



BARNSTORMER NEWS

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President's NOTAM Scott Price

Another month and a little closer to the time of year when we won't have to check weather.com before packing up and heading to the field.

In honor of this great weather, we've decided to move our meeting to the field a month earlier than normal, so the May 18th meeting will be at the field at 7:30. Come early and fly if you can.

Our thanks to Brad Eaton for vigorously pursuing the status of our "variance from agricultural use" with Marion County. We did find that we'd done some paper work back in 1996 regarding this and Lee found

that we'd paid the county \$500, so we thought "Great, we took care of this." Well, not to be. That money was for our first application which was rejected. Subsequently, we joined forces with another club and sponsored a change in the code that did allow for an agricultural use piece of property to have an RC flying field on it. Problem is, we never re-applied for certification post-rule change, so now the County requires a re-inspection for us to be certified "legal" and of course, that's not free. It is however, very necessary that we do this to preserve our use of the filed long-

term, so money well spent. More on this at the meeting Monday night.

Field Committee report will cover the details of field maintenance, but I do want to give a big thanks and you all should as well, to the guys that have taken on the task of keeping our field mowed and looking great. The grass is growing faster than a Chia Pet right now so it's a really big job to stay caught up on it.

That's all for now.

See you at the field.

Scott





Vice President's Report

Brad Eaton & Robert Ehrhart

In all my years out of the flying field I've ever see so much activity as was present Saturday the eighth of May. Attendance was so high at the field that day, I had to call and get a ride because I couldn't get the truck back out, as I had to attend a birthday party that afternoon.

As I jumped in the car and headed off to the birthday party. I thought to myself. It is really nice to see so many people taking advantage of the wonderful facilities that we now have. I once again would like to take my hat off to all of you for all of your wonderful people for your vision, for your energy, for your strength, and for your capital contributions, which made the renovation of our field possible.

It's also inspiring to see all of the new energy and ownership people have for our facilities. Shortly after our "Green Acres" skit starring, Scott, myself, and the tractor & don't forget the little manure spreader too! There was a small crew of guys out cleaning off the runways at taxiways. Nobody had to ask anybody. Everybody saw something that needed to be done and they took action.

At the beginning of this last year Doug Snapp told me that he would be retiring at the end of the year. I told them how wonderful that would be

for him at how I envied his retirement as I have barely started into my working career. This past month, his doctor told him that he needed to retire early, not from work, but from mowing our lawn. We found out shortly after the doctor talk with Doug, how big his shoes really were. Albeit his shoes were two-tone, white on the top and grass green bottom, they were still big, and full of responsibility. As Doug stepped away from his long-held post, it should comfort him that it takes a team to replace just one man. Someone once said that Doug would make a good groundskeeper at a golf course. I disagree, passion like he demonstrated is not for hire, but can only be **given** to the most valuable of places, and for that I would like

to thank you for making that place The Barnstormers!

The kind of energy displayed in these last few examples is what makes the Barnstormers a very "unique" group of people. Don't let those around us swallow our excitement, but let us build over pot holes others have left and continue to carve out a new chapter in our history, and sharpen the pens which write our future. If you have talents volunteer it, if you have skills use it, but if you have enthusiasm spread it!

Brad Eaton

Thank you to Ed Westwood for the picture of Dough's ship!





Minutes of the meeting 4/20/2009

Will Smith

Scott opened the meeting @ 7:31 PM with 31 in attendance.

Guests:

Larry Trow Jay Rider
Jim Thomas Rich Waldron
Chris Butrico

New Members:

Jim Thomas
Jay Rider
All approved by unanimous vote.

Vice Pres: No report

Secretary: Minutes approved as published.

Treasurer: Account is still in the black with a good balance.

Recycle: No \$\$ for this month. Have about a ton and a half to go in for next month.

Newsletter: No input.

Field Committee:

- 1) Work party may be needed in June
- 2) Bark dust has been spread
- 3) We need to unblock the the road access on the south end of the field area.
- 4) Flying area; Be very careful how far North you fly past the north end of the runway. We need to be careful not to encroach on our neighbors.

John Gooding reported the following:

- 1) Main gate has been improved to include cables and tighteners. It works very well now.
- 2) New cupboards have been put into our storage unit.
- 3) AN organizer for tool storage has also been installed.
- 4) Additional picnic table is now available.

Thanks to John for all his work on getting the materials and then to do the labor to get it all installed.

Webmaster: No report just continue to keep him current with your current email address.

Historian: No input for this meeting.

Safety: No report but be very careful on the wet surfaces.

