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Coming in April & May

April 8th STATIC CONTEST - Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

April 13th SWAP SHOP Dupage County Fairgrounds, 8:00am to 12:00pm

April 22nd Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

May 5th Giant Scale Warm Up, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am

May 13th Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

May 27th Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

Hugo Mosquera Granted Lifetime Membership

For more than fifty years, Hugo Mosquera has been a strong supporter of the model hobby. Hugo has enjoyed and competed in many of the model categories; free-flight, control-line, gliders, and remote controlled. He has provided support as a member, an officer, Board member and Forest Preserve liaison for the Barnstormers. Hugo was involved in the formation and running of our parent club, the West Suburban RCers, was instrumental in establishing and helping to maintain our current flying field with

March 13, 2002

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Mr. Hugo Mosquera
1409 Armstrong Lane
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Dear Hugo,

CONGRATULATIONS!!! It is with a great deal of pleasure that I am writing to tell you that at the March 11th meeting, it was unanimously voted by the general membership to make you a **LIFETIME MEMBER** of the Suburban RC Barnstormers for your dedication and hard work for many, many years to make the Suburban RC Barnstormers a club everyone can be proud of and for your continuous efforts to promote our hobby of flying radio controlled model airplanes.

We are sorry you were not able to attend the meeting and receive this honor personally and we all hope you are feeling better and look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

I've enclosed your check for your membership dues as your dues are paid in full from this point forward.

Again, on behalf of the board of directors and the general membership, congratulations for a well deserved achievement.

Sincerely,

Bob Elsner
Treasurer
Suburban RC Barnstormers

the Dupage Forest Preserve, and served many years as an AMA contest director. A motion was made and unanimously carried to extend the lifetime membership recommended by the Board.

What Happened in March?

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING OF March 11, 2002

ATTENDANCE

There were 34 members present along with several visitors.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe presided over the meeting. He asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves. Guests included Kees Van De Klippe, John Schiawne, Erik TerMaat, and previous member and officer, Chuck Weibler.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner briefly talked about the budget and how it relates to the Swap Shop. We currently run about a \$6300 annual budget. Fifty-five to 60% of our income comes from the Swap Shop. At the same time, the swap is a significant portion of our expenses. Without the swap, much of the return our members receive in the form of awards, events, door prizes and Thanksgiving and Christmas raffles would not be possible. Because we have fixed expenses for the swap, regardless of the success of the event, the raffle serves as a "safety net". So support from our membership through the sale of raffle tickets is greatly appreciated.

Bob said our current balance was \$2063.

Vice President: Because many new members and visitors were present, John Janninck reviewed the working of the rollover raffle. Each week, club members may purchase one or two squares on a 25 by 25 grid, for one dollar each. At the end of each meeting, numbers are drawn representing the row and column of the grid. If a name is found at the intersection, we have a winner, if not, the sale of squares and drawing continue at the next meeting. You must be present to win. As the value of the "pot" increases, so may the value of the prize, until someone wins.

Secretary: Scott Taylor reminded everyone that we have a videotape library. Please feel free to review and check out items from the collection. Also, frequency pin number plates are still available for many frequencies.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Jeff Peca said the first flying event of the season is not too far off. The Giant Scale warm up is on May 5th. Food will be served. As a reminders, Giant Scale is an 80" or larger wing, 60" or larger on a bi-plane, or true quarter scale or larger.

Flight Instruction: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lifetime Membership: It was with great pleasure that John Howe announced that the Board had recommended a lifetime membership be granted to Hugo Mosquera. Hugo has been a dedicated supporter of the hobby for more than 50 years. He has provided support as a member and an officer of the Barnstormers, was involved in the formation and running of our parent club, the West Suburban RCers, was instrumental in establishing and helping to maintain our current flying field with the Dupage Forest Preserve, and served many years as an AMA contest director. A motion was made and unanimously passed to extend the membership. Thank you for your efforts, Hugo!

Swap Shop: John Howe said we need help to setup tables the Friday before the event. He and Debbie will be at the Fairgrounds at 1:00pm for those who can help. Of course, help is needed the day of the event, as well.

Oshkosh Trip: Steve Dietrich went over plans for the trip Oshkosh, one last time. The event is a go for March 23rd. If you're interested, this is your last chance to sign up. Please "pay the cashier!"

Club Merchandise: Steve Dietrich asked if there was interest in shirts, jackets, or hat with the club logo on it. Steve volunteered to look into prices.

PLANES

Scott Hurley showed off his latest creation. Is it a car? Is it a Plane? It's a flying Porsche. A cool .60 size SPAD to add to his collection. Scott also showed off a Speed 400 size electric racer he bought at the Rockford swap. Very nice.

Greg Ostdick has been trying his hand at SPAD design. He added an extra wing to one of his. He says first flight were a bit squirrely. This prompted some discussion on bi-plane design. Did you know you should add 1 degree of incidence to the top wing of a top forward bi-plane and the bottom wing of a stagger wing bi-plane? Or was that the other way around?

Ron Hilger brought in a new swizzle stick. This was copied from an original Balsa USA design. Ron has built many of these over the years because they are simple and good flyers. This one was Saito 45 powered and is an elevator and rudder only, design.

Steve Dietrich brought the scale down a few notches to show a paper Gee Bee about 6 inches long. This was one of those cut and fold models that used to appear on the back of cereal boxes.

