

## Barnstormer Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2002

President Wall called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Willis Community Center. There were 36 members and 4 guests present.

The first order of business was the embarrassment of Ann Tinsley, who thought she was coming to watch a meeting and instead found she was the surprised audience of the Barnstormer Happy Birthday Chorus. Husband Steve Tinsley then presented the opening joke, which came in two clever parts, the first a declarative adoration of senior citizens (Steve is feeling age-creep, apparently), and the other, a touching southern love poem.

As proposed at the June meeting, Brad Wall had arranged for a speaker/program: Stu Jardine from the Area Services Electrical Company in the Woodlands gave a short, informative presentation on electrical safety, after which he answered questions from the members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash. Secretary Bauske reported that Gold Leader Club Pins as well as copies of the Barnstormer New Member Guide were available at the front table. The member guides are always available in the flying field clubhouse for prospective members.

Guests were introduced and new memberships were approved for Clint Caroon, Warren Dalton, Don Yockey, Jon Bartoshek, Robert Kennedy, Russell Hauser, and Jeff Dommence.

Treasurer Ray Kohn gave his report. The cash balance is very good, the annual dues payments are coming in just fine, and everything looks good. The books were available for review at the front table. Ray also reported that member Jody Stevens was moving to Fort Worth and wanted to sell his RC hobby inventory. A description of items for sale was available at the front table. Jody's number is (936) 597-6766.

Vice President Greg Gathright gave the field report: In addition to recent wind damage to our buildings, there is a problem with the Bahia grass. Greg asked Ray Withrow to elaborate, a task Ray obviously enjoys. Ray said he is three weeks behind in spraying to control the Bahia. (For review: Bahia is really bad.) If he did spray, the frequent rains will wash off the expensive chemicals. Unfortunately, the good progress we have made against the Bahia is now at a standstill and the only thing we can do at this time is to keep the problem area scalped to hold the growth down. The mowing crews are aware of this.

Brad announced that Harold Hebert is taking over the mowing team duties, now that the first year team-term is over. Harold ("Bear") said there were 5 openings for new team members and that he was passing out a sign up list. He said team members should be prepared for duties beyond just mowing. These include trash removal, restroom maintenance, and general pick-up. The need for coverage is 7 days a week; consequently, volunteers are being asked to specify which days they would not be available.

Old Business - Brad asked Al Dalnoki for a glider report. Al said he had 11 entrants for the June 8 event. He had provided a written report in the June Prop Wash. He thanked members for their help at this contest.

Greg Gathright was called upon to hand out last month's Certificates of Appreciation for work done by Barnstormer members during the IMAC event. Pretty much those members who did not receive these awards because of absence at the last meeting continued to not receive them because of absence from this meeting.

Brad reassured members that the new First Aid box, displayed by Ray Kohn at the last meeting and subsequently stored in the impound area, had not blown away with the rest of the building and was still available for emergency use. Remember: Safety. Concentrate, especially when you get those engines started.

New Business - Al Dalnoki was called upon to show a short video he took of the storm damage at our field. Al also pointed out that one of the damaged trees continues to split down the trunk and may still be a safety hazard, even now that the fallen limbs have been removed. The field crew will look into this further.

Editor Mark Kozak is handling the insurance matters pertaining to the storm damage. He was called upon to tell the members about our coverage as well as his experiences with the Germania Insurance adjuster at the field. Mark said we should get paid the \$xxxx policy limits on the shed area, new roof shingles on the clubhouse, and something for the porch (awning) area. No dollars have been forthcoming as yet. Now that the adjuster has evaluated the damage, we are free to begin cleanup and repair. Max Taylor pointed out that we would need a truck or a trailer to remove the debris. Greg Gathright asked that some of the work be done on the weekends so working members could help. These suggestions were met with enthusiastic murmurs and supportive mumbling, the details of which the Secretary was unable to decipher.

Ray Kohn provided a Structural Replacement Report. This covered considerations for repairing or replacing the extensively damaged shed area. Because the building blew down during an approximate 50-MPH straight-line wind, it was obvious that it did not comply with Walker County Building codes, which require 74-MPH wind loads. The extent of the damage and the probability of another such wind suggest it would be appropriate to replace the whole structure with a pre-engineered kit-like steel building. From Ray's contacts with 7 different providers, it appears we could build a sturdy 100' by 20' replacement for only about \$xxxx more than the Germania insurance money. Ray displayed a large chart of his increasingly familiar cash flow analysis to show that the club could comfortably fund this. A written report was provided to the Executive Committee.

Discussion followed. In concert with Ray's recommendations, President Wall then appointed Max Taylor as chairman of a committee to investigate construction methods to determine what is the best way to approach either repair or replacement of the shed structure. Max gets to pick his own committee members and should report back to the Executive Committee with the committee recommendations "fairly quickly".

President Wall asked Ray Kohn to provide an overview of just when a flier is covered by AMA insurance. Brad said that consideration needs to be given to adding signage at the field to advise people that AMA membership is required for all fliers. Also, he felt that we should consider creating a hand out for local hobby shops to spell out the requirements we have before a person can fly at our field.

Ray then reviewed an AMA Insurance Coverage Summary that he had put together as a result of searching all available AMA material and talking to Carl Maroney, an

AMA Executive Staff member. At present there are 6 forms of acceptable proof of coverage. These, plus a 7<sup>th</sup>, under consideration, will be printed up in the next Prop Wash. The most reliable and understandable subset: Possession of a current AMA membership card.

Steve Tinsley asked if a member could fly the airplane of a non-AMA member who shows up at the field. The answer is "yes". Max Taylor asked if we always verify the AMA membership of each new member applicant. The answer is "yes", often through the AMA online verification system. Observing the AMA card itself is the best way if the situation permits.

It was asked if someone could let his grandson fly without an AMA membership. The answer was a resounding "no". AMA membership for a person under 19 costs only \$1 and is required for all flying youths. (Additionally, Barnstormer membership is required at age 18 unless the individual is a full time college student.)

### Model of the Month

Jon Bartoshek- Great Planes DR-I, Fokker Tri-plane ARF. Powered by an HB 61 (yes, HB), 8 pounds. This was Jon's first ARF so he did not know what to compare it with. It went together all right but he did not like some of the hardware. Not flown.

Jon Bartoshek- F4U Corsair, scratch built 20 years ago from Bob Holman plans. Modeled after the "Lost Black Sheep" aircraft of Chris McGee. Moki 1.8. Completely fiber glassed, weighs 18 pounds. Jon rebuilt the plane after the original builder crashed it. It has not since been flown.

Winner of a gallon of fuel from Just Hobbies: Jon Bartoshek

### Raffle

P.I Gamber- Wattage Mini-Max Electric plane combo  
Bob Bissell- Anderson Super Heat Gun

John Avant- AccuGlo Pro Series power panel

Bob Kennedy- Kangke Super Craft SK-50 Fun Fly kit

Various-\$20 Area Services Electrical Co. gift certificates provided by our guest speaker

Meeting adjourned at 9: 12 p.m.

Following the meeting, Al Dalnoki showed videotapes of recent air meets.

Ken Bauske  
Secretary