



PLANE TALK



PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER

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www.propmastersrc.org

For complete list of

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Ray Luchetti (editor)

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You can tell it's building season when the weather makes it difficult to decide whether or not to come out to the field. Or perhaps I should say "*weather*" or not to come out to the field. Our first attempt at this month's fun-fly was called off due to rain, but despite the wet weather a number of intrepid souls went ahead with the event anyway. The following week we made a second attempt, and despite 15+ mph winds a handful of pilots did fly. The trees are really beginning to show off their fall colors so the field looks beautiful, but suffice to say there wasn't much flying in those kind of conditions.

The instruction season should be pretty much over as well. Ever since daylight savings time rolled back to the first Sunday in November, expectations get raised that perhaps we can train folks further into the year. But the sun rises later and sets earlier by its own rhythm, and it is pretty hard to shoot touch & go's with a howling south crosswind. It's getting to be the time to pull out the simulator and practice those rolling circles in the safety of your living room. At a minimum, it helps to keep one's fingers fresh for those increasingly rare relatively warm and calm days.

There will be more swap meets and expositions, so check the non-flying section of the AMA's Model Aviation for local events. I understand the Chicagoland R/C Modelers are having their annual swap meet November 3rd, so stop by the ATM and pull out some cash. After all, you never know when you might run across a bargain too good to pass up like that vintage eight foot Antoinette you want to preserve for posterity.

Let me remind you that we'll be holding our annual election for club officers next month. A parallel activity is soliciting folks to help out with things like the instruction program or the monthly fun flies. Rich Schaeffer has been pulling together the officer nominations, and he or any one of the club officers or directors would be a good person to talk to if you'd like to volunteer, and earn a few more club points in the process.

We did get an inquiry from the people who plan Lisle's Eyes to the Skies Fest, wondering if we might be interested in flying a little R/C when the balloons aren't taking off over the next 4th of July weekend. So far, club members I've mentioned this to are generally excited about the possibilities, though many have asked questions about safety and liability. An initial discussion I had with a Fest representative indicated they'll have a very clear flight line and good crowd control (they launch full-scale hot air balloons in the morning and the evening), but we certainly need to thoroughly investigate the site and operations. Let's talk about it some more during our next club meeting at 7:30 pm on November 14th at Dean's Dugout.

Kind Regards, Bill





Financial Report

By Marv Luebbert



FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Field Fund		Operating Fund	
Balance October 1, 2007	\$4,387.85	Balance October 1, 2007	\$1,514.52
Two new members @ \$65 ea.	130.00	Income:	
		Dues	60.00
		Hats	10.00
Balance November 1, 2007	\$4,517.85	Total Income	70.00
		Total cash available	1,584.52
		Expenses:	
		None	0.00
		Balance November 1, 2007	\$1,584.52

Newsletter Contributions

Send articles or pictures of interest to the club to:

newsletter@propmastersrc.org

The deadline for submissions is the 21st of the month.

Club Newsletters are posted at the club website:

www.propmastersrc.org.



Meeting Minutes

By Dave Cotton



Meeting Minutes October 10, 2007

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 9:15 p.m. at Dean's Dugout. The September Minutes were approved as published and the September Treasury Report was approved as read and printed in the newsletter.

Committee

Reports:

Newsletter	Nothing new to report.
Safety	Fred Page requested that the membership e-mail him recommendations for standardized hand launch procedures. A general discussion on hand launch issues took place.
Fun Fly	The Prop Masters beat the Barnstormers at this year's annual contest held on September 16 th . The next fun fly will be Qualification Day. According to Larry Dudkowski, this is a great opportunity to earn a lot of points. Refer to the club's web-site for a list of maneuvers for each pilot classification.
Forest Preserve	All members were reminded to keep away from the road on the east side of the field. Use the tree line as a reference and do not pass that point.
Website	The new photo gallery section is up and running and the 2007 Beauty Contest photos have been added.
Library	John Totten mentioned that the library has DVD's for advanced training available.
Instruction	Ivan Cankov reported that due to the earlier sunset the instruction season is winding down during weekdays; therefore, anyone interested should see an instructor on the weekend.
Fundraising	The Hobby Expo Show will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center Rosemont, Illinois October 20 th and 21 st .
Publicity	Marv Luebbert mentioned that all hobby shops have updated material.
Nomination	Anyone interested in running for a position on the Board should submit their name to either Rich Schaeffer or Larry Dudkowski.
Air Show	No report

