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Coming in August and September

August 6th, Giant Scale Fun-Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods

August 14th, Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

August 20th, Fun-Fly # 4, Pratt's Wayne Woods. 9:00am pre-flights, 10:00am first flights

September 10th, Fun-Fly # 5, Pratt's Wayne Woods

September 11th, Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

September 17th, Fun-Fly vs. PropMasters, Pratt's Wayne Woods

September 25th, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

Fun Fly #3 Results - July 16th - Aero Golf

By Steve Dietrich

What a great day for golf! Seriously, while Pratt's Wayne is not the best links in the Western Suburbs, it has no greens fees (unless you count the annual Forest Preserve fee). We had eighteen Barnstormers out at the field with thirteen competing in Aerogolf. That is three foursomes plus one.

The object of Aerogolf is to fly over the "green" and drop your ball from the strapped on Yoplait cup as close to the hole as possible. After landing, walk out to your ball with your favorite golf club and impress the gallery with your golfing prowess.

We managed to play two holes before Hymie's grilled bratwursts made the crowd forget the joy of friendly competition.

Third place was a four-way tie with a score of ten between Orvil Fluharty, Jeff Peca, Tom Lyons, and Steve Dietrich.

Second was a tie between Jim Scahill and Scott Stampfli with ten strokes.

First was also a tie between Ron Hilger and Ed Wonnacott.

The golf aspect of the event negated the fine flying skills of some of our competitors (i.e. Jeff) also, Ed, a green horn, showed his fine golfing ability.



Mert's plane showed that lifting a golf ball can be a chore for some aircraft, and a light breeze can blow you way off course. He

did, however, manage to keep his drop on the field and stoke his way home. Scott Taylor showed us the mysterious disappearing golf ball trick and had to take a couple strokes on the second hole, and P.J. couldn't stay out of the rough.

Anyone intimidated by a fun fly should be assured that the object of our fun flies is FUN. So come out and have your share of fun.

Thanks to all who attended. Steve.

Fun-Fly #4 - Time & Glide

By Dave West

Our next Fun Fly is Sunday, August 20. It will combine some familiar tasks (timed flight, climb & glide, and spot landing) in a new way. Without using a timer, you will need to make a flight that is as close to 60 seconds long as possible. For extra points, you will need to land within a painted area on the field. Now here's the twist – for the last 15 seconds of your flight your engine must be off!

You start with 100 points. You lose 1 point for each second over, or under, 60

seconds. You lose 5 points for each second under 15 seconds of motor-off flight. You gain a 10-point bonus for a spot landing. Time is measured from wheels off the ground to first touchdown. The landing spot is where the plane comes to a complete stop.

So, practice those dead-stick landings and come on out to fun-fly #4. As always, lunch and door prizes will be provided.

More Fun-Fly News! Barnstormers versus Propmasters

By Dave West

September 17th is the date of our annual contest with the Prop Masters club. This year it is at our field, so the Prop Masters pick the event. They have chosen a "Timed Washer Drop".

The event involves driving your plane through a ground course through four sets of cones, followed by take off, dropping the washer, landing, and taxiing through "finish-line" cones – all within a 5-minute time limit. A course map and rules are posted on our web site (www.suburbanrcbarnstormers.com) and will be in the September newsletter.

Servo-controlled drop mechanisms are allowed. The Prop Masters will supply the official washers. No substitutes are allowed. The official washer is called a

"5/8 – inch steel washer". It has an inner diameter of 3/4 inch and an outer diameter of 1 5/8 inch. A 3-foot length of plastic surveyors' ribbon will be tied to the washer forming two tails about 18" long. I will bring a number of samples to the next meeting.

Although September may seem a long time away, it may take you some time to devise a drop mechanism for your plane. Barnstormer's fun-fly #5 is scheduled for September 10th. We will do the "Timed Washer Drop" event to get in a little practice before taking on the Prop Masters the following week.

After a long string of wins, we have lost the last two years. It is time we take the winner's plaque back!

Dome E-Niter - December 2, 2006

By Jeff Peca

With the temperature in the 90's it may be difficult to begin thinking of indoor flying, but it will be here before you know it. Mert has met with Mike from the Dome and has negotiated an agreement that is better than last years. Along with the small and important details such as cost, times, etc, we have permission to hold TWO AMA sectioned all night events. The first one will be on Saturday, December 2, and we plan on having another "all nighter" in the spring.

The decision was made to try an all nighter early in the indoor season to promote the opening of the dome. As with all club-sponsored events, its success relies on club participation. At the following meetings with will be asking for volunteers to help run the event.

If you missed the Dome E-Nite Fly in March, you missed 65 registered pilots participating in combat, scale, pattern, lights-out, mass launch and more. This event should be even bigger and better.

Notes of the Barnstormers Meeting

July 10, 2006

ATTENDANCE

Thirty-eight members were in attendance, which included a new member **Jes Stampfli**, and one guest, **Jack Gazdziak**.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Jim Scahill called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM. A new member, Jes and guest, Jack were recognized.

