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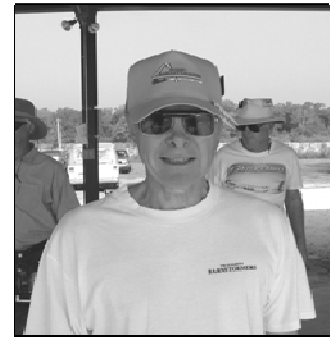
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Busy Month

Our electric meet on October 7th and 8th was truly the BEST! We had good weather, 74 participants, and so many tents that our field looked like an encampment. CD Kirk Jensen and his helpers did a fine job for the Barnstormers.



Ken Bauske, President 2006

Our Big Bird on October 21st and 22nd suffered from the weather, rainy the first day and a blow-out on the second. Still, we had 16 entrants and a surprising number of spectators. CD's Adam Kaminskas and Bob Upton were well prepared and deserved a larger turnout. On the 21st the Barnstormers also participated in a static demonstration at the New Waverly Library fund raiser: Bob Johnson and Gerry Hendrickson fielded (literally) an impressive display using Gerry's trailer. Many of the Big Bird spectators came over to see our flying field as a result of the library demo. Also, on that same day Harold Johnston represented our club down at Wings Over Houston, passing out flyers, showing an RC plane to spectators, and doing some promising recruiting for us.

The upcoming November meeting will be on Monday, November 6. If you show up on the normal Thursday meeting night, you will find pre-election registration going on instead of our meeting. (There will be no pizza at the pre-election registration.)

Among the important issues to be settled at the November meeting are the election of officers for 2007 and the approval of a defibrillator to be located at the flying field.

From the Treasurer

Harper Taylor, Treasurer

The club stickers have been mailed to all current paid members. These are to be placed on your 2007 AMA card. As of Oct. 23 our membership is at 136. Cash balance remains in a good position with no currently approved projects or other major expenditures.

Vice President Reports from the Field

The mowing crew continues to do a great job in maintaining our field and field equipment. The Club received many compliments on the field condition during the Best and Big Bird events. The growing season is just about over so we will have more flying time.

The Weekly maintenance scheduled has changed to accommodate changes in membership. You will note that the schedule is posted for two months, not for an entire year, so you should check the listing on the Web or on the field bulletin board. The schedule is alphabetical, by member, so it is easy for you to find your scheduled time. The time period is from Sunday thru Saturday and you may select the day you want to do the maintenance. We had several members who did a great job during the past several weeks and your efforts show. Thanks from all the Barnstormers!



Jim Porter, Vice President

Please let me know if you have any special request or would like to help with our current projects.

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Minutes for the October Meeting

President Bauske called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. for the 50th Barnstormer meeting at the Willis Community Center. There were 30 members and 3 guests present.

Guests were introduced and the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash.

Reports:

President: The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 6 at the Willis Center. This meeting will include elections of new officers.

Vice President: Jim Porter reported that the clubhouse interior has been painted and the new flag pole is up in time for our BEST event. The member work schedules will now be provided on a rolling two month schedule, which should better keep them current with any membership changes. Our well water has just been tested and it is fine for drinking.

Treasurer: Harper Taylor said we now have 133 members, which is about average for this time of year. Our cash position is very good.

Nominating Committee: The following were the 2007 officer nomination recommendations:

President –Bud Brinkley, Vice President -Mike Wood, Treasurer – Harper Taylor, Secretary- Gary Baumgartner, Editor - Bob Johnson

Additional nominations were solicited from the floor. There were none. Further nominations will be accepted at the November meeting prior to the elections. The president thanked the nominating committee (Tom Dwyer, Joe Berryman, and Paul Langner) for their fine work.

Safety: Adam Kaminskas reported that there have been no accidents thus far this year and urged continued caution. He reported that Model Aviation Magazine included warnings about using cell phones while on the flight line because some synthesized radios appear to suffer interference. We have purchased a range finder and Adam is showing members how to use it on the flight line to prevent over-flights.

AMA: Max Taylor reminded members to vote in the District 8 VP elections

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Minutes for the October Meeting—continued

Event Reports

Photo Coverage: Mike Wood has volunteered to collect photos of our events and prepare a write up for the District 8 report in Model Aviation. Please E-mail or give Mike your event pictures.

BEST: Kirk Jensen reported that all is ready for the electric event this week end.

Big Bird: Adam Kaminskas wants member help on Friday, October 20th to get the field ready for the event the next day. Anyone who can help should show up at 9 a.m.

Library Demonstration: Bob Johnson has volunteered to be the Event Director at the New Waverly library fund-gathering picnic on October 21st. The Barnstormers will provide a static airplane display.

Wings Over Houston: Harold Johnson has volunteered to be the Barnstormer New Member representative on October 21st and 22nd.

Old Business

A motion was passed to provide a yearly field maintenance budget not to exceed \$3500, subject to annual review and approval by the membership.

A motion to approve the purchase of a DR trimmer/mower was tabled, thanks to member Robert Curtiss, who gave us a similar machine.

New Business

The memberships of Larry McDuffey and Tommy Shelton were approved. Both are former members who are now re-joining.

It was moved and seconded that we purchase a defibrillator, cost not to exceed \$2000. This item will be placed on the November 6 agenda for approval.

Adam Kaminskas proposed we examine the erection of a storage building for model planes. A committee composed of Bud Brinkley, Paul Langner, and chaired by Adam, will look into this.

CPR-Captain Jeff McDonald of the Willis Fire Department and Poncho Viniarski of the Montgomery County EMS demonstrated life saving techniques. They said "good Samaritan" laws protect Texans who attempt to save victims.

Model of the Month—Paul Langner, 540 Edge with BME 50. Winner of a gallon of fuel.

Attendance Jackpot---Winner not present. Prize rolled over.

Regular Raffle---Winners: Dobesh, B. Langner, Curtiss, and Chaffee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Bob Johnson and Ken Bauske, for *Gary Baumgartner* - 2006 Secretary

From the Editor - Remember **MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**

You don't see this column very often due to a lack of space, but this month space is here and I have something to say.

I have been hearing complaints about "Field Work Schedule Duties". Some people can't work for health reasons; some can't even find the time to fly because of family demands; and those are understandable but flat refusal by some to "do anything beyond pay my dues" isn't right.

The "workhorses" are as old or older than you are, and they aren't that healthy either.

Are you really doing all that you can? Is it time to hire the work done? Can we stand the higher dues that will probably result?

Bob Johnson - Newsletter Editor / Webmaster



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2007

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