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Harlan Davis reported that there have been discussions on the internet regarding cell phones interfering with RC Transmitters.

Our field's runway 90-180 is in need of repair and Rich Schaeffer, Marv Luebbert and Dave Cotton will look into what temporary fixes can be done before the cold weather sets in. Later, a determination will be made of the method and cost of more permanent repairs.

New Members &

Guests:

Welcome to all new visitors and members – thanks to Rog and Chirag (CJ) for coming to the meeting.

Lost Horizons:

The SAD patch was contested by Scott Olef for the "Shoot down on the Big Hill" and Dave Cotton with his Decathlon "Smack down at Springbrook Prairie". The patch was awarded to Dave and the last Decathlon he will ever buy. Good ridded to it!



Meeting Minutes By Dave Cotton



Show and Tell: (See photo section)

Jacob Olef	Heli by E-Flight.
Dave Engle	Bobcat 52 by Nitro Planes in red, white and blue.
Larry Dudkowski	P51 Pedal Plane built for his grandson.
Blee Nichols	Twin powered P38 by E-Flight.
John Totten	Foam glider by Greenbrier.
Bill Hickey	Free Flight Lanzo Bomber with a 25 gas ignition engine.
Harlan Davis	Sig Four Star with a 40 size engine in blue, yellow, and red.
Joe Bartek	Rubber powered Hughes H1 built from Flying Models Plans.
Ivan Cankov	P51 Mustang with a OS 55 AX, and a Twist 40 with a Magnum 70 Four Stroke.

Raffle:

The raffle included a Tango 40 ARF, two servos, speed controller, receiver, Fox Plugs, Mag Flashlight (donated by Harlan Davis), and gift card donated by Mike at Hobby Town USA (thanks guys). Lots of people won lots of stuff.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held at Dean's Dugout on November 14th. At 7:30pm.

CLUB CALENDAR

November 14 th	Monthly Meeting
November 18 th	Fun Fly - (Mystery Contest)
December 12 th	Monthly Meeting - (Christmas Auction)
December 16 th	No Fun Fly (Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!)



October 10th. Meeting Photos

By Ray Luchetti



Boy Scouts and buddies, Zach Nichols and Jacob Olef do some fundraising at the meeting.



Scott and Jacob Olef with their Heli by E-Flight.



Joe Bartek showed his rubber powered Hughes H1.



Dave Engle and his Bobcat 52 by Nitro Planes with a 50 size engine.



Larry Dudkowski showed the P51 Pedal Plane he built for his grandson.



Harlan Davis's Sig Four Star built from a kit with a 40 size engine.



Ivan Cankov showed the P51 Mustang's nicely cowl'ed in OS 55 engine.



Ivan also showed this rebuilt Twist 40 with a Magnum 70 four stroke.



John Totten and his foam glider by Greenbrier.



October 10th. Meeting Photos

By Ray Luchetti



Blee and Zach Nichols and their twin Powered P38 by E-Flight.



Bill Hickey and an "old timer" Lanzo Bomber with a 25 gas ignition engine. This plane was donated by the son of the original builder.



President Bill Hickey showed the plaque we get to keep for another year after our win over the Barnstormers.



Fun Fly Committee



October Fun Fly Report - "Qualification Sundays"

Part 1 of 2 - Sunday the 14th:

Generally we don't conduct this event twice, but due to some confusion and less than ideal weather conditions it was the right thing to do. Those who showed up to participate on the 14th flew under a cloudy sky with some intermittent drizzles. The event was already in progress before hearing about its cancellation, so we continued on.

