

Meeting Minutes
June?, 2001

President Brad Wall called the meeting to order at 7:32 on a rainy night. There were 39 members and 6 guests present.

Guests were introduced and new memberships were approved for Gail Phillips and Gregory Marshall, both former members.

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

There was no Treasurers report. Committee Reports

Field Committee- Vice President Greg Gathright reported that the field is in very good condition and there presently is no need for extra watering. The new Barnstormer sign has been installed at the field entrance and comments have all been favorable. Bob Schlotter has been unable to obtain the 4 sheets of metal roofing to finish the overhang because the Treasurer has been unavailable to provide the funds. Al Dalnoki reported that he replaced the ignition switch on the brush hog.

Big Bird- Terry Foote reported that our approved event date of October 27-28 is secure from competing events. A similar event is being held at Ellington Field, but on the preceding week. The Jetero Club is conducting an event on the 27th, but it is not a big bird. (War Bird races.)

Old Business

Brad reminded the membership to pick up their individual Gold AMA Leader Club pins from Jack Evans. We are not sure who has and hasn't done so but someone hasn't, there still being pins left over.

Brad asked Greg Gathright to discuss the status of the field irrigation system, the installation of which was approved by the membership on November 2, 2000. The completion of this project has been delayed because of the unavailability of key people as well as the wet spring, which discouraged trenching.

Greg said that he, Paul Langner, Max Taylor, Don Ramsey, and others were firming up a revised design. Jim Sheffield had recently provided the original material and volunteer lists to them. They were ready to pick a date and 'go' with it. They could use still more membership help for the actual installation.

Barnstormer member Kevin Fotomy said he was against using "sweet water" to raise hay. He opposed the sprinkler project and said he would do whatever he could to stop it. He was sure that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission would intervene in our project. He said that golf courses do not and cannot use drinking water to raise grass and we shouldn't either.

Others pointed out that our field was private property and that the TNRCC had no more jurisdiction over our project than they would over an individual watering his own front lawn. Others commented that some residential front lawns were larger than our runway; we weren't

growing an agricultural crop; and that our watered area would be at least three miles shorter than a golf course.

It was generally agreed that this new element, however belated, warranted further investigation. Brad asked that VP Greg Gathright get in touch with the TNRCC, find out what the legalities are, and to report back to him and the other key people involved in this effort.

New Business

It was suggested that we needed a blower to clean up the lawn equipment. Discussion revealed that we already have an electric one stored in the barn.

Gene Dobesh announced that Quarter Scale Air Races were being conducted this next weekend at Hearne, north of College Station. He said this is always an exciting event but that it hasn't had much publicity this year.

Brad pointed out that we now have a cash donation 'kitty' at the front table for the Friendship Center, as approved in last month's meeting.

Model of the Month

Jim Porter - 1/3 scale Sig SpaceWalker. Span 104". Covered with Super Coverite and painted with Rust-Oleum in red and black, like the earliest full scale SpaceWalker. Powered with a G-38, the plane weighs 20 pounds. It has been flown.

Steve Tinsley - Dynafight Super Decathlon, modified for strength and greater accuracy to scale. Span 89", 15 pounds. Powered by Super Tiger 3000 with CH ignition on glow fuel. Ultracote and acrylic enamel. Has been flown twice. Flies like on rails.

John Powell - Scratch built Bandito from April 2000 RCM plans. 65" span, pearl yellow, 56 Saito, 5 1/2 pounds. Sig wheel pants. 3 flights, sweet flyer.

Paul Langner - Sig Four-Star 40. 60" span. Built with modifications by George Crock. Tricycle gear, Saito 72, MonoKote. Not yet flown.

Paul Langner - Airtrax. G-62, MonoKote, 17 pounds. Built by George Crock. Has been flown 3 times.

Ken Bauske - Hanger 9 Aspire EP electric powered 2 meter ARF sailplane. Weighs 3 pounds. Has BEC with ESC. Flown once.

Terry Foote - Lanier 35% Giles 202. 92" span. Terry bought it from someone in the NW Houston RC club and brought it to our meeting so he could get member help with some questions he had about it. Originally had a 5.8 Sachs in it. 6 flights.

Greg Marshall - Hobbico P-40. Super Tiger 91. Retracts. Plane is covered in authentic dust. 275 flights. Last flown in 1993.

Winner (of a gallon of fuel): Jim Porter

Raffle

Kirk Jensen - Great Planes T-Craft .20 size Sport Scale Acrobat kit.

Ray Withrow - Hanger 9 DV/T: Digital Voltmeter/Tachometer.

Kyle Foote - Hobbico Micro Panel Plus: Glo Charger, Plug Driver, Power Panel.

Harper Taylor - Magnum XL 40 model engine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Ken Bauske -

Secretary