


The Transmitter

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Coming in January and February

January 1st, Saturday, Frozen Finger Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Field, Group photo at Noon

January 3rd, Monday, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library/ZOOM, 7:00pm start

January 24th, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 7:00pm start

February 14th, Monday, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library/ZOOM, 7:00pm start

February 28th, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 7:00pm start

January Meeting Rescheduled to Jan 3rd Due to Library Conflict

Recently the Board and membership agreed to move membership meetings from the 1st Monday of the month, back to the 2nd Monday starting in 2022.

Unfortunately, there was a scheduling issue at Itasca for January, and it became necessary to hold our first meeting of the year on January 3rd instead of the planned 10th.

Please update your calendars and please watch you emails. Because COVID is a fluid situation, the meeting space availability could change again. We still have a Zoom option for those that want to participate from home.

Topic: SRCB January Membership Meeting
Time: Jan 3, 2022 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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January Frozen Finger Fun Fly

Another year and another January Fun Fly! This year the skies were overcast with temperatures hovering around freezing, and the snow just beginning to fall. But for many of the hardy souls, it was a great day to go to the flying field.

Several individuals brought their planes and some even flew. A group picture was taken at Noon to immortalize the event. Thanks to all!



Meeting Notes for Membership Meeting

December 6, 2021

Attendance: There were 16 members attending the December meeting. The meeting was held at the Itasca Library. We had 13 members attend in person and 3 on-line via Zoom. Business portion of the meeting started at 7:15 pm.

Officer Reports:

President: Hector Rivera showed off the prizes for tonight's meeting. There were door prizes for those that won throughout the year, prized for the Christmas give away, and a special raffle.

Hector reminded member about the January 1st Frozen Finger Fun Fly. There will be a group photo taken at 12 Noon.

Based on member feedback, we will return to meetings at the Itasca Library on the second Monday of the month beginning in January.

EDITORS NOTE: Due to a scheduling conflict, we will need to have our January meeting on January 3rd.

Vice President: Paul Kramer reviewed some of the FAA Guidelines. Also reminded members it is time to get a Forest Preserve pass. Cost is \$35 for DuPage residents, but free for seniors.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said many of the 2022 membership cards have been mailed.

Treasurer: Larry Amiot reported he has received some 2020 renewals.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Swap Shop – Hector said we are still looking for a Swap Chairman. Time is running out to organize for a 2022 event. We have decided that a swap at the DuPage Fairgrounds has too

many risks and cost too high to plan a 2022 swap. It may be possible in the future, but we will focus on multiple smaller "tail gate" swaps this year, instead.

Meeting Date Consideration – A decision was made to move the meetings back to the Itasca Library on the second Monday of the month.

Membership renewal – Our membership year run from January through December. So, it is time for renewal. Please give your renewals to Larry at a meeting or mail you renewals to the club post office box. Given our limited sources of income at this time, you renewals are important to help support the club and our activities.

ENTERTAINMENT

December was our annual Christmas meeting. Both the club and members brought some food and goodies to eat. This included sandwiches, sausage, meatballs, cookies, and desserts.

Hector thanked the members that helped with shopping. **Paul Kramer** and **Ron Wickett** went shopping at Hobby Town. And we greatly thank Hobby Town for their support and discounts. **Paul** and **Hector Rivera** went to American Science Center to find some other fun prizes.

Everyone was a winner!!

DOOR PRIZES

Since this was our Christmas meeting, we did not have a regular door prize, turkey, or rollover. Rollover will return in January.

RC Flight Simulators

K. Krempetz - 12/2021

Flight simulators are useful tools to help one learn to fly, practice difficult maneuvers, or just have a nice flight experience without dealing with the nasty weather that may exist outside. Winter is the time of year where I dust off my old desktop computer and pull out my RC simulator. I thought I would share with you some experience and thoughts I have about RC flight simulators.

If you are thinking about getting a flight simulator there are many options available these days. Some are free, some cost a considerable amount of money.

First you need to decide whether you want a flight simulator to simulate RC flying or real full-size flying. I am not aware of any flight simulators that do both, but they are probably out there. I am not going to address full size aircraft simulators only ones that simulate RC flying.

Next, you must decide what computer you are planning to use this simulator on. Most of the popular RC simulators are made to run on Windows as the operating system. Since my old desktop computer is a Windows machine and for the most part all my computers over the years have run Windows as the operating system those are the ones I have experience with.

There are also many other factors you likely should consider when you're getting a RC flight simulator. Three factors that I believe are important:

- How well the simulator imitates the "real life" RC flying experience.
- Cost, I like to use my hobby money wisely.
- Whether you can use the transmitter you typically fly with, whether an RC controller comes with the simulator, or if you must use your keyboard. I personally like to use the transmitter I typically fly with because the switches and feel of the transmitter is the same whether I am out at the field or flying on the simulator. This kind of loops back to my number 1 point.

Given all my "requirements" for a RC simulator, many years ago I narrowed my choice was between Real Flight and Phoenix. I felt the Real Flight was the better one, but it was about twice the cost as the Phoenix one, and with Real Flight you had to pay if you wanted to keep your software up to date, so I went with the Phoenix RC simulator.

I have been very happy with my Phoenix RC simulator. It does a great job at Simulating RC flight and the physics is great. Earlier this spring my old desktop that was running Windows XP died so I got a new computer which runs Windows 10. Unfortunately, I could not figure out how to move the Phoenix RC simulator to my new machine. This was partly due to Phoenix Simulator not being sold any more and all the updates over the years which I download were no longer available. I had the originally disc which had Phoenix G2 but I updated the software to G5 and I really liked that version with many new models available to fly.

Searching for a new simulator on the internet I found this: 22 in 1 RC USB Flight Simulator Cable for Real Flight G7 G6 G5.5G5 Phoenix on eBay for roughly 15 bucks and I purchased it. I now have this software running on my Windows 10 machine and I am very pleased with it. It also turns out this 22 in 1 simulator has some older versions of Real Flight on it, but since I really like Phoenix that is the one I installed on my computer and am currently using. Maybe someday I will try to install a Real Flight version. I cannot vouch that any of the Real Flight software from this 22 in 1 simulator works, but I can tell you I have the Phoenix software on my computer, and it is running great.

In conclusion, I highly recommend you get an RC simulator, and this is the best time of year to purchase one. Real Flight is considered by most to be the best simulator, you likely will not go wrong with purchasing. But, if you want to go a cheaper route, I recommend you consider purchasing the 22 in 1 simulator.

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