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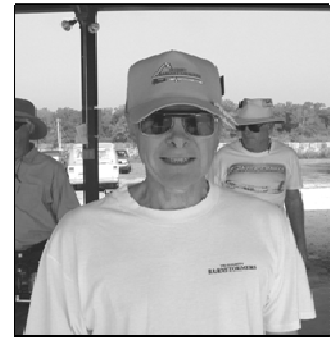
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Elections Ahead

Our first event of the year was a pretty good success. 15 pilots showed up for the August 19th Sailplane Contest, the weather was hot and excellent, there was a lot of support from Barnstormer members, and the Houston Hawks more than held up their end of the joint effort. The winch problems of last year were avoided, but the memory of them may have contributed to some fall off of contestants. Nonetheless, this was the second largest turnout I have ever seen at a Barnstormer glider contest.



Ken Bauske, President 2006

After the August Barnstormer meeting, the AMA published a more complete list of the Nationals Masters Pattern placements. This revealed that our own Don Ramsey finished in 12th place, just out of the top 10. I believe that this is the best Don has ever done and it certainly is commendable.

At the September meeting we will appoint an Audit Committee to review the books and a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of candidates for officers next year. This slate will be presented at the October meeting and the “floor” will also be opened for further nominations at that time. Elections will be held in November. (Note: The appointees for these committees already know about it. Therefore, it is “safe” for the rest of you to attend the September meeting.)

Speaking of November, our regular meeting place will not be available on the 1st Thursday of the month because of pre-election registration in Willis. After searching for alternate sites, we concluded that an alternate day at the same site would be cheaper, easier to get to, and still meet the constitutional requirement that the meeting take place in the first 7 days of the month. The November meeting (only) will be held on Monday, November 6.

At the September meeting Kirk Massey from New Creations has volunteered to tell us about new trends in electric modeling and related issues. This is part of our warm up to the October BEST event on the 7th and 8th. It is not too late to get involved with electrics and participate.

At the field Adam Kaminskas demonstrated to me how a laser range finder can track a flying RC model and provide the distance to it in real time. Purchase of such a device will be up for approval at the September meeting. This could be a powerful tool in preventing over-flights of our neighbors. I strongly support this purchase.

Vice President Reports from the Field

The long hot and dry days will be over soon and the cooler weather will bring some relief to the mowing crew. The mowing crew members are:

Joe Berryman, Jim Coleman, Robert Curtis, Jack Evans, Robert Giles, Harold Johnston, Paul Langer, Bill Langner, Melvin Lindsay, Butch Nye, Howe Paugh, Jim Porter, Don Ramsey, Bob Schlotter, Max Taylor and Mike Wood. Barnstormers send special thanks to Chris Mrosko (brother of Scott Mrosko) for his priceless help with the care and feeding of our field.

Last month we presented the club with a proposal to purchase and install a 25 foot flag-pole and flag. The cost will be \$655 plus tax and the cost of a few bags of cement. The proposed budget is up to \$750.00. We will vote on this expense at our September meeting and I encourage you to vote for this club improvement. We should have the installation complete before our two big events.

Our Club House, Pump House and Garage were treated for termites, spiders, roches and ants during the past weeks.

Weekly maintenance improved in August. Remember to check if you are responsible for weekly maintenance. The schedule is from Sunday thru Saturday and you may select the day you want to do the maintenance. If you are not sure of what to do, check the bulletin board or website.

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

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Jim Porter, Vice President

From the Treasurer

Harper Taylor, Treasurer

As of Aug. 22 we have had 115 membership renewals. This is approximately 74% which means that historically we will receive about 16 additional renewals. At this time last year we had 77% to renew.

Just a reminder that the combination for the field locks will change on Sept. 1.

Harper Taylor

Dear Barnstormers Scholarship Committee Members:

As the first recipient of the Barnstormers Scholarship, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation of your support in my academic future. I was so happy to receive such a generous gift, as it allows additional financial flexibility and it enables me to concentrate solely on academics. I also want to thank all of the Barnstormer members that had positive things to say about me. I continue to base my business practices on the experiences I had at the hobby shop and still believe that service and customer relationships are the most important aspects of any operation. I greatly enjoyed the time I spent getting to know many of the Barnstormers members on a personal level, and I hope that future recipients of this scholarship award understand that Barnstormers is a wonderful organization. I will continue to work extremely hard to positively represent the club at Notre Dame. Finally, if my father begins to act too proud of his Notre Dame son, please let me know and I will try to snap him back in line. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kozak

Notre Dame MBA Candidate, Class of 2008

Minutes for the August 3rd Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

One guest present.

Minutes for the July meeting were approved.

Ken Bauske recognized the members who competed at Nationals in Muncie, Ind.

John Schuren (our member who recently passed away) had donated much of his hobby material to the club. Some of it will be used for training purposes. Some will be prizes in the monthly raffles. Plans and miscellaneous covering rolls were put on a table at the field for anyone who could use it.

Eric DiSardi has volunteered to be one of the field marshals.

The club received a check from Carl Hoch for \$250.00 as thanks for our cooperation in scattering the ashes of his mother.

Jim Porter reported that the field is in good shape. He requested that members attend to their responsibilities regarding field cleanup. (Note: If you have a conflict with the time you are assigned to do field cleanup it is **your** responsibility to find someone willing to trade assignments with you. When you became a member you agreed to do your part toward keeping our facility clean.)

Harper reported that the treasury is in good shape. He also reported that member renewals are going well.

The secretary reported that shirts with the club logo can be ordered. Caps are available now. Caps are \$6.00 each and will be sold at monthly meetings.

Bob Johnson reviewed a system for monitoring over flights of the east property line. This system involves a camera and computer.

Safety Officer Adam Kaminkas reported there were no accidents. He also requested that members notice a new sign at the field regarding sign in of guests.

Three new members have been certified for flying.

Sailplane event-AI Dalnoki reported that planning is going well for the Aug 19 event.

BEST-Kirk Jensen reported planning on track for the electric weekend.

New Business

New memberships were approved for David Little and James Mock.

Adam Kaminkas plans to experiment with a laser device which can determine the distance of aircraft from the flight line. It was moved and seconded that the purchase of a Range Finding Laser, not to exceed \$400.00, be placed on the agenda of the September 7 meeting for approval.

It was moved and seconded that the purchase of a 25 foot flagpole and flag, not to exceed \$1000.00, be placed on the agenda of the September 7 meeting for approval. This will be used for our official events, particularly those involving the CAP Cadets. The flag will never be displayed after dusk; therefore, no lighting system is contemplated.

Scholarship- A \$500.00 academic scholarship was awarded to Stephen Kozak, who is working toward his MBA at Notre Dame..

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Gary Baumgartner

2006 Secretary



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Field Work Schedule For September 2006



WEEK OF	LEADER	MEMBER	MEMBER
AUG 27	David Pastor	Howard J. Paugh	Mike Payne
SEP 3	O.J. Porras	Jim Porter Jr.	William Postula
SEP 10	Ralph Queener	Don Ramsey	Loman Reeves
SEP 17	Tim Reinke	Scott Rippetoe	Richard Rivas, M.D.
SEP 24	Dick (Richard) Robbins	Richard Roberts	Luis Rodriguez