

Barnstormer Meeting  
Minutes  
April 4, 2002

President Brad Wall called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. at the Willis Community Center. There were 49 members and 4 guests present. Brad recounted a few historic events, which occurred on this date. Then he read some respectful observations about "old geezers", some of whom are rumored to fly at the Barnstormer field on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Guests were introduced and the new memberships of Todd McGee and Don Wade were approved.

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

Treasurer Ray Kohn gave his report: There has been a lot of financial activity this past month, including the purchase of accessories for the tractor. Ray provided the current checkbook balance, which was "great", and said the books were available for review at the head table.

Field Committee - Vice President Greg Gathright reported that the new safety fence has been put up thanks mostly to Max Taylor, Harold Hebert, and the Tuesday/Thursday group. Members were reminded to take trash home with them, if the trash barrels need emptying, and to replace the plastic bags so that the regular field crews do not have to deal with the further mess of emptying and cleaning the dirtied barrels.

Ray Withrow provided an extensive report regarding his application of 10 tons of lime on 4 acres of field area, as well as the application of nitrogen-phosphate-potash in varying amounts to the field and barn areas. Weed control will continue, the ph range is excellent and should remain so for 5 to 7 years, and sharp sand will be added to fill divots and low spots. In summary, the field is doing great and will be in excellent condition for the IMAC event.

Dick Moore asked about what runway size we are maintaining. The answer was that currently the field is mowed out to 105' by 600', with a 50' wide runway, cut short and irrigated.

IMAC - Kirk Jensen displayed a large event banner covered with the names of sponsors for the April 20 and 21 st event. The event committee is in need of more club volunteers to help in the kitchen, do inspections, and to staff the impound area. This event is shaping up to be the biggest one in the South Central Area. Kirk reminded the membership that the field would be closed to regular flying on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on the weekend of the contest.

Tractor - Treasurer Ray Kohn reviewed the results of the sale of the old Ford tractor, which was approved at the last meeting. The Ford was sold with related attachments for \$x,xxx.xx. The re-enforced Tractor Committee (with "Bear Hebert") negotiated a package discount price for new replacement attachments, totaling \$xxxx.xx. The net result is that we have completed the John Deere Tractor purchase with associated attachments for \$xx,xxx, which is \$x,xxx less than the approved amount.

At this point, Brad asked for a standing ovation for Ray Withrow, Max Taylor, Tom Walter, Harold Hebert, and Ray Kohn for their fine work on the tractor project.

Oil Lease - Brad reported that the oil lease has been signed and sent off and the \$x,xxx check cashed.

Sailplane - Al Dalnoki will conduct our annual sailplane contest on June 8. As Contest Director he recently received the appropriate AMA materials. With these also came some new pages, which cautioned against un-authorized turbine use in AMA club events. The AMA must certify turbine fliers before they can fly at any field, including ours! This should not be a big problem with a sailplane event, of course.

Big Bird - Brad Wall reported that Terry Foote has again agreed to CD this annual event, to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Ken Bauske said that Charles Hirsch had just phoned him and offered to once again provide the donation of a large plane to be used in a raffle promoting our event. This year Charles will provide a Top Flight DC-3 kit with retracts and, probably, two K&B 40's.

### New Business

Harold Hebert opened a discussion about the job performance of our "hay man". Bear said the guy was no longer fertilizing and taking proper care of our crop. Max Taylor added that he, himself, was disappointed that the man was not clearing the fence lines as he was supposed to be doing. Someone else suggested that we could be doing our own haying with our new tractor. Max quickly dispelled this notion, pointing out that such work requires a huge tractor and the proper cutting equipment. It was decided that Brad and Max would get together and figure out what to do about the situation.

Bill Killion from the Brazos Valley Radio Control Club came all the way down from Bryan to invite us to participate in their Junkyard Wars Fun Fly event to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bill is the CD for this event, which involves 4-man teams constructing a plane from junk parts provided by the BVRC, and flying it within a 4-hour time limit. Each team brings its own bushing 40 and a simple radio. The field location is near 2776 and Highway 21, north of Bryan. Website is [bvrc.txcyber.com](http://bvrc.txcyber.com).

### Model of the Month

Bob Houghton- Great Planes Ryan STA ARF. inverted Super Tiger 91, MonoKote, 80" span. Great parts fit and construction but directions were poor and hardware was not very good. First flight was today. Test pilot Jim Coleman said it was a "nice flier."

James King- Top Flite P-51 D Mustang, from kit, 65' span, with as 98 FS. Tuskegee markings on 21 st Century fabric. Not flown.

Al Dalnoki- Wanderer sailplane. 2 meter span, rudder, elevator only. This plane was about 30 years old, built by a friend. Flies great. Al brought it to the meeting to promote his sailplane contest. Al also displayed and described a Voltmeter/Ammeter, which he had built from Radio Shack components.

Winner of a gallon of fuel: James King

Raffle - (Prizes provided by Just Hobbies)

Bill Cotter- WATTAGE Crazy Max park flyer

Dick Moore- GWS PICa Tiger Moth electric park flyer

Bart Massey- WATT AGE MINI MAX Electric Combination

Ellis Campbell- WATTAGE EZETTE ARF with motor

Meeting adjourned at 8:38.

Ken Bauske  
Secretary