Vice President: Orvil Fluharty

announced that one of the door prizes was donated by John Krygier – 12 in 1 mini took kit. The other door prize is a field container size of super glue. The rollover prize is a Spectrum radio.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner updated us on SpadFest. He stated that the net profit so far is \$1303. However, he has not received a bill for the airport or the hats and shirts yet. The Club currently has \$7,594 in the bank.

Secretary: Ruth Egging handed out membership cards and name badges. She also gave an update on who has won the Turkey Raffle so far this year. They are: **Ralph Niedzwiecki, Tom Lyons, Brad Dean, Wil Janisch, Art Wojda, and Gerald Hurley**.

COMMITTEES

Safety: Mike Cannata reported that no one got hurt at the field in the last month. Scott Taylor offered to send Mike the Safety Flyer.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill asked that if anyone wanted flight instruction to please call before and he will arrange a time. Also, Thursdays are available as there are a group of pilots that regularly fly Thursday mornings.

Fun Fly: Dave West reports on the results of the fun fly, which was a Midway Airport where the runway gets narrower. The next Fun Fly will be July 16th, which will be run by **Steve Dietrich**. He plans on doing Golf.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that there are wasps inside the flight stand. Jim said he would get a spray to take care of the problem.

Discussion led to possibly getting a DynaStand, and would it find in the flight stand. It was noted that it would possibly fit in the stand, but that would be the only thing that would fit in there.

A question was raised if the Fun Flys have enough funding. It was noted that \$75 is budgeted per Fun Fly.

AIRPLANES

Scott Stampfli brought in a Talon.

RAFFLES

Mert Mischnick won the Turkey, **Dave Baker** the door prize of the Super Glue, and **Tom Lyons** won the mini tool set. **Jim Reed** won the rollover prize.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

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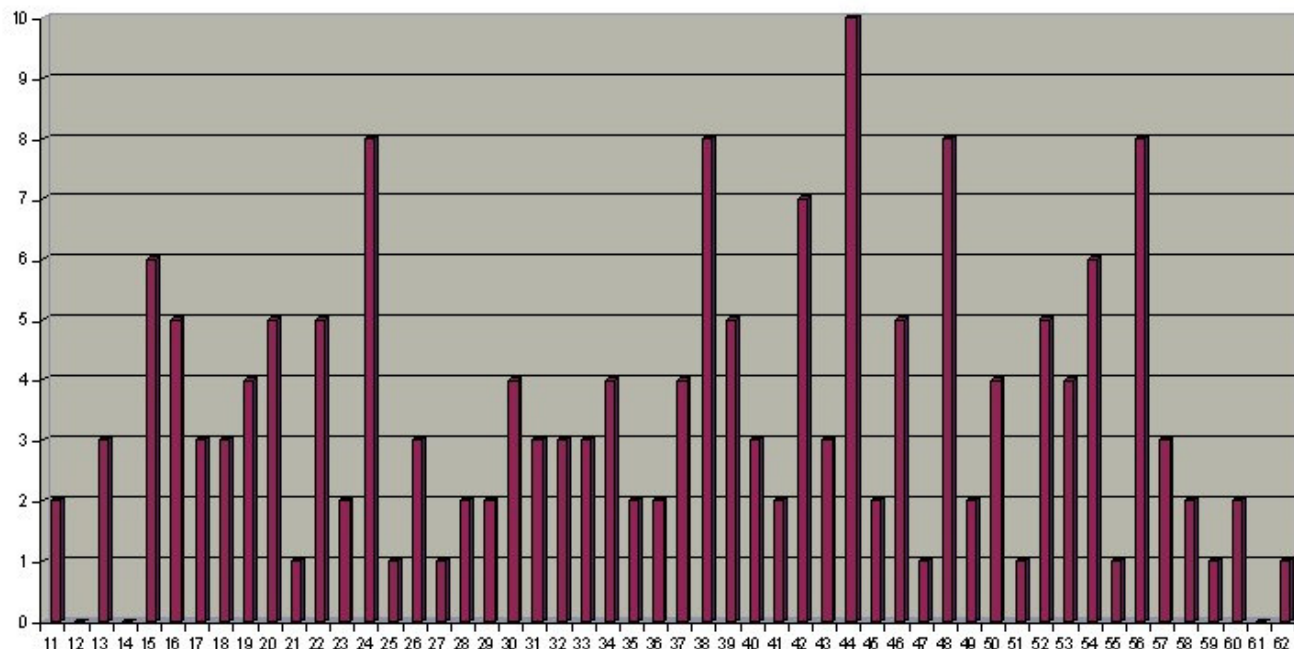
I hear there are still some issues with the Barnstormers and Al's. Once again, I would like to set the record straight. The reason we do not put price tags on our items is so we can receive them quicker and get them on the floor faster. If you ever have a question about pricing please ask anyone. The new price checker will be here in early August so you can check prices yourself. Also, when checking out, if the employee does not know you are with the Barnstormers you will not get a discount and/or it will not be put in for the club rebate, so please mention it.

As I have said before, I would love to come to one of your meetings to answer any questions, but I work between 60 to 70 hours a week and that makes it hard. If anyone has ANY problems or questions about ANYTHING, PLEASE call me at the store. Thanks, Cindy McFarlane

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