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Coming in January and February

January 1st, 2004 Kick Off Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 12:00pm January 12th, Regular Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library January 26th, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

February 9th, Regular Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library February 23rd, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

JANUARY FUN FLY – 12:00pm at Pratt's Wayne Woods

Although for many years it had been the tradition of a number of members to be the first to fly at Pratt's Wayne Woods, for almost 10 years now the Suburban RC Barnstormers club has officially adopted that tradition. On the first day of the New Year, you will find many of our members braving the cold and pouring lighter fluid down the carburetors of their engines to start the season off right. This year will be no different. Anyone who

wishes to try a little winter flying should meet their fellow members at the flying field at 12:00 noon for a bit of fun and flying. This is an open event and no competition is conducted. This year, we will be adding a twist by having a raffle for those who turn out for the event. So get those seaplanes out, the skis waxed, and put the light fluid in the flight box and head out on the 1st. See you there!!

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING of December 8, 2003

ATTENDENCE

Forty-three regular members were in attendance.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe said flyers were available for our April swap shop. Please take and distribute these where ever possible.

John also said there is an upcoming swap in the Milwaukee area on Sunday January 4th. The time is from 9a until 3p. It is located at the Waukesha County Expo center just south of the Waukesha Airport. This is one of the best swaps in the area, so if you are interested, a copy of the flyer will be in the next newsletter.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported the club had a balance of \$921.01. Bob wanted to thank John and Debbie Howe for their help in shopping for raffle prizes. Just over \$800 was spent and Venture Hobbies and Al's Hobby Shop were very generous with their discounts

and "throw-in's". They also donated several items and kits for the charity raffle.

Bob also said that the budget for 2004 would need to be approved. The budget was included in the last newsletter and Bob solicited any questions on how the money would be spent in 2004. A motion was made and seconded to pass the budget as presented. The motion passed.

Vice President: Scott Hurley said that entertainment for the January meeting would be a "builder's night". We will be making a blue foam version of the classic "Stick" aircraft. This will be a park flyer electric version. The model will cost about \$3.00 and electric power components will be available for those that want to buy them.

Scott also said because of the club and charity raffles this evening, there would be no rollover raffle until the January meeting.

Secretary: Scott Taylor had no report.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich said he was looking for ideas for next year's fun flys. Ideas can be new or things we've done in the past, like the flaming knife-edge to inverted limbo.

Dave West said we would be carrying on the tradition of having a "Fun-Fly" on January 1st to start the 2004 flying season. This is just an open fly event and does not involve any competition. Believe it or not, this is usually one of the best attended Fun Flys of the year.

RAFFLES

Bloomingdale Township Wish Tree Charity Raffle – Debbie Howe read a list of vendors that supplied items for the charity raffle. She extended her thanks and encouraged members to support them by buying their product when you have a choice. The list will be printed in the newsletter.

The charity raffle was conducted first, with about 15 different "packages" of items to be raffled. Items ranged from small hardware to large ready to cover models. Our members donated about \$800 for the Wish Tree through this raffle. All of this money will go to help provide needy families with meals for the holidays. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Christmas Raffle – The Christmas raffle was conducted next. Bob, Debbie, and John did a great job of shopping and every member went home with something.

List of Donating Companies for the 2003 Charity Raffle.

I want to thank these companies for their generosity. It has been very difficult this year getting donations. So, this year when you are shopping for r/c products, please post this on your shop wall or take this to the hobby shop with you. If you have a choice of what companies to go with for your purchases, please remember these companies and show them your support as they have given us their support.

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Thank you again for your support

Debbie Howe Suburban R/C Barnstormers

Free Membership for Flight Instructors

In appreciation of his efforts in instructing new R/C flyers, the Board of Directors is pleased to award Frank Bernstein free club membership for 2004. For several years, Frank has helped countless newcomers almost every weekend morning during the flying season. Congratulations Frank!

You too can earn free membership!

Flight Instructors provide a valuable service to those wishing to enter the hobby. Through their contact with these newcomers, they often become key recruiters of new club members. Most instructors find the opportunity to share what they know by extending a helping hand very rewarding.

To recognize and encourage these efforts, the Suburban Barnstormers will grant free membership to any official flight instructor who recruits at least one new club member. The qualifying rules are simple:

- Be an official flight instructor. (Contact our lead Flight Instructor, Jim Scahill for details.)
- 2. Recruit at least one new member through your work as an instructor. (Each new member can only qualify one instructor.)

If you are club member in good standing and complete steps 1 and 2 in 2004, you will receive free membership for 2005. Contact Jim and sign up today!



ADMISSION: \$4.00 ADULTS (UNDER 16 FREE)

SWAP SHOP: 9:00-3:00

No selling or general admission before 9:00

AUCTION

Every 30 minutes in 15 minute segments, from 11am until all items are auctioned.

TABLE FEES

All tables reserved or non-reserved \$20.00 each. Pre-registration and payment of admission fee is required to reserve a table. For additional info contact John Yoh - (262) 567-1866 & remit to PO Box 74 Okauchee, WI 53069.

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(or immediately after auction)

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