



BARNSTORMER

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PRESIDENT'S PROPWASH

I need to apologize to the guys who attended the April meeting because we spent nearly the entire two hours on Club business. We covered a lot of ground, but my agenda was a bit too ambitious. Also, Dave Tozer was all set to demo his vacuum forming setup but couldn't because we ran out of time. I think that I was able to persuade him to try again this month by guaranteeing him a prime spot on the schedule. And I doubled his fee. (\$0 x 2 = \$0). And not so much business this month, I promise.

Our ONG training project is officially complete, as of 06 May. They conducted a short awards ceremony at the field on Sunday, thanking the Club again and presenting us with a nifty framed certificate of appreciation. The inscription actually mentions the trainers by name (Bill, Mark, and Brad); this is only fair because those guys did most of the work. The award also has a Battalion coin embedded in it; this is a limited edition specially minted 2" diameter cloisonné piece that's reportedly almost impossible for a civilian organization to acquire. We'll have the award at the meeting for your perusal. It will eventually hang in the Barnstormers clubhouse.

I plan to work up some sort of article to submit to AMA even though they turned down the idea a couple of months ago. Maybe our district manager will use it; I think that we have every right to be proud of this effort. I'm in the process of collecting any and all photos of this activity; if anyone has digital pix that they have not already posted or given to me, please send them along. I've already got almost 70 pix, but

could use more. They will ultimately be made available to all club members.

The B'stormers is about to gain at least one new member from all this; SSgt Williams is joining us, and has been recently seen at the field with his son and daughter partaking in further flight training. Post-grad instruction?

A word about our flight training effort; at the field last Saturday, I counted a total of 6 trainees. This comprised a new member, three or four possible members-to-be, and the aforementioned SSgt Williams. Dan and Bill had their hands full—and it wasn't even a particularly great day for flying. Do we need to train some more trainers?

Re AMA articles; I'm sure that everyone by now has read Roger Weeks' nicely written story in the last issue of Model Aviation. Pretty impressive; the Evergreen facility is first class all the way. It must be nice to have an "angel" to finance your flying field; be advised that we have an opening for such an individual or company in the Barnstormers organization. How much did Roger say their flush toilet cost? I'm always amazed at how well the B'stormers do with an all-volunteer workforce and a shoestring budget. Our field is the equal of many, and better than most.

The flying field work party took place as scheduled, in spite of threatening (and ultimately bad) weather. Most of the planned tasks were accomplished, including moving of the pilot's cage previously at the far south end of the runway to the far north end. It's a lot more convenient there; the problem is that it looks so good that we are going to need to refurbish the existing cages to match. And Brad loaned us his riding lawn roller for the amusement of several members as well as field improvement. The grass runway is now

about as nice as a golf course putting green for landings (my Ju 87B Stuka loves it!) Thanks to all the club members who donated time, effort, and machinery to this effort.

Brad tells me that the annual gala Barnstormers Christmas Banquet is now scheduled for Monday, December 10, at Sayers Restaurant on Stark St. at 105th. This is the same place where we partied in 2005; the old Sayers, near Tammie's in Beaverton is now an acrylic fingernail parlor or something, that's progress. More info re times, menu, and costs as time goes on.

The new B'stormers recruitment brochure is complete; Eric D. has kindly pulled the thing together (based largely on the previous brochure, thanks Dick S.) and printed up 300 copies. Free. Looks really good, except for the wrong exit off I-5 in the location map and driving instructions. No matter how many dam times you proofread something, there's always a glitch somewhere. We will be seeking distributors at the meeting; HobbyTown Wilsonville is already covered.

I received an e-mail and newsletter from John Shirron, the newsletter editor of the Clark County Radio Control Society (www.clarkflyers.com). Among other things, he mentioned that they are looking for people with ScaleMasters contest experience to help out with judging at their club scale-type contests. John, Brad, and Earl, any interest?

Along those lines; I still want one of you three guys to give us a talk on how to get into the judging biz. It would be interesting for the club members, and SM might find a recruit or two. We'll discuss this at the meeting.

I have the information on cost and availability of B'stormers vinyl decals (reproductions of the patch). They are made locally, right here in West Linn; I'll discuss quantities and pricing at the meeting. The 'sweet spot', considering setup fee, quantity discount, club discount, etc, works out to \$150 for 63 decals or roughly \$2.38 each. This is the same outfit that makes decals for lots of clubs & events (including the Joe Nall contest); check out their work at http://www.cal-grafx.com/Online_Specials.htm. (There's an underscore between 'Online' and "Specials'.)

