

# The Transmitter

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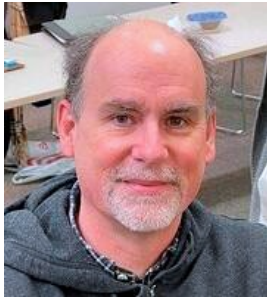
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**The President's Perspective:**



— Bob Sulla —

***Hot News Items:***

**Please note** the venue for the Christmas Potluck 12/09/2024 has been moved to the Maywood Sportsman's club in Elmhurst, IL.

**Coming Soon:**

2024 Membership Meetings Topics & Funflys  
11/11 — Membership meeting, Nominating & Voting — Itasca Library  
12/09 — Christmas Party, Potluck — Maywood Sportsman's club, Elmhurst II

# Meeting Notes from Membership Meeting

October 14th, 2024

### **ATTENDANCE:**

We had 10 members attend the October meeting.  
There was no Zoom meeting.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President:** Bob S. Discussed his plans to continue working with the DFP on safety/field etiquette hand-out.  
Talked about a club winter build and showed a picture of a swamp boat that would be used to go through the snow.  
**Vice President:** Bob V. showed a short video of a LiPo battery exploding into flames.  
**Secretary:** Ernie B. Out sick  
**Treasurer:** Kurt K. Treasury = \$5464.33  
Discussed the importance of having your FAA number on your model and the issue that just recently 3 models were found at the PWW field none of which had any identification on them to whom they belonged to.  
**Flight Instr:** Chuck W.  
**Safety:** Kurt K.  
**FunFly:**  
**General Discussions:**  
There was a general discussion about reducing the scope of the club and its activities, due to the lack of volunteers to fill club positions and the lack of overall club participation. There was a suggestion that the club newsletter only go out once every two months but a club calendar still go out every month.  
  
It was voted to move the December club/pot luck meeting to the Sportsmen club Tim Crowe belongs to.  
  
There was some discussion about the club's Facebook page and looking for someone to improve on it.  
  
This was followed up by some discussion about transferring the club's domain name and hosting service to a general club account.  
Marty and Kurt are working on this; Kurt is waiting for Marty's instruction on how to proceed. that brought in some great stuff!

### **General Discussions (Continued):**

Many people brought stuff for the club swap, many left with new stuff at basically no cost. Thanks to all

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Nominations were taken from the floor, the current nominees are:

- Sandy Hoschouer- President
- Bob Vance- Vice President
- Wally Hoschouer- Secretary and Newsletter Editor
- Kurt Krempetz-Treasurer

The current nominee for President presented her vision of reducing club meetings (and board meetings) to roughly once every two months.

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Link to some pictures from the [Trade/Swap/dump](#):

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### **Scheduled entertainment:**

### **Door Prizes:**

October. turkey went to Wally Hoschouer



## Calendar of Events 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
1-Jan	12pm	FF #1 Frozen Finger	PWW
8-Jan	7pm	Membership Mtg (3D Printing -- Bob S.)	Itasca Library
12-Feb	7pm	Videos -- Bob V.	Itasca Library
17-Feb	8:30-12pm	FVAV Swap	Kane County Fairgrounds
11-Mar	7pm	Electric Power Systems -- Marty S.	Itasca Library
19-Mar	7pm	Snag-A-Deal Auction <a href="https://propmastersrc.org/auction">https://propmastersrc.org/auction</a>	PropMasters, Naperville
8-Apr	7pm	People's Choice Contest	Itasca Library
4-May	8am - 12pm	SRCB Tailgate Swap SJN	St. John Neumann Church
13-May	7pm	Helicopters -- Kurt K.	Itasca Library
19-May	9am	FF #2 60 second Looper — Ron W.	PWW
10-Jun	7pm	Name that plane — Ernie B.	Itasca Library
16-Jun	9am	FF #3 Bomb Drop and Target Landing — Ernie B.	PWW
8-Jul	7pm	Membership Mtg (3D Printing -- Bob S.)	Itasca Library
14-Jul	9am	FF #4 changed format 2 minute contest — Ernie B.	PWW
10-Aug	9am-?	Short Membership Mtg & Fly In	PWW
11-Aug	9am-?	Rain date for 10-Aug	PWW
18-Aug	8am	FF #5 ICFF At PropMasters Bowling CANCELED	PropMasters, Naperville
7-Sep	9am-?	Short Membership Mtg & Fly In	PWW
8-Sep	9am-?	Rain date for 7-Sep	PWW
15-Sep	9am	FF #6 Glider Time & Duration — Kurt K.	Manville
14-Oct	7pm	Membership Mtg Trade/Swap/Dump	Itasca Library
11-Nov	7pm	Nomination & Voting	Itasca Library
9-Dec	7pm	Christmas party	Maywood Sportsman's Club



"AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!"

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\*\*\* [Membership Form for download](#) \*\*\*

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<a href="#">Motion RC</a>	760 Lakeside Dr. Unit C, Gurnee, IL	(224) 633-9090
<a href="#">Value RC</a>	1199 N. Ellsworth Ave. Villa Park, IL	(630) 948-0947

# Safety is Important!!!

K. Krempetz  
November 2024

Safety is very important, not only for our personal wellbeing, but also to assure we keep our flying sites. Being able to fly Model aircraft comes with a responsibility. You are responsible for knowing the rules and requirements at Pratt Wayne Woods (PWW) and Manville. I have summarized some of the rules below but everyone should look up and read the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), DuPage Forest Preserve (DFP), West Chicago Park District (WCPD) and the Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the DuPage Airport rules in their entirety, they are very important.

