



## THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 09**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, John Phillips, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, George Barrett, Pete Clarke, Dave Bowron, Roy Hicks, Rip Kirby, George Hopkins, Brian Care, Dave Clarke, Ron Mason, Eddie Fenwick, Bernie Adams, Eddie McNulty, Mike Holdsworth, Pete Owens, Alan Parkes, Barrie Aitken and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Bob Jones, Steve Brown, Brian Fosbury, Alan Oakley, Alf Manders, Tony Higgins, John Browning, Peter Pederson, Danny Flynn, Jim Hurley, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Kev Lambeth, and John Mason.
4. The Chair thanked all for attending. Adding that due to the Secretary being away the opening of the meeting had to be delayed awaiting Dave Clarke the stand in scribe.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true. Proposed by, Dave Bowron. Seconded, John Phillips. **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** Mac Nash is currently in The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham undergoing a lengthy procedure and is likely to be in for approximately 8 weeks. Many members have paid Mac a visit and the branch wishes him a speedy recovery. Mac is bearing up well so pop along to see him in ward 2.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July 09, 10:15 at the Whit Lion, Hampton in Arden.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** George and Elsie Barrett have recently received a response from the RSM of 38 Engineer Regiment thanking them for the parcels. They also thanked all who gave anonymous donations. Brian Care has also sent off parcels and received a reply from one of the forward operating bases manned mainly by the Royal Artillery, including girls who have not received parcels except the ones passed on by the Res, so Brian sent 4 parcels off to the girls at the FOB. Brian, George and Elsie were awarded with a round of applause.
10. **Clay Pigeon Shoot:** To be held at Alan Brouchs smallholding near Bidford on Avon on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 09. Start time 11:00 hrs. Bring your own meat and refreshments. BBQ stand will be provided. Route card attached to the minutes. Post code for your satnav CV37 8AZ
11. **RRF Shoot:** The branch intended to enter one team this year but due to work pressures part of the team dropped out, the remainder looked at the rain on the day and cancelled.
12. **Dogs Night:** A vote of thanks went to Mike and Sue Cole for the work put in to organise a very entertaining evening, we look forward to the next one.
13. **Any Other Business:**

**Bunny Brown:** Reported that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Leicester Branch, PRA following the funeral of Spr Meadows in Leicester, stating that they will be joining the Newark Branch for the Memorial Parade at Newark Cemetery to commemorate the Airborne Airbridge on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 09 at 2pm they will then move on to Cromwell Lock. The Chairman thought that the branch should also support the event at Cromwell Lock. More details to follow.

**George Barrett:** George proposed that the branch make a visit to Duxford Air Museum. There was a lot of support for this event, but a date could not be finalised due to commitments of several members. It was decided that the visit must be made when we have the light evenings to make it worthwhile so plans will be shelved until June, July or August next year.

**14. Branch Shop: Your support is needed to sell the remaining stock.** Prices are;

Polo Shirt	£17.00
Baseball Cap	£10.00
White cotton dress shirt, short sleeve	£18.00
White cotton dress shirt, long sleeve	£20.00

**15. Next Meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 09** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

**16. Deadline** for items for the **AUGUST** Journal is **MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** July 09.

**W. Steve Brown**  
*Secretary*



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**Diary of Events**

- 18<sup>th</sup> July 09 – Clay Shoot
- 5<sup>th</sup> August 09 – Branch Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 09 - Branch Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 09 - Branch Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> November 09 - Branch Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 09 - Branch Meeting

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**Gentlemen** subs are now due. If you still wish to receive the branch minutes please pay your subs to Elsie Barrett (0121 628 7578) 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 2PP, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

Name. \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque / Cash £5.00 enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_