

Barnstormer Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2002

President Brad Wall called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. at the Willis Community Center. There were 41 members and 4 guests present. There were no new guests to be introduced.

Brad opened the meeting by welcoming all and reminding us of historic events that occurred in the month of May. He then told a joke that was well accepted.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting directly from the pages of the Prop Wash. There were no changes or corrections. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Ray Kohn gave his report: He provided the current bank balance and stated that everything was going smoothly. The books were available at the front table for member review. Disappointingly, he had no chart presentation to give.

Field Committee - Vice President Greg Gathright was unable to attend; consequently Brad provided the field report. Field conditions are very good. The field needs sand. Ray Withrow said he would look into obtaining about 30 tons of sharp sand to fill irregularities in the perimeter of the flying area. This type sand may be hard to obtain.

IMAC - Gail Phillips reported that the IMAC contest, held on April 20 and 21, was a big success. There were 25 registered contestants and three days of good weather. The sponsors seemed satisfied and probably would support this event again next year. One of our neighbors complained of noise on Friday and measures were taken to avoid flying near his property. The unknown sequences were changed and a flagman was located near the property line to warn-away fliers. This seemed to satisfy him. The IMAC event was profitable for the Barnstormers: \$366 and a striping machine were turned over to our club by the IMAC Committee. (Total value: About \$475.) The committee and club volunteers were given a round of applause.

Sailplane - Brad reminded members that the glider contest would be held on June 8. CD Al Dalnoki arrived at the meeting in time to confirm this.

Big Bird - Terry Foote reported that the Big Bird Fly-In would be held on October 26th and 27th.

Old Business

President Wall reminded us that the Brazos Valley Club would be hosting the Junkyard Wars Fun Fly on Saturday, May 4th. It appeared that none of the members present at the meeting had plans to participate.

Brad announced that the Barnstormers have once again been named as an AMA Gold Leader Club. The Secretary was appointed to dig out the Gold Leader pins from wherever they are stored and present them to the newer members who didn't get one last year.

New Business

Brad has been approached by a Civil War Reenactment group who are looking for a battlefield and campsite for April 2003. They would like to use our property for this and have assured Brad that they would not damage the field. They said the Barnstormers would gain \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a weekend's use. In the discussion that followed, there was a lot of skepticism expressed about field damage, noise, and nuisance. Brad indicated we could think about the possibilities for a while; no immediate response is

required.

Other

The membership was advised of the death of Jack Young's wife and the memorial service arrangements for Saturday, May 4.

Model of the Month

Adam Kaminskas - Dynaflite PT -19. Built from an older kit. 89 1/2" wingspan. The plane weighs 17 pounds, resulting in a wing loading of 320z. Coverite fabric. Powered by a Homelite weed eater engine which Adam converted himself. (Could be either the 25cc version or the 30cc version. There is no way to tell.) Plane has flown several times with Jim Coleman as test pilot.

James King - German Stuka, from a Sterling kit. 70" wingspan. Powered by a Thunder Tiger 61. The kit was all balsa and required a lot of carving. The desert colored paint was difficult to obtain in model paints. James had his mixed from water based paint at Home Depot. The plane has not yet been flown.

John Powell Jr. - Texas Outlaw Quickie 500 ARC. 48" span, 3 ~ pounds. Powered by a MVVS 40. Foam wings. Flies fast but is difficult to taxi on grass field because of small wheels and tailskid. Best technique is to hold it, rev up, and release.

Winner of a gallon of fuel from Just Hobbies: Adam Kaminskas

Raffle

Harold Hebert - Magic AR TF from VQ Models

Paul Langner - Hitec Popular Flite Pax (Receiver, servos, battery, switch harness) Max Taylor- Hobbico Quick Field Charger

Jim Porter - Hobbico Digital Voltmeter MKIII

Ken Bauske
Secretary