

Meeting Minutes
Aprils, 2001

President Brad Wall called the meeting to order at 7:30, There were 41 members and 7 guests present.

Guests were introduced and new memberships approved for Buddy Hand, Ray Kohn, and HarpeF Taylor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash.

Treasurer Don Ramsey reported that our financial position is very good and even better than anticipated. Club financial records were available at the head table for membership review.

Committee Reports:

Field Committee- Bob Schlotter reported that the new shed overhang has been framed, painted, and partially sheeted. Additional sheet roofing needs to be purchased anyhow so it has been decided to extend the overhang to include the water fountain area.

Others indicated that the field is in pretty good condition but that it is still too wet to begin the new sprinkler system installation. Max Taylor said that so far the mowing equipment is holding up. We are on our own for maintenance, there having been no acceptable maintenance contract available from the seller. >

Big Bird- Terry Foote said he had obtained an AMA sanction for October 27 and 28. These two days span the Daylight Savings Time change but there is no obvious problem with this, assuming the participants find time to get some sleep. Terry said we would again try to make our fly-in attractive by providing good food, lots of signage,,and, perhaps, an event T-shirt. President Wall agreed that Terry should look into the costs associated with an event shirt and report in a future meeting. As it stands now, we will host only a single big bird event this season. Anyone interested in a second Barnstormer big bird should tell Terry about it. If there is sufficient interest, an attempt can be made to obtain a sanction.

Fun Fly- Bob Upton reported that, for various reasons, he will not be able to CD a fun fly until fall. There were no objections to moving the event until later in the season.

Pattern- Don Ramsey will apply for a sanction for August 25 and 26. These appear to be available dates.

Sailplane- Al Dalnoki said that the sailplane event has been rescheduled to May 19, instead of May 26 as previously reported. The May 26 date was not available. May 19 does conflict with the AMA District 8 Southwestern Aeromodeling Conference in Arlington.

Old Business

Brad once again reminded us not to get too comfortable around our propellers. We need to keep in mind that there is some danger involved in what we are doing. (Indeed,at least two of the members attending the meeting had been clipped significantlyrecently.)

Secretary Bauske reported on the "newsletter co-op" project. The purpose of this was to obtain newsletters from nearby clubs so that we could know what events they were planning and avoid schedule conflicts. Historically, conflicting events have all been big bird fly-ins. A study of such past events indicates that we need to keep an eye on Crosby PropNuts, Jetero, Northwest Houston, Lufkin, and Bomber Field. Additionally, the Fort Worth Thunderbirds are important to us because they always attend our big birds. Ken passed out a schedule showing the events thus far scheduled for this year. Because this material was easily available off the Internet, it was agreed to dispense with the newsletter project and rely upon the network instead.

Scott Rippetoe indicated that he would like to train some more Oak Ridge Academy students on RC building and flying, as he and Bob Upton did a couple of years ago, but he does not have the transportation or time for it. He has training planes, a radio, and two to four students who are interested. Who will help? Interested mentors should contact Scott.

President Wall asked the membership to confirm that the pizza he bought for each Barnstormer meeting with club funds met with continuing approval. (Monthly cost: \$20 to \$30) It was agreed that the empty boxes spoke for those in attendance.

New Business:

Brad displayed the Gold AMA Leader Club Award presented to the Barnstormers by the AMA. This award is given to a few outstanding clubs which have fulfilled a number of requisite safety, membership, and community obligations. (In 1999 less than 1/2 dozen clubs in Texas received this award.) The award includes a pin for each member, a plaque for our clubhouse, and a framed certificate. A round of applause was given to past President Max Taylor who was the driving force behind Barnstormer qualification for this honor.

Additionally, three of our members have been awarded a "Dirty Dozen" Certificate from AMA District 8. The District VP has created this award in the belief that in each successful club there are about a dozen key members who do most of the work and that these outstanding persons should be recognized. A certificate and an appropriate hat have been awarded to Bob Schlotter, Max Taylor, and Jack Evans. These members were further awarded with a Barnstormer ovation. (They will also be honored at the Southwestern Aeromodeling Conference.)

Model of the Month

Bob Upton - Balsa USA V* scale Der Jager. Saito 270 twin, weight 25 pounds, sprayed with 1/2 gallon of Sig Cub Yellow by Steve Tinsley. Model has not been flown. (Bob opted out of MOM voting.)

Loman Reeves - Great Planes Aeromaster. Super Tiger 61,6 pounds, MonoKote, not yet flown. Construction began in 1990 and was interrupted several times by other RC projects and life's little events, such as getting flooded out of the house. The plane was just finished!

Scott Rippetoe - Sig LT 40. OS LA 40. One of two planes built by students, as described elsewhere in these minutes. Scott, an A&M graduate assured us that a decal, which had been * placed erroneously upside down, had been installed by a UT person. This plane has had many flights and is a nice flyer.

Pete Lepir - Baby Bl. Built from RCM plans originally published in August of 1980. 36" span biplane of 575 sq. inches. 4 pounds, 2 ounces. Great flier. Will knife edge.

Al Dalnoki - Showed us the recoil landing gear he milled and built from Bob Holman plans of a Fiesler Storch. Al said that the plans were ordered by mail on Monday and arrived on Friday!

Winner: Loman Reeves

Raffle

Bob Schlotter - Great Planes Slow Poke kit

Loman Reeves - VQ AWARF P-39Q Aircobra

Ray Kohn - Hobbico TorqMaster 90 Deluxe 12 volt starter

Al Dalnoki - Builder's Pack (Sander, Zona saw, 3- in-1 saw set)

Meeting adjourned at 8:36. Ken

Bauske - Secretary