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From The Control Tower

PRESIDENT: Larry Roloff



During the November 4, 2004 meeting, we will be voting in officers for the 2005 calendar year. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to thank the 2004 officers, Jon Bartoshek, Mike Gamber, Bob Johnson & Harper Taylor, for a job well done. Thanks men for making my job easy.

I am additionally grateful for the many members who worked so diligently this year, on projects that have been successfully completed, and greatly improved our flying facility. Also, I appreciate the mowing and grounds maintenance members whom have made all of us proud of the flying facility.

I appreciate those of you who have faithfully attended every club meeting, and helped take care of the clubs business. Through out the year, I have had many members who have offered advice and support, thank each of you.

We have a great group of members and I have enjoyed working and flying with each of you. I am looking forward to many more years, enjoying the hobby with you.

Thanks,

Larry Roloff

Field Operations

VICE-PRESIDENT: Jon Bartoshek



The Big Bird and the Electric Fly are over (FINALLY!!) Scott Morosko, Kirk Jensen, Mike Woods, Richard McCants, Kirk Massey, and anyone else I missed, deserve a big thank you for all their efforts on the Electric Fly.

Nominations for club officer positions are open and I encourage any of the members who are not happy with the way your current leadership performed to apply for one of these offices. It's easy to sit back and criticize, especially when you don't even attend the meetings. It's a whole other ballgame to do the thankless and time-consuming jobs that your officers do for the club.

It was proposed, seconded and approved by all members present at the October meeting to do away with the plastic chairs and replace them with 24 new chairs. If you do not like this decision, your attendance at the meeting was missed. Your opportunity to complain has past. The decision has been made. Ray Kohn has expended a lot of time and effort to acquire an example of a chair to be purchased for our field. All that remains is the selection and purchase of the chairs. Nuff Said.



Bank On It

TREASURER – Harper Taylor

At the first of August we had 161 members of which 139 have renewed their membership (86%) as of Oct 16, 2004. Since that time we have added 7 new members bringing our current roster to 146. Only one payment has been received in the last two weeks so I suspect we have pretty well received all of the renewals we are going to get.

Even with questionable and bad weather the Big Bird and Best events had good turnouts from both the participants and onlookers. The kitchens and raffles were very active and will help to supplement our cash situation for the coming year.



EDITOR: Bob Johnson

It has been quite a year – **Major Field Improvements**
Big Bird beginning new growth
BEST showing *RAPID* growth
Financial strength & stability

During the **Big Bird** and the **BEST**, I had quite a few visiting participants make the same general statement, “*I wish my club had facilities as nice as these.*”

Congratulations Barnstormers, you've done a good job!

November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				MEETING		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Field Maintenance Schedule

Underlined name is leader for the week

Week of 7th – Larry Roloff (281) 367-9520, Rudy Rymal (936) 273-9428, Keith (Chris) Rymal (936) 273-9428

Week of 14th – Brian Sauers (936) 264-1684, Greg Sauers (936) 760-3172, Robert Saylor (936) 273-2699

Week of 21st – Ron Schlotter (281) 288-4355, Bob Schlotter (936) 856-4336, John Schuren (936) 447-6863

Week of 28th – A. J. Sebastian (936) 588-2988, Tariq Shah (281) 298-9936, Jim Sheffield (281) 357-4197

Barnstormers meeting 10-7-2004
Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

All officers present

Visitors: Kat Ramsey was here. She was recently on the cover of the November issue of RCM with Steve Tinsleys Airplane. She was also on the cover of K-factor. She brought some signed copies of photo proofs and also signed some member's magazines. Steve described the photo shoot. Be sure to read Steve's article in the magazine as well.

Minutes were approved. Hugh Brown made the motion Paul Langer seconded.

New Members:

Harold Jansen: Not present
Michael Montenegro: Not present
Doug Baumgartner: Not present
Donald Laviolet.
All were accepted.

Harper gave the treasures report: 1st of Aug. there were 161 members. As of today 137 renewed. 24 have not renewed. We added 7 tonight. Cash is good. No major projects planned. Just the tractor to pay for, about 5 payments left.

Jon gave a field report. It's a little wet. Mowing is done. Ready for the weekend.