One of these things would really add a lot of class to your flight box. And the back window of your SUV.

Be advised that this month's meeting, Monday 21 May, is at the community church as usual. Board meeting at 7:00 PM, general meeting at 7:30. Next month (June), we will meet on Saturday morning at the field.

NOTICE: PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

At the suggestion of a number of members, it is proposed to amend Article IV of the bylaws, by adding new paragraphs as follows:

Article IV. Dues:

4.10.1 Any member who plans to be temporarily inactive for good reasons (examples: Temporary job-related relocation overseas; temporary financial hardship) may request inactive status for a period not to exceed 18 calendar months. Upon return, the member may be reinstated by payment of the current prorated dues (paragraph 4.6), just as would a new member.

4.2.1 Any member of the Oregon National Guard, or member of the United States armed forces on active duty, may join the club for one year by paying only the \$25 initiation fee. Normal club dues charges will apply after the first calendar year of membership, i.e. if an individual joins at this reduced rate in June, his/her prorated dues are payable in June of the following year. After that, the normal January to December dues year will apply. This is an exception to the dues cycle established in paragraph 4.5.

These amendments to be voted on at the next meeting; a two-thirds majority is required for adoption.

MAY 2007- George Scott



Vice President's Report Ralph Hanson

We now have Name Tags ready for pickup. See me at the meeting.



Minutes of the Meeting April 16, 2007 by Will Smith

Minutes of the meeting continued:

Our President, George Scott, opened the meeting at 7:28 pm with 28 attending. April meeting minutes approved as published.

It was our pleasure to have **Bill Lloyd & Arden Eby** as guests. We welcomed **Robert Ehrhart & Victor Trucco** as NEW MEMBERS to our Club.

Old Business

Oregon National Guard training was completed and they all expressed their appreciation for our help.

Field Lock: The combination has been now changed to new numbers.

New brochures: Eric Dufosse has printed proofs of a couplee of designs for review. Dick Swearingen has reprinted some of the old ones for use until the new ones are available.

Park Flyer complete plane. The Hobby People firm's package deal of the Wasp design re-read for the Club's consideration.

Club Stickers: Two designs were shown for putting on our AMA cards.

ScaleMasters Judging: Brad Eaton will give a talk on this subject in May.

New Business:

Summer meetings. It was voted to try June meeting on Saturday, 10 a.m.

Flying Field tables: Ralph Hanson & Ed Westwood to bring 2 "T" tables about May 1st.

Inactive Membership: Rick Symer and Roger Weeks were suggested to be voted in as Inactive Members, a new category which will need to be voted on at the May meeting.

Military Membership: Special one year discount for the ONG guys who want to join our Club on a personal basis as regular members. This would be \$25 for the first year & full price thereafter. This also needs to be voted on.

Club Logo Decals: Multi colored decal sheets can be purchased in the \$7 to \$8 range as water slide or vinyl at the online website: www.cal-grafx.com

Flight Simulator G2: Bill Whitsell has this & will lend out his copy of the program. Phone 503-292-7692 or online bill@whitsell.com

Another bunch of minutes by WILL SMITH

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Barnstormer Officer Reports
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Treasurer's Report

Rick Hanson



This little sketch shows our Money Tree Bank Account - It needs paid up dues to stay healthy. We need to keep it that way. so keep up the good work.

Flight Training Program

**Dan & Brian Phillips
& Bill Bryant**



Come to the field on Saturday noon, weather permitting, for flight help or just to have fun. Our big trainer & radio control unit is free to members & guests to fly

Field Marshall's Report

Lee Hopper



Last month I called off the work day on account of rain but John Muir, Brad Eaton, Bill & Lewis Whitsell, Kent Buse, Ed Perckett, Darrell Zook & myself showed up & worked from 9 am to 12:30 pm. We filled holes in the grass runway, cleaned the tables, leveled the outhouse, moved the 5th cage to other side of the runway, cut the grass under the tables & had fun. **A BIG THANKS TO THIS CREW.**

Membership Chairman

John Borelli



Our membership now stands at 70 paid up members with 9 more unpaid and 2 inactive members.

Recycle Officer

Dave Tozer



Keep up the good work & bring waste paper to the meeting or leave at the field in the shed.

Newsletter Editors

Van Camp & Tom Philo



**Next meeting SATURDAY 10 am
JUNE 16, 2007 at our Flying Site**