Membership: We are at the maximum allowed membership level for the club. Four ex-members were voted out of the club due to non-payment of dues (Eric Cothorn,

Arden Eby, Michael Ripley, Leon Witherspoon)

Old Business:

1. Marion County Inspection: \$500 approved to cover the inspection charge.

New Business:

- 1) AMA Charter: Charter is renewed and held by the President.
- 2) Summer Meeting Schedule: The members approved the meetings to be held Third Monday at the Field @ 7:30 pm.

Anyone desiring to fly on those dates should plan to fly BEFORE the meeting.

- 3) Flyways: The latest word is that they are losing their lease.
- 4) Haeners: We continue to appreciate their fine support of our club and our facilities.

Next meeting:

Monday, 5/18/09 7:30 PM
At the field.

Another bunch of minutes by WILL SMITH



Barnstormer Officer reports



Treasurer's Report

Lee Hopper

No Reports



Flight Training Program

Dan & Brian Phillips

Come to the fly on Saturday at noon , weather permitting, for flight help or just to have fun. Our big trainer & radio control unit is FREE to members & guests. If the weather is a poor, call Dan 503-692-5917 before coming. We are also recruiting for additional training staff. If you are gifted in this area contact Dan or Scott. **Summer Schedule with training on Tuesday evening Starting June 9th!**



Field Committee Report

John Muir, Doug Snapp & Brad Eaton

Due to back problems Doug Snapp is forced to give up mowing. The Entire Club wants to thank Doug for a Terrific Job!!!

New Mowing Team –

Dan Arrington – Captain - 503-970-8360

Dan Fisher - 503-632-7442

Steve Nicholson - 503-687-1673

John Muir - 503-636-7505

Currently needing to cut the grass every 4 to 5 days. This will continue probably through June.



Recycle Officer

Dave Tozer

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



Safety Officer

Kent Buse

No report



Membership Chairman

John Borelli

No Report



Historian

Leonard Mei

No report





Cool Stuff

Last fall I started the building of 1:7 Spitfire (Top Gold Edition 63" wing-span). After number of weeks of efforts, I finally reached the point where the coverage was getting important. I discovered with some disappointment that the Monokote covering films were not available in WWII color scheme. After some investigation I found a solution with Nelson company. They provide a covering film which is quite unique:

- Very easy to apply
- High Shrinking ratio
- Can be painted !

The covering has been a pleasure. Still working on the painting and will keep you posted.

Eric

Check their Web site :

<http://www.nelsonhobby.com/>



Tips of the Months

SUPER CLEANER

The following is a "Super Cleaner" formulation that may be of interest to Barnstormer members. The detergent that I used was Ultra Dawn which resulted in a finished product light blue in color.

FORMULA

WATER	96 OZ
ALCHOL	19 OZ
AMMONIA	9.5 OZ
LIQUID DETERGENT	3.5 OZ

I Suggest detergent be added last to minimize foaming.

John Muir

Thanks to John for the recipe. About the container I found at target a cool small sprayer that fit my field box.

Eric





Barnstormer of the month

Larry Delker



Larry just joined the Club. He attended several meetings and has been officially elected. He shown a very nice personality and made good relations already with some members. He has been a bit unlucky with his first plane which got a shorter lifetime than expected but Larry move forward quickly with the support of his brother who build a plan using kind of Plastic cardboard. Look's very cool and Larry was back on track and made very nice progress on piloting. Well done !

Welcome again Larry in the barnstormer family!



Newsletter Editor

Eric DuFossé

I hope you still enjoy the newsletter. It is nice to see more contribution from the members but we should do better!

It is difficult for numbers of us to write but come on !

Larry has been kind enough to answer a mini interview over email to fill this columns:

When did your start as a modeler? **January 09**

Why ? **Something i wanted to do since i was kid.**



Tel us a bit about you. **I grew up in the Canby area spent 34 years driving truck.**

Which disciple do you practice (CL, RC, Plane, heli,...) ? **r c plane**

Do you like also to build? **I have only built 1 plane it was fun, probably do it again.**

What has been the best moment of your modeler life? **My brother is also a modeler got to spend lots of time with him.**

What has been the worst? **Seeing a new plane crash.**

What was your best plane? **Pulse 60**

And on sentence to finish... **I like to fly its challenging, I like the Club., And everyone seems to be really nice and have been really helpful when needed . Thanks.**



If a French can write in our newsletter, everyone can!

(thanks to Karl and the reviewers team for their support)

Please send me some inputs or contributions.

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