Marvin and Ivan assisted with explaining maneuvers, calling for their students or expert fliers, and also helped verify that the maneuvers were completed correctly. This was my first time participating in and running a qualification event, but that was no problem since so many folks helped out.

Honorable mention goes to Dave Cotton who exercised caution and brought out his SPAD plane since it really did look like it could rain at any moment. He completed all Expert maneuvers using his plastic combat ship. Way to go, Dave!

Several pilots advanced skill levels. Remember, you are always welcome to compete in a higher level at fun-fly contests - but you may not compete in a level lower than you have qualified. Just like Larry says, this can be a big point earner - especially for folks participating in the event for the first time.

Thanks to Ivan Cankov, he ran the 2nd qualification Sunday since the rest of the Fun-Fly committee could not attend the event. Unfortunately it sounds like those who flew on the 2nd Sunday experienced high winds.

Jason Boettcher and the Fun Fly Committee

Part 2 of 2 - Sunday the 21st:

We had Qualification Sunday Part 2 today despite the high winds - 20-30 mph with gusts in the 40's. We had 7 attendees not including the guys who flew a week ago. Only 3 of them were brave enough to participate in the event. That number does not include me as I already participated last week but I had 2 flights with the Rascal 110.

We had only one incident - Tommy's touch-and-go ended as a landing when he pancaked his Somethin' Extra. Nothing major though - just bent landing gear which he fixed right away.

President Bill flew his combat SPAD. Although he could not do a touch-and-go and complete all maneuvers in his class, he did a nice spot landing on the runway.

Ivan Cankov



Fun Fly Committee



Qualification Results

NAME	HOW EARNED							Notes
	Total Points Earned	Attend	Participate	Beginner	Novice	Advanced	Expert	
Bill Barclay	70	10	10				50	Re-did Expert
Marv Luebbert	95	10	10			50	25	Re-did Advanced, Partial Expert
Jason Boettcher	240	10	10	50	85	85		Beginner->Advanced
Dave Carlson	240	10	10	50	85	85		Beginner->Advanced
David Cotton	70	10	10				50	Re-completed Expert
Fred Page	155	10	10	50	85			Novice->Advanced
Dominic Vitello	155	10	10	50	85			Beginner->Novice
Jacob Olef	155	10	10		50	85		Novice->Advanced
Scott Olef	155	10	10			50	85	Advanced->Expert
Ivan Cankov	70	10	10				50	Re-completed Expert
Joe Vitello	10	10						Attendance
Dave Engel	50	10	10				30	Partial Expert
Tom Camp	50	10	10			30		Partial Advanced
Bill Hickey	50	10	10			30		Partial Advanced
Blee Nichols	10	10						Attendance
Dan Nosek	10	10						Attendance
Mick Pfeifer	10	10						Attendance
Scot Lundin	10	10						Attendance
Ray Luchetti	10	10						Attendance

November Fun-Fly

On Sunday November 18th we will be holding our annual **Mystery Event**, with a rain date of Sunday, November 25th. Competition will start at approximately 10:00am.

For this event you will need to bring:

1. Some flying skill.
2. Some luck.

Enough said.

Larry Dudkowski and The Fun-Fly Committee



Hints Information, Tips and Stuff By Larry Dudkowski



Here we are at the end of another flying season. It's hard to believe that time goes by so quickly. This month I'd like to bring up the subject of Fun-Flys. Our club's Fun-Flys are held on the Sunday following each monthly meeting. We only hold about ten Fun-Flys a year since there is not one held in December due to the Christmas Holidays, or September due to the Club's Family Picnic and annual contest with the Barnstormers. Occasionally, because of the weather or other factors, we may hold even fewer than ten Fun Flys.

