August 2, 2021

Membership Meeting was called to order on August 2, 2021 at 7:12 PM.

Attendance: There were 12 members attending the meeting held at the Itasca Library. **NOTE: September meeting will be via Zoom.**

Officer Reports:

President: Hector Rivera welcomed everyone to our in-person meeting this month! But noted that a mask requirement was reinstated at the library. Because of requirement changes and increased risk of COVID Hector asked whether we should continue in-person or go back to on-line Zoom meetings for now. The members present almost unanimously elected to resume Zoom meetings.

Hector said we are still in need of a Swap Chairperson. In the next few months, we will need to start renting space and contacting vendors for a Spring event. Please let us know if you can help.

The next Board meeting is August 16th.

We will begin a new rollover raffle with the next in-person meeting. Hector has chosen a bind and fly E-Flite Beast for the prize.



In the back of the room, Hector said there was a box of miscellaneous plane parts. These are free to members. Find something you can use and PLEASE take it home!

Vice President: Paul Kramer discussed some ruts at the west end of our runway and thought these might be something the Forest Preserve could address. Paul will try to contact the FP and send them some photos. There was some question about who our primary contact was at the Forest Preserve.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said he had membership cards and name tags.

Treasurer: Larry Amiot reported a club balance of roughly \$5100.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Fun Flys – Hector said we are currently on target to have our interclub fun fly with the Prop Masters on Sunday August 29th. This will be a Fast/Slow event.

To help us practice for the Interclub FF, we will have our regular club Fun Fly on August 15th and it will be a fast/slow event. Please come out and practice and plan to join us at the Interclub!

Marty Schrader suggested we consider inviting other clubs to many of our events to help increase our visibility and to have more participants to increase our “fun”.

July Fun Fly – Merv Keeney talked about the July 18th Fun Fly. That was a 2 Loop, 2 Roll, Touch and Go, and precision landing event. There were 7 pilots participating, with one not finishing. Some of the pilots were not currently members and it was hoped this would help encourage them to join. The planes ranged from foam to giant scale with some great performances! Kurt Krempetz took first place, Ernie Blenkle second, and Jim Christados third.

DOOR PRIZES

Ron Wickett was our door prize winner and **Larry Amiot** took home the turkey!

Fun Fly #3 Results – Fast/Slow Practice

On Sunday August 15th we held our third official Fun Fly of the season at Pratt's Wayne field. This was a Fast/Slow event and was, in part, a practice for our upcoming interclub fun fly with the Prop Masters. The skies were clear and the temperatures moderate with about a 10 mph wind out of the east.

Seven pilots participated in the event with two rounds being flown. It would have been 8 pilots, but yours truly (Scott) broke his landing gear during the trim flight!

As the morning progressed, the winds picked up a bit, making the slow flight more challenging, but also allowing for some great "slow" pass times!

At the end of the day, the three pilots that came out on top, where Ernie Blenkle (#1), Steve Thill (#2), and Les Arnold (#3).

Below are some pictures from the event.



Plan your flight and fly your plan

By Ernie Blenkle

I was looking at the plaque while we were at Springbrook on Sunday 08/29/2021. It was disheartening to see that the last three or four entries on the plaque were for the Prop Masters.

I encouraged the Barnstormers months ago to start a monthly fun fly again and prepare for the interclub fun fly, which we did, and I could see the improvements and perhaps the gain of interest in competition.

This increase in competition serves two purposes:

- 1) Individually we gain skill, win or lose we improve.
- 2) As a team we improve.

If you did not notice, the pilots that struggled at the interclub event with crashes, forced landings and ragged flights were the Prop Masters. The pilots that flew well even in less than stellar conditions were the Barnstormers. If there ever was proof positive that all the Barnstormers should participate in these fun flies it should be evident after this latest meeting with the Prop Masters.

If you want to become a better RC pilot you need to fly with a plan, competition provides you with that plan. Here is a quote from a very experienced aerobatics pilot both full scale and RC; *"If your goal is to learn to fly a new maneuver, or to improve in an area that you are weak in, the absolute best way to get there is to plan your flight and fly your plan."* From the book ***Pilot's guide to mastering radio controlled flight***. - Mr. Scott Stoops.

My hope is that we can return the Barnstormers to a high level of skill and we should employ fun flies to accomplish this task. As a side note, I encouraged the fun fly coordinator to select fun flies that challenge the members.

I also highly encourage the members to participate in the fun flies because as Mr. Stoops stated, *"plan your flight and fly your plan."* –The best way to improve your abilities.

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