Mike Wood talked about the kitchen for this weekend. Need volunteers for the



kitchen. Starts at 10:30 or so and goes to 3:00 in the afternoon.

Max talked about big bird. We had two beautiful days regardless of forecast. 23 people signed up. Threat of bad weather scared some people away. Still made some \$200 on food and a couple hundred on registration and \$500 on raffle. It was successful regardless of turnout.

Jon would like to see more participation on the next big bird. Called for people to even help with the small stuff.

Microphone and speakers: Have what we need for electrify, but Max thinks we need to invest some more.

Recommendations on getting some stuff will be done by Max and Bob. Max thinks to be careful to not get too loud. Better speakers are a better idea than just loud. Larry wants a lead person. Jim volunteered.

Scott on Electrify: All going well. Lots of prizes and lots of people are going to attend. Only 1 person from the club is pre-registered. Austin silent flyers club contacted them. They will be creating a new web site called RC traveler. They will be here to film the event and they will put it on the web site. Thanked everyone who has helped with getting this organized. Hoping to get more volunteers. Some discussion on last

minute details was completed.

Larry talked about the plastic chairs. We had an incident with a brittle plastic chair. Adam and Bob suggest getting rid of the plastic chairs for safety reasons. Bear suggest we buy some more chairs and tables for the pavilion. Jon motioned to buy 24 metal folding chairs. Max suggests not buying the cheapest chairs. Adam will help with the decision on which ones are good. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry talked about the memorial plaque for former members whose ashes are spread at the field. Between \$400 and \$500 dollars. Jim Porter motioned to proceed and Bear second. Passed.

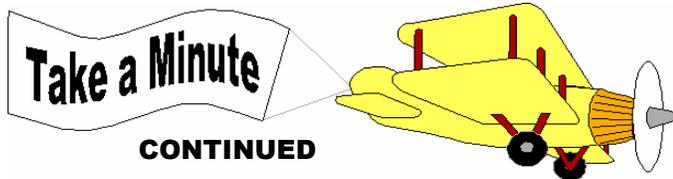
Harper talked about the new member handout. Club has had a packet that gets given to new members. Proposes a form that contains the gate key and the sticker. This will be given at time of sign up, hopefully at the meeting. If not at meeting, then will mail the new member guide and welcome sheet. There was some discussion on materials that are and should be available at the field for people that are interested in getting into RC.

Larry talked about the changes we made to the constitution. New one is available on web site.

Talked about making a helipad on North Side of runway. Steve talked about Fort Worth club that has a really nice helipad and it was nice to keep it out of the pattern. Max proposes one on north and south end + stations for pilots.



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Talked about noise. Constitution says not over 98db at 3 meters. We have not really been enforcing the noise restriction. Larry recommends that we enforce this rule. We would have a grace period and have a couple of people that have meters to monitor and then would enforce it after a time. Much discussion on the subject ensued. Many people have engines that will not pass the noise restriction. Bear proposes 95db @ 25 feet on the prop arc. It is felt that this and not flying over the neighbor's house will keep us from making him mad. Jim porter motion to test to specs as written, second by Bob Upton. Motion passes by majority.

Bear asked about people to vote on for next election. Max says floor is open for nominations at this meeting. Floor is open for nominations for next year's officers. Jim Porter for president. He declined for now.

Scott talked about the fact that club is driven by a core of people maybe 15 or so people. Suggesting a level of membership that less active members pay an increased membership dues. Nothing was motioned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm

Balsa Bits

By Jon Bartoshek

1. If you have a hard time with all those screwdrivers in your toolbox, separating Phillips from straight, try this: Place all the straight tip screwdrivers in one direction, all the Phillips screwdrivers in the opposite.
2. Use an art gum eraser to clean the wood dust off sandpaper, the sandpaper will last a lot longer.
3. Use a voltmeter and a "Y" connector to hook up to your battery and presto you have a field battery tester / voltmeter.
4. Sneak into your wife's cosmetic case and steal her cosmetic / blusher brush or use the old-fashioned shaving brush and Endust to clean all the dirt and dust off your transmitter case. It gets in all the nooks and crannies.

Thanks all folks, JBVP.