

## Barnstormer Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2002

President Wall called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. at the Willis Community Center. There were 36 members and 11 guests present.

Steve Tinsley was called upon for the opening joke, which was ethnic in nature. Then Brad read from an informational piece with a Biblical theme. There were chuckles and murmurs of awe. The Committee on Political Correctness is investigating.

The minutes from the August meeting were read (yawn) and approved.

Guests were introduced. New Barnstormer memberships were approved for the following people:  
Brian Sauers, Tommy Joe Shelton, Josh Houser Jr., Keith Hofibaur, and Richard Robbins.

Treasurer Ray Kohn was called upon for his report: We have a large cash balance. However, 25 members have not yet paid their dues. The gate code will be changed on October 1. Members will receive the new code and their membership sticker along with an updated Barnstormer Roster in the last week of September. The sticker belongs on your 2003 AMA membership card; consequently, it will need to be saved until you renew your AMA membership.

Vice President Gathright gave the field report: He observed that the field looks great, the sprinklers are working fine, and the grass is nice and green. Bear Hebert, head of field maintenance, reported that the field looks like a golf course. Ray Withrow's poison potion has defeated the (bad) Bahia grass.

President Wall shook hands with and VP Gathright presented Barnstormer Certificates of Appreciation to attending members and family who worked on the successful pattern event of August 24 & 25. Altogether, awards were prepared for Gail Phillips, Jack Evans, Tom Walter, Kirk Jensen, Adam Kaminskas, Jim Porter, Bob Bissell, Charlie Barrera, Don Ramsey, Barbara Asaro, Larry Asaro, Luis Rodriguez, Claire Ramsey, Bob Butley, and Bear Hebert.

Event Director Terry Foote reported on the Big Bird, scheduled for October 26 and 27. He has prepared fliers and is about to send them out. Volunteers are needed for the kitchen and other supporting activities.

### Old Business

Max Taylor was called upon for the Construction Committee update. Max reported that the committee met on August 29 to review the bids we had received. The lowest 4 bidders were selected to receive a more refined version of the requirements that the committee has developed. Ray Kohn pointed out that there was an economy of scale with the proposed structure, hence our revised requirements specify a somewhat larger shed than was originally contemplated. The committee anticipates making a firm recommendation to the Executive Committee within 2 weeks for a replacement structure, which should cost well under the approved amount.

Greg Gathright showed the new sign he has drafted to advise visitors that an AMA card is required before they can fly. The sign was well accepted. However, President Wall advised the membership that the Executive Committee would be adding verbiage to discourage over flights of neighbors property.

## New Business

Brad appointed a nominating committee to create a slate of officers for next year to be presented at the October meeting: Paul Langner, Harold Hebert, and Loman Reeves.

Brad pointed out that there were sign up sheets for polo shirts on the side table. He also explained that a silent auction was underway for RC items that Leon Jewell had brought to the meeting.

President Wall opened a discussion concerning a complaint from our eastern neighbor, who says planes are flying over his house. Some members felt this was only a problem when outsiders came for contests. Others felt the over flights resulted from an occasional inadvertent loss of control by new students. Some didn't think it happened at all, given the extreme distance to the neighbor's house. Proposed solutions included signage, spotters to advise fliers, balloons at the fence line, and encouraging the neighbor to phone the field and alert us as soon as he observes an over-fly occurrence. The neighbor has been given our field telephone number.

Brad reported that some of the membership thinks we should have an east-west runway in addition to our present north-south one. A discussion followed. Some members felt there was not sufficient space on our property for an additional east-west runway and over-flights of neighbors would become an even larger problem. Others contended that they had walked off the space required and that we had plenty of it. Safety and runway co-ordination issues were discussed. Others wondered what problem we were trying to solve: Sun in the eyes or crosswinds? Are we concerned with daily flying problems or just making accommodation for pattern and IMAC contestants at risk of losing their planes in the sun? It seemed there was no strong sponsor present to link a specific problem with a plan for a solution. It was moved that "we entertain doing an east-west runway." This motion was defeated.

President Wall reported that someone has suggested that we need a special membership for disabled members who can no longer fly but who may wish to remain in the club without paying dues. Secretary Bauske reviewed the present provisions of our Constitution and By Laws, which would have to be modified to permit a limited membership. The AMA recommended model constitution has a provision for an "associate" membership, which does not pay, vote, or fly. It was moved, seconded, and approved that "we entertain at the next re-do of the constitution and by-laws a consideration of an associate membership."

Ken Bauske and Ray Kohn introduced a revised New Member Guide. Ray has re-written and updated the entire document, which Don Ramsey put together for new members in 1990 and was subsequently updated by Ken in 2001. (There was an even earlier version, author unknown.) These newly revised guides are available in the club house, along with club and AMA member applications and other relevant material in a new well-marked filing tray. Mike Gamber suggested that the New Member Guide be added to the Barnstormer web site.

Brad reminded members to observe safety precautions and to keep their fingers out of the propellers.

## Model of the Month

Ray Kohn- Two (count 'em: 2) Sig Something Extras. One, covered in MonoKote, is powered with a Saito 56 and has had 300 flights. The other is covered in UltraCote with a beautiful flame

pattern. Power for this is a Saito 72. The landing gear has been modified to permit a larger propeller. It has not yet been flown.

Kyle Foote- A scratch built plane designed by his uncle before he passed away in 1977. Kyle built this by himself while his father was out of town. Powered by a Thunder Tiger 15, the plane has not yet been flown.

Tyler Mrosko- Electric Stearman PT -17 from a Robbe kit. Powered by a geared 280 on 8 cells. Weighs 12 1/2 ounces. Has had one flight.

Winner of a gallon of fuel from Just Hobbies: Kyle Foote

Raffle:

Joe Berryman- Great Planes Power Plane

Tommy Joe Shelton- MAXX Products Pre-built field box

Greg Garthright- ARF Global Spitfire with retracts

Josh Houser- Great Planes Easy Touch Sander

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Following the meeting Terry Foote displayed 1940's material from Northrop. These included depictions and photos of the famous Flying Wing.

Ken Bauske  
Secretary