Key points of the FAA rules:

- 1) Must register you and your models with the [FAADoneZone](#).
- 2) Must have your FAA # on your model (s).
- 3) Must fly below 400ft and avoid full size aircraft.
- 4) Must fly within the FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) defined boundaries of the fields.
- 5) Must have read and follow the LOA with the DuPage Airport.

Key point of the AMA rules (only required at PWW):

- 1) Must be a member of the AMA (which gives you some personal insurance in case of an accident)

Key points of the DFP Rules (only required at PWW)

- 1) Must have a DFP aircraft permit.
- 2) Must not fly over Stearns Rd ( which is outside of out FRIA boundary)
- 3) Must fly from designated Pilot Stations.

Key point of the WCPD Rules (only required at Manville):

- 1) Only Electric or Non-Powered Aircraft within the definition of Park Flyer Models per AMA.

Key points of the LOA Rules:

- 1) Must fly below 400ft and avoid full size aircraft (same as required by FAA).
- 2) No Night flying.
- 3) The Club must immediately notify ATC at 630-587-7823 in the event of a lost link, fly-away or operational area spill-out that may affect manned aircraft operations.

Safe Flying!

## Items to trade, sell, give away or items wanted

If you have items you wish to trade, sell or give away to clean up your shop, just shoot me an email and I'll add them to the list.

If you want something, such as a prop or ESC or some other item we can post it as wanted and if someone has that item we can put you in touch with that person.

My contact info is [secretary@suburbanrcbarnstormers.com](mailto:secretary@suburbanrcbarnstormers.com).

Best Regards  
Ernie

Item	Owner	Trade	Give Away	Sell	Price	Wanted

### Lost & Found

**Carlos:** Hello, I lost my scratch built Comet Clipper somewhere by the east electrical pole that is most in line with the runway. It is covered in transparent blue. Anybody with a drone and a sympathetic heart would be greatly appreciated.

**Doug T.:** A [foam 3d](#) model was found at PWW. Contact Ernie B with a description of your lost model at 630-231-5120 or email [secretary@suburbanrcbarnstormers.com](mailto:secretary@suburbanrcbarnstormers.com)

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**Kurt K:** A [foam trainer plane](#) was found in the field box. Contact Ernie B with a description of your lost model at 630-231-5120 or email [secretary@suburbanrcbarnstormers.com](mailto:secretary@suburbanrcbarnstormers.com)

Key:

Lost = Orange

Found = Green

## A proposal for the Frozen Finger Fun Fly

The Swamp boat on snow

In addition to the standard Jan 1st flight we encourage the swamp boat build and contest(s) perhaps on the back-side of the parking lot or just the other side of the spectator fence so as NOT to interfere with flight ops.

My proposal is a club build and a fun deviation from your typical frozen finger fun fly is to build a “swamp boat” we can use during the January 1<sup>st</sup> frozen finger funfly.

I am using a discarded political poster (coroplast) to make the frame of a swamp boat, you may use any material you like.

Power limited to a 400 watt outrunner, 40 amp ESC and 3 cell LiPo.

Dimensions limited to 12” wide, 18” long

Here is a picture of my “Skeeter”, I’ll attach a link to a video as well to show an example of the proof of concept.

My hope is that this will spark some interest and provide some much needed energy into the Barnstormers.

I have seen proposed configurations as pusher, tractor, vectored thrust.

We have also seen variations on the rudder.

Construction material could include using coroplast, PVC, balsa and fiberglass.

Put your thinking cap on and get creative!

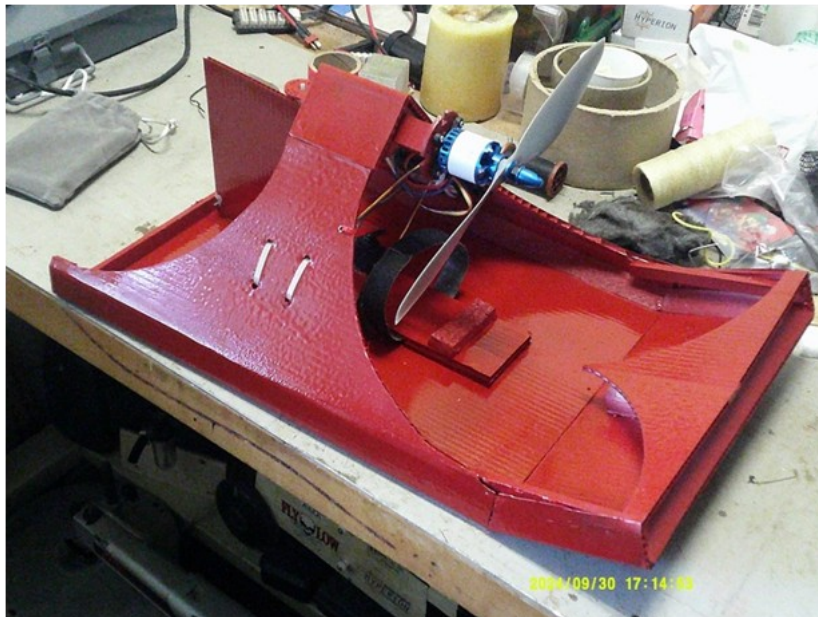
Regards

Ernie SRCB Secretary

*Can you imagine the fun we could have in the snow this Winter?*

*Tag, demolition derby, ramp jump or racing just to name a few.*

*A 20 foot streamer and some combat?*



Video: [Skeeter on the grass](#)