There are several reasons for holding these events. They are; Enjoyment, Involvement, Improvement and Reward. Let's start with the first and most important, enjoyment. The primary purpose for having Fun-Fly's is to have FUN. If you're not having Fun, something is wrong. Since Fun-Flys are club events, we run them using club rules. Personally, I don't feel their needs be a lot of complicated rules for a club Fun-Fly. Hopefully we create just enough rules to run the event. Rules for each event are published in the newsletter when we announce and describe the next Fun-Fly. Any questions can be resolved either at the club's monthly meeting or at the pilot's briefing prior to the event.

Next there is Involvement. Everyone should participate in Fun-Fly's. Attending the Fun-Flys is a great way to meet the other club members. Don't feel that you may not be skilled enough to compete. That's why we have four classes of pilots. These classes are based on pilot skill and are used in two ways. First, to level the playing field so you compete against other pilots with your approximate skill level. Second, we adjust the actual event to match the different skill levels. The pattern contest is a good example. The "pattern" for the beginner's is five maneuvers; straight flight back, turnaround, one loop, Immelman and straight flight back. The hardest maneuver is the Immelman (half a loop with a half roll at the top). As we advance up the pilot rankings, the number and difficulty of the maneuvers increases. By the time you get to Expert we're up to twenty-two separate maneuvers. In the "Pattern Contest" you can see that the complexity of the event increases with the pilot ranking but again you are only competing against pilots in your class. In other events such as the "Washer Drop" or the "Bean Counter" where everyone essentially does the same thing, your score is compared only to other scores within your class. First, second and third places are awarded for each class.

Next we have Improvement: Use the Fun-Flys to push the envelope of your flying skills. Fun-Fly's give you an excuse to try something new and perhaps suggest what that something new should be. Be willing to try something out of your comfort zone. We try not to make the events too difficult. But, if you feel they are too difficult for your pilot class, please let me or another Committee member know. But above all, don't be afraid to try something new. You can always ask for the assistance of a more experienced pilot.

Finally there is reward. We want to give away "Club Points". The "Club Points" are used at the Christmas Auction held at the December meeting. For Fun-Flys the "Club Points" are awarded as follows: You earn 10 points for just showing up. These are called "Attendance Points". You earn another 10 points if you compete in the Fun-Fly. These are called "Participation Points". To earn the participation points, you must fly at the event. If you fly and for some reason cannot compete in the event, that's OK, as long as you flew you earn the participation points. Generally First, Second and Third place finishes are awarded 30, 20 and 10 points respectively. So if you win you class in one of the Fun-Flys it becomes a FIFTY POINT Sunday. In other events the point awards are determined by the event themselves. A good example of this is "Qualification Sunday" where you can earn SEVENTY points for flying your current class maneuvers. If you simply show up at all of the Fun-Flys, you earn 100 points for the year.

This article is scheduled to come out in the November issue of *Plane Talk*. So while it's a little late to start earning points this year, November is a "iffy" month weather wise at best, hopefully this article will give you something to think about for 2008. Check out the club calendar which usually appears in the January issue of *Plane Talk*, and plan on at least attending, if not participating in, some of our Fun-Flys. By the way, the November Fun-Fly is the mystery event.

Fly Smart and Fly Safe, Larry Dudkowski

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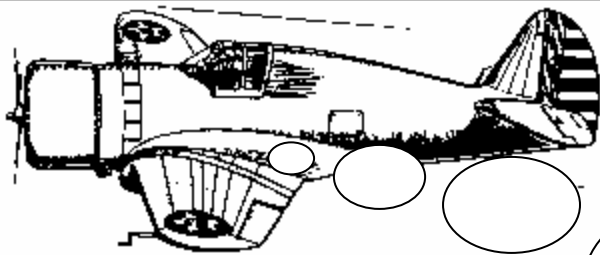
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at Deans Dugout.**

**Next Fun Fly: Mystery Event Sunday
November 18, 2007**

