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## Coming in January and February

January 1<sup>st</sup>, Polar Fun Gathering, Photo at Noon, Pratt's Wayne Woods

January 8<sup>th</sup>, Club Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

January 11<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun-Fly, 11:00pm – 1:00am, White Pines Golf Dome

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

February 12<sup>th</sup>, Club Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

February 15<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun-Fly, 11:00pm – 1:00am, White Pines Golf Dome

February 26<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

## Big January Raffle Prize!

With a little extra money in the budget, the Board has decided to beef up the raffles a bit. Over the next few months the plan is to try out some larger prizes to raffle and to "roll 'till they go" each month. This month the featured raffle prize will be an Eflite Blade CX2 electric helicopter. This is a ready to fly out of the box model that has a long list of features.



- Flight ready—no assembly required
- Coaxial, counter-rotating rotor blades that make hovering easy for first-time pilots

- Test flown at the factory to ensure proper setup out of the box
- Interference-free 5-channel E-flite transmitter with built-in Spektrum 2.4GHz DSM technology
- Advanced 4-in-1 control unit including 2.4GHz DSM 6-channel receiver, main motor ESCs, mixer and gyro
- Two feather-light S60 Super Sub-Micro Servos—just 6.0 grams each
- 2-cell 7.4V 800mAh Li-Po battery pack with Charge Protection Circuitry
- 2-3 Cell DC Li-Po Balancing Charger and AC Adapter
- Most parts compatible with the Blade CX

Squares for the raffle cost \$1 each and an unlimited number of squares can be purchased. This model has a list price of \$249, so don't miss your chance to win one for just a few dollars!

## 2007 Polar Fly

The New Year was greeted at the Pratt's Wayne flying field with a "buzz". The sound of glow and electric motors rattling the cattails. It was the annual Polar Fly and photo opportunity. A good number of Barnstormer members were able to make it. And while the Weatherman may have called this "unseasonably warm", the winds reminded everyone it was still winter! Very impressive how many members we can get out on January 1<sup>st</sup> and at 11:00pm on a work night. Anyone for a nice warm Sunday morning Fun-Fly?



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## Dome Fun-Fly #2

*By Scott Hurley*

### Balloon Bust!

Twenty-four club members attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> indoor fun fly. This was probably the best attendance we have had so far. I want to personally thank everyone who participated and helped to make this another fun event. Balloon busting would seem by most to be a very simple event. Inflate a half a dozen balloons with helium and then proceed to fly into them. Sounds simple doesn't it.

Twenty-one pilots entered the event and were divided into three teams of seven. Six balloons of various sizes and shapes were attached to ribbons of different lengths. This is where the pilots encountered most of the problems; the key is to hit the balloon, not the ribbon. The first round proved just how difficult this would be.

The round lasted a full five minutes and only one balloon was destroyed along with one plane still flying at the end of the round.

Andy proved to be the ace with 3 kills in one round!! I proved that all's fair in war by taking the cowards' way. Ron Hilger got hung up on a ribbon which forced the balloon to the ground. With my incredible piloting skills and stealth, I taxied Skip's proven airplane from behind, into the trapped balloon and got the cowardly kill. My rules, it counts. Once again this proves that you do not have to be a good pilot to participate.

I hope everyone had a great time and be sure to put **Thursday January 11th** after the next club meeting on your calendar. The next fun fly will involve streamers, pizza, prizes and as always a good time!!

# Notes of the Barnstormers Meeting

December 11, 2006

## ATTENDANCE

Merry Christmas! Fifty-eight members were in attendance.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**President: Jim Scahill** called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** stated that the Board Meeting would be in the basement due to the renovation.

**Secretary: Ruth Egging** recommended the way turkeys are raffled off. It was originally set up to raffle off a turkey at each meeting to possibly get more members to attend throughout the year instead. This has not happened. Also, some people have had hard feelings due to the raffle. There was a recommendation as to the number of turkeys raffled at the Thanksgiving meeting. There was a motion to keep the turkey raffle the way it is and to increase the number of turkeys to whatever the budget will allow. This motion passed.

## COMMITTEES

**Fun Fly:**

**Dome: Mert Mischnick** reminded us that the club night dome fun fly would be on Thursday.

**Jeff Peca** said there were 90 flyers at the electric all nighter on December 2nd.

There are pictures on the web thanks to Mike Bargman. Jeff gave thanks to the sponsors and the many donations. He also thanked non-members that helped such as Mike Cannata's wife Nancy.

The club has purchased tables and a wireless microphone so these items can be used when the club needs them for future events. Bob recommended that the Secretary be notified so that these items can be tracked. The Club made over \$1300 from this event.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

**Jim Scahill** stated that:

- He will still be flight instructor if no one else volunteers
- Other officer positions to fill would be the Fun Fly Director and the Safety Officer.
- The budget passed for 2007.
- The rest of the meeting was the Christmas raffle.

## AIRPLANES

**Scott Hurley** brought in a small helicopter, it weighed 10 grams. Depending where it was purchased, the price ranged from \$35 to \$25.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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## BlueStik Build

*By Jeff Peca*

We held another BlueStik build on December 14<sup>th</sup> before the Fun Fly. The location was changed to the Dome because of the time limitation we have at the Library. We built 14 BlueStiks with enough leftover parts to put together a few more. Everyone that wanted a BlueStik pitched in to get them built. A big thanks to Scott Hurley for doing a major portion of

the prefabrication prior to the build. One minor issue appears to be the Blue Fan Fold with paper on one side only. The wing appears to be a little weak. As soon as we can find a supplier of the Fan Fold with paper on both sides, or if someone is willing to donate some, we will build some new wings.

Don't miss the pictures on the next page!

**Photos from the BlueStik Build  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**



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