ENTERTAINMENT

John Howe shared his knowledge of RC aircraft retractable landing gear. His presentation covered gear manufactured by Robart, Gene Barton, Anco, and Spring Air. Retracts of all types were shown from large to small, and main gear to tail wheels. Retracts were both electrically and pneumatically activated and many were specifically designed for scale models of Mustangs, Bearcats, Corsairs, Beech Bonanzas, and P-47s. Thanks for a very interesting presentation, John!

DOOR PRIZES/ROLLOVER

There was no winner in the rollover, but Kevin Connor took home the door prize, a 2002 EAA calendar.

Wanted: A Few Good Models!

Let's face it. We all have models stuffed in the rafters, in the attic, and down in the basement. Maybe they have some minor damage and you just haven't had the time to make them airworthy, or your afraid that old brittle glue isn't going to hold up to those 5g turns you like to make. It could even be the old wide band radio in it that keeps it grounded, but "gosh darn it!", that radio worked great and you're just not going to replace it! There may be a

solution for you. The owner of the Kitty Hawk restaurant at the Dupage Flight Center would like to hang some scale vintage models from the ceiling. Wouldn't it be nice to put that beautiful old model that's just gathering dust, on display for others to see? You can arrange to hang them on loan, sell them to the Kitty Hawk, or put a price tag on them. If any of this sounds worth while to you, please contact Greg Erickson at 630-513-0641.

Bus Trip to Oshkosh Museum

If your thinking, “Yea, that sounds like fun, maybe I’ll go!”, too bad, you already missed it!

The trip to Oshkosh EAA AirVenture museum (<http://museum.eaa.org/>) was a go on March 23rd. We had about 35 people go. The bus ride was great, the museum was awesome, and the simulator was a gas.

John Janninck had this to say, “I would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to Steve Dietrich for a very enjoyable day at the

EAA Museum. The trips on the bus up and back were entertaining with the playing of airplane related tapes on the VCR. The tour of the museum was informative. After the tour just exploring all the other side displays were also informative.”

“So, once again, THANK YOU Steve. I hope we can do some more of these trips.”
John Janninck, Vice President.

Just one of many satisfied customers. Let us know if you’d like to do something like this, again.

April Static Contest – Just the Facts!

By Scott Taylor

OK, you know what it is, you know when it is, and you know where it is, so here are just the facts.

We want to see them all, don even think about it, just put it in the car and go! You’ve got no excuse. And, just for entering, you will have a chance to win a Hobbico battery quick charger. If you don’t bring a kit, forget it, no chance for you.

This year we have four categories and they are different than in the past. We have a Giant, 40 and Over, Under 40, and ARF class. The classes are based strictly on size, so sport, civilian scale, and military scale will all be judged among other models of the same size. The Giant class doesn’t have to conform to IMAA rules, but the engine should be bigger than a .60 2 cycle or .90 4 cycle. There is a “40 and Over” class for models with .40 and larger

engines, an “Under 40” class for models with engines smaller than .40 (or other propulsion types such as electric or CO2). Models in these classes must adhere to the old 51% rule, meaning you must have completed at least 51% of the model building, yourself.

The new ARF class will give those flyers that prefer to have someone else do the building for you, participate in the event. All ARFs regardless of size, will compete in one class.

No model that has previously one won a first place prize in our static contest is eligible. Plaques for the first three places will be awarded in all four classes.

From SPADs to Giant Scale, we want to see them all! Bring ‘em!!

Fuel Order

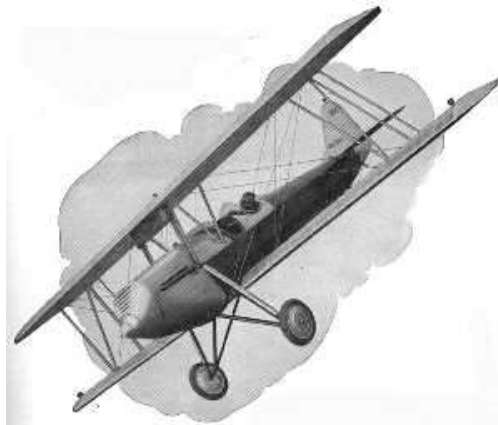
Charlie Baxa has been working with Al's Hobby shop to get us a discounted price on a club fuel order. Al's has Cool Power, which is an all synthetic fuel, and Omega, which is a blend of synthetic and castor oil. These are available in nitro contents of 5, 10, and 15 percent. Also available is Heli fuel and Wildcat.

We need to place the order with Al's by May 1st, so the April meeting will be your last chance to get in on the deal. For those ordering, please bring payment to the next meeting. There are three levels of pricing. We have already reached the second level, but depending on participation, we may be eligible for a steeper discount. Plan your payments on the prices below. If we get a better break, we will refund the difference.

Prices are per gallon, tax included.

| Brand of Fuel | 5% | 10% | 15% | 30% |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Omega or Cool Power | \$8.75 | \$9.99 | \$11.25 | |
| Heli | | | \$11.25 | \$18.19 |
| Wildcat*** | | \$10.00/\$10.19 | \$11.50/\$11.75 | |

***Note: Wildcat comes in regular and extra oil



Photos from Trip to Oshkosh

By Steve Dietrich



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