

Barnstormer Meeting  
Minutes November 6,  
2003

President Max Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Willis Community Center. There were 40 members and 5 guests present. Guests were introduced and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash.

Ray Kohn provided his Treasurer's report. Our cash balance is quite high and new member fees keep contributing to this. Ray displayed an updated raffle chart for us. The raffle has made a lot of money because Editor Pam Kohn has been able to get so many donations from manufacturers and suppliers. In addition, Charles Hirsch and others have donated many items, which have been included in the club raffle. The club books were available for review at the front table.

Editor Pam Kahn thanked the donors who provided this month's raffle items. Du-Bro and Bob Smith Industries once again are contributors. In addition, PSP has given us an engine test stand. Kyosho has donated a Gee Bee ARF. Jim Hurley gave us a Morris Hobbies Top Cap kit, and Cermak provided an electdc starter.

VP Bear Hebert provided the field report. The field is in good condition and the cooler weather has slowed grass growth. There is no need for a Saturday workday on November 8. (There was a murmur of disappointment.) Members should pick up their own garbage and take it home. There is a supply of garbage bags in the well house for this purpose, if needed.

Bear reviewed some important safety items. He pointed out that at this time of year we should be aware that bees are attracted to open soft drink cans. We should tap the can and look inside before swigging. Also, when the bee has finished his drink, take the empty can home with you.

A recent fatal incident with a model helicopter at Sam Bass Park has prompted us to again review our emergency phone arrangements at the field. Safety Office Adam Kaminskas has verified our procedures with Walker County authorities and posted the emergency telephone numbers next to the field telephone.

VP Hebert reminded us that the December meeting would once again conclude with the traditional swap meet. There will be no Model of the Month. The club will not provide pizza or snacks but we should all bring something to eat and share with others.

Scott Mrosko was called upon to give the Electric Fun Fly report. He said that event was a great success, with 62 registered fliers. There were no noise complaints from our neighbors and the event made money for us. Participants loved our field facilities and some said that this had been the third or fourth best electric meet in the nation. Scott and Kirk Massey are looking for a good date in 2004 for an even bigger event. They thanked the Barnstormers for working so hard in support of the Fun Fly. Next year they would like some members to volunteer to help promote the event.

Max gave the Big Bird report for CD Terry Foote, who was away on business. The event was nearly washed out on Saturday but participants were able to fly between intervals of rain. 19 pilots showed up with 32 planes and the event made some money for us. There was no rain on Sunday but it was cold and windy. Paul Langner's granddaughter won the DC3 donated by Charles Hirsch.

OLD BUSINESS: The nominating committee reported that the original candidates for Secretary and Treasurer had declined. Therefore, Bob Schlotter nominated Mike Gamber for Secretary and Jack Young nominated Teny Lee for Treasurer. There being no further nominations from the floor, the following members were elected by acclamation as officers for 2004: President- Larry Roloff: VP- Jon Bartoshek, Secretary- Mike Gamber, Treasurer- Keny Lee, Editor- Bob Johnson.

Jon Bartoshek reported that he is taking orders for Barnstormer nametags, which will cost \$4. He may be in a position next month to take orders for caps, shirts, and jackets.

NEW BUSINESS: New memberships were approved for Dan Wiggins, Matt Jolley, Jim Newton, Harold Bissonnet, and Ross Havlick.

Keith Rymal suggested we needed a dedicated area or some new regulations to permit 3-D fliers to practice without interfering with others. President Taylor appointed Paul Langner, Keith Rymal, and Keny Lee as a committee to look into this and report back at the next meeting with some recommendations.

Webmaster Bob Johnson was authorized to open our Yahoo chat site to non-club members. Mike Gamber volunteered to be a moderator.

Scott Mrosko moved that the club conduct an electric sailplane Fun Fly on December 6. This was seconded and passed.

Show & Tell: Keith Rymal- Morris Hobbies Sledge 40. From a kit. MVVS 49 with a 13x4. 5 pounds. Beautiful MonoKote job. 2 flights, flies great.

Ray Kohn- Kyosho Gee Bee Z- See full-page report in the November Prop Wash. Ray also displayed his PSP Engine Test Stand mounted on his Black and Decker workbench.

Steve Tinsley- KMP (Kondor Model Products) Gee Bee ARF. 71" span, 12 1/4 pounds with Webra 120. Well-made in China Wing loading is 34.7 oz. per sq.ft. Airtronics equipped. Not yet flown.

Tyler Mrosko- Close in combat (CLINE) electric flying wing with GWS motor, 7 cell NiMH.

Also, Hobby Lobby Piper with Graupner Speed300, 29" span, 10 oz.

Gene Dobesh- DARCYWITCH flying witch from K&M Machine Works. 72" Rogalo wing with MVVS 91. 8 1/2 pounds with broomstick and swinging legs.

ATTENDANCE JACKPOT & RAFFLE: The jackpot winner was AJ. Sebastian, but he was not present at the meeting. The jackpot rolls over to the next meeting.

\*Kyosho Gee Bee- Bob Johnson      \*Morris Hobbies Top Cap- Keny Lee  
\*Cermak 12 v Starter- Bob Houghton  
\*PSP Mfg. Engine Stand- Troy Montague  
\*Du-Bro Swivel Ball Link- Steve Costa \*Du-Bro *EIZ* Trimmer- John Schuren  
\*Du-Bro Super Strength Servo Arms-  
Bob Schlotter  
\*Du-Bro 2 "1/2" Wheels- Steve Costa  
\*Du-Bro 4-40 Kwik Links- Ross  
Havlick  
\*BSI Epoxy and CA- Fred Sheldon  
Du-Bro Bonus Raffle Surprise- 14 people  
shared 17 prizes Meeting adjourned at  
9:07 pm.

Ken Bauske-Secretary