

## Barnstormer Meeting Minutes September 4, 2003

President Max Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm at the Willis Community Center as storms struck the surrounding area and tornado warnings kept eyes on the horizon. Eventually 30 members and 8 guests showed up.

Guests were introduced and the absence of Loman and Mary Reeves was noted. Loman's mother had passed away during the previous night.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash. Editor Pam Kolrn thanked member Charles Hirsch as well as Du-Bro and BSI for their contributions to the evening's raffle. Treasurer Ray Kohn reported that we have a healthy cash balance now that dues have come in. The books were available at the front table for review.

Ray said that we have 121 paid members out of a roster of 147. Those who have not paid by October 1 will be dropped from the club. Overall, in 2003 we have added 10 new members and lost 32 old ones. Ray displayed updated raffle charts and reported that there has been only one attendance jackpot winner this year.

Vice President Harold Hebert gave the Field Committee Report: The field is in very good shape, having been just mowed today after several days of rain. Because the facilities are in such good condition, there will be no member workday on Saturday, September 6.

Scott Mrosko reported that there continues to be good support for the Electric Fun Fly, to be held on October 18 and 19. He needs a volunteer to conduct a series of raffles throughout the event. He anticipates that the first day's flying will wrap up on Saturday at 5 or 5:30 pm. New Creations has volunteered to stay open into the later evening to support flyers who may need service or parts for their electric equipment.

Terry Foote displayed the very professional looking flyer for the Big Bird Fly In, scheduled for October 25 and 26. He is distributing these at key places all around this part of the state and will also prepare something for our web site. He has again chosen to not list this event in Model Aviation. Terry needs volunteers to conduct the raffle of a DC3 kit, help Bob Bissell in the kitchen, and to put the road signs out on the north access and south access to our flying field. Larry Roloff volunteered to help with anything of Terry's choosing. Terry calculates that this is our 19<sup>th</sup> Big Bird event.

Bob Johnson, our new Barnstormer web master, invited us to look at our new web page and send him our comments. We now have a newly created discussion group, along with several special interest sections. Bob needs authors for soaring and electric special interest groups.

Max Taylor alerted us to several of the AMA approved events that clubs in our surrounding area were conducting in the September/October time frame. A couple of these could put some attendance pressure on our own events.

New Business: The new memberships of Russell Tyler Beale and Ken Dingle were approved.

Max appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee for the next officer year: Steve Sinner, Bob Schlotter, and Jack Young. The committee will make dletl - recommendations at the October meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, of course.

President Taylor described a proposed north deck to be installed under the new pavilion. The deck would be about 23' by 28'. Installation could probably be completed by the time of our October flying events. Cost estimates for materials seem to fit our budget. Terry Foote moved that we approve this project. Scott ~1rosko provided a second, and this motion was passed.

Member Charlie Barrera recounted an incident with a neighbor, which happened on Friday, August 29. The pattern group was practicing their routines and, as usual, monitoring their flights carefully when a gunshot was heard nearby. Soon after, Charlie was face to face with an armed neighbor at the fence line and observed what he took to be threatening behavior. Charlie called the Walker County Sheriff. When the deputy appeared, he admonished the neighbor and defended our right to over-fly his property. (A right we don't believe we have, and an act the pattern flyers deny committing.)

An extensive discussion followed. VP Bear Hebert leaned heavily on his 43 years experience in law enforcement, his past year as Chairman of the Field Committee, and his personal acquaintance with the neighbor to make the following points: 1. We do not have the right to overfly our neighbor. 2. Our neighbor has been reasonable with us in the past and we are trying to avoid confrontation. 3. Our neighbor has the right to fire a gun on (but within) his own property. 4. A gun tlu'eat is a serious felony; however, it is never a good idea to confront a man canying a gun.

Other discussion points: The Executive Committee seeks to closely control future contacts with the neighbor. We are grateful for Charlie's report and respect his handling of the incident. There may be long-term possibilities for resolution of the ongoing friction. Meanwhile, the membership must help by flying only within Barnstormer property.

Show & Tell Greg Marshall- Beautiful Third scale 96" Extra 260 from a Pirate Hobbies kit. 3W100 twin gas engine. Gt'eg added many features, such as a pressure cowl around the motor, custom tail wheel, custom control horns and hinges, additional internal bracing, and a removable empennage. A two-year project. Not yet flown.

Kyle Foote- Sig Hummer from a kit. Powered by an APO .61 Hornet. Plane has ailerons, elevator, and throttle. Not yet flown.

Ken Bauske- Pico Tiger Moth electric. 31" span, geared motor on 6 cells. Not yet flown. Also a WattAge Ultimate electric ARF. 30" span, Super Cobalt 400 motor on 7 cells. Not yet flown.

Attendance Jackpot and Raffle: The jackpot name drawn was Sam Ward. Because he was not there, the jackpot rolled over to the next meeting.

Big Bird art poster- Bob ScWotter BSI  
Epoxy and CA pack- Teny Foote Du-Bro  
Spinner- Ron Beale  
Du-Bro 4-40 Kwik Link- Mike Gamber Du-Bro  
Heavy Duty Control Horn- Ron Beale Super  
Strength Servo Arms- Bear Hebert Du-Bro 2-56  
Swivel Ball Links- Greg Marshall Combo  
Package- Max Taylor  
Top Flite P-47 kit- Kerry Lee

Charles Hirsch Bonus Raffle Winners- Kyle Foote (twice), Keny Lee, Larry Roloff, E.C. Gamber, and Art Dennis.  
Du-Bro Raffle Surprise- 10 people won 14 prizes.

Jack Evans attempted to auction off the P-51 donated to the Barnstormers by member Kerry Lee. The bids were too low. Bob Bissell volunteered to raffle the plane off at one of the upcoming Fun Fly's.

Meeting; adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Ken Bauske  
Secretary