

**Minutes**  
**American Helicopter Society History Committee Meeting**  
**March 3, 2006**  
**University of Maryland**

Attendees:

Bruce Charnov – Hofstra University  
Howard Eagle – American Helicopter Museum  
Mike Hirschberg – American Helicopter  
Todd Hodges – NASA (retired)  
Gordon Leishman – University of Maryland  
Jason Pereira – University of Maryland  
Tom Lawrence – Sikorsky (via telecom)

By Phone:

Tom Lawrence – Sikorsky Aircraft (retired)

- I. Forum 63 Concerns
  - A. Elections – Mike is interested in stepping down as Chair[*should there be a rotation/term?*]
  - B. Sessions – Should there be more than 1?
    1. Bruce suggested to define specific topics and then invite papers to each theme. **Consensus concurred on this approach**
    2. Mike noted that there is increased pressure from AHS to not overly expand the number of sessions. Two sessions increases the chance of interfering with special sessions that often involve potential presenters.
  - C. New Membership
    1. Would like to have better representation from industry
    2. Would like to have better representation from significant figures in the field – e.g. Ray Prouty
- II. Oral History Project
  - A. Technique
    1. Todd has researched two approaches:
      - a. Library of Congress
      - b. EAA's Timeless Voices
    2. Tom had several recommendations
      - a. Make sure audio quality is tested beforehand
      - b. Utilize a separate room
    3. Possible Room Locations
      - a. Show Office
      - b. Hotel Room [*My preference is to go this route*]

4. Other Issues
  - a. Appointments only, no walk ins
  - b. Targets must be arranged beforehand
  - c. Who should be targeted?
    - i. Ray Prouty
    - ii. Ken Rosen
    - iii. John Daniel
    - iv. Frank Harris
    - v. Bob Houston
    - vi. Others?
5. Timing
  - a. Monday afternoon/early evening (must coordinate with arrivals)
  - b. Tuesday Morning
  - c. Wednesday Morning

### III. Member Update

#### A. Bruce

1. Museum Index of Vertical Flight Aircraft proceeding
2. Compilation of gyroplane papers and presentation
3. PRA History under way

#### B. Todd

1. Continuing to research and evaluate interview techniques and procedures
2. May not be able to make this year's Forum

#### C. Mike

1. Ongoing issues (mainly a lack of time) with attempting to reproduce Liberatore handbooks

#### D. Roger

1. Compiling a list of Vertical Flight files in the USAF "Sara Clark" files at the National Archives
2. Completing a listing of rotary-wing flight test reports from the Air Force from 1936-1960 that are available on microfilm at the National Archives