

Barnstormer Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2003

President Max Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. at the Willis Community Center. There were 41 members and 4 guests present.

Guests were introduced and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash. Ray Kohn gave the Treasurers report and displayed the updated raffle chart, which now also shows the monies accrued as a result of the Charles Hirsch donations. Dues are now being received and the bank balance is increasing as a result.

Editor Pam Kohn thanked the donors who provided our monthly raffle items. Again, Du-Bro and Bob Smith Industries provided many items. In addition, this month Tower Hobbies provided two Hobbico SPECTRUM .40 ARF's, which we appreciate very much.

Vice President Harold Hebert gave a short report on the sudden heart attack and death of popular long time member and pattern flier Ollie Sonnier.

According to Bear, our field is in good -shape. He reminded the members that the upcoming Saturday was a workday, as all Saturdays following club meetings.

Safety Officer Adam Kaminskis reviewed some harrowing flying events, which had just occurred on the day of the meeting. Fortunately, "no blood was drawn". However, there was aircraft damage. Members were reminded that yelling, "dead stick" is a most effective way to draw attention to an emergency landing. Also, frequency sticks should be returned to the rack between flights and not be held for hours. Don't forget to retrieve your AMA cards.

Secretary Bauske reported that we have received 1000 small brochures from the Radio Control Hobby and Trade Association (RCHTA) for distribution to potential members. (These have been stamped with our Barnstormer address and are now available in the clubhouse.) Up until this year RCHTA provided cash awards (usually \$50) to clubs for any newspaper articles about club members or activities which featured the RC hobby. Unfortunately, this program has been discontinued and replaced by the brochure handouts.

Scott Mrosko gave the Electric Fly report. This event is scheduled for October 18 and 19. The AMA has approved a sanction for this event. Scott said he has received offers of support from Hobby Lobby, Hitec, New Creations; and Global. The nature and extent of this support are as yet to be determined. The event flyer that Scott prepared has been distributed to over 100 clubs in Texas and Scott also handed them out at a recent electric event in Georgia.

President Taylor suggested that we might combine the food purchases for the Electric Fun Fly and the Big Bird, which is scheduled for the following weekend, October 25 and 26. Bob Bissell volunteered to be the food chairman for both events.

Kirk Jensen noted that we are not hosting Pattern or IMAC events this year because of the over-fly problem with neighbors. How will the Big Bird be different? Max said we would use the same fence line monitoring procedures that were used with the April Pavilion Fun. Fly, which received no complaints.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new memberships of Ron Beale and Mike Wickizer were approved. Mike is a former member who is returning after a move away from the area.

Barnstormer Webmaster Dick Pursley is resigning from the job because of other commitments. Max asked for volunteers to replace him. Matthew Barnes and Bob Johnson volunteered

On behalf of the Executive Committee Ray Kohn introduced a new version of the Barnstormer Constitution. He presented a description of the proposed Constitution revision. Members at the meeting were offered a packet containing a cover letter, the present Constitution, and the new revision. Members not at the meeting will have this material mailed to them in accordance with the procedures for Constitutional revision. The Constitution will be a major agenda item at the August meeting.

SHOW AND TELL: Jon Bartoshek- Back for the second month with an Electric Crazy Max. He won this one at the last meeting when New Creations donated it as a raffle prize. The new plane has ailerons and is even more fun than last month's plane, which did not.

Ray Kohn - Hobbico Spectrum.40 ARF. This plane was featured in the July Prop Wash.

Max Taylor- Tower Hobbies Voyager donated by Charles Hirsch. A club member later purchased the plane, with proceeds going to the club.

ATTENDANCE JACKPOT & RAFFLE: New member Tony Baxter missed his first meeting and the Attendance Jackpot as well. The Jackpot rolls over to the next meeting.

- *Hobbico SPECTRUM.40 ARF- Jack Young
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- *Du-Bro 2-5-6 Swivel Ball Link 12 pk.-Fred Dennis
- *Du-Bro Super Strength Servo Arms- Larry Asaro
- *Du-Bro Low Bounce Treaded \7heels-Richard McCants
- *Du-Bro Spinner- Gene Dobesh
- *Du-Bro Ball Wrench-Adam Kaminskis
- *Bob Smith Industries Epoxy & CA Pkg- Bob Bissell
- *Du-Bro Bonus Raffle Surprise- 16 people won prizes

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Ken Bauske
Secretary