

HABA GETS ITS OWN STORAGE CONTAINER

On May 25, 2010, thanks to the efforts and coordination of Ed Malmgren, HABA took possession of its own forty foot long storage container. Robert Killbuck, Les Cook, Dana Flanders, Tee Hines and Dave Koenig chipped in with their time, talent, and resources to get the container set in its present location near Tomball, TX.

Les provided the sleepers for the container and the driver delivering the container did a masterful job of landing the container right where it needed to be. The plan for the day was to repair the holes in the roof of the container and to transfer HABA's possessions from a storage unit to the new container. All of that was accomplished and more. HABA's bleachers were also transferred from temporary storage to the container.

Robert, Les, Ed and Dana got busy with the roof, chipping rust and wire brushing. The welding process turned out to be much more of a chore than anticipated. The roof was in poorer condition than initially thought. The holes turned out to be bigger and more numerous. Rust hid these problems until the cleaning began.

Once the welding began Ed, Dave and Dana began to transfer everything from the storage unit to the new container. When the storage unit was emptied, Ed, Dave, Dana and Tee loaded the bleachers on Tee's trailer and offloaded them into the container.

By this time the day was getting short and a number holes in the roof still needed to be patched. To solve the immediate problem, mastic coated pieces of 20 gauge aluminum were stuck over the remaining holes. Then the aluminum edges were covered with a trowel applied 'roofing tar'. The roof will need more attention.

The whole container needs a new coat of paint. There are some holes in the sides where the floor and walls meet but they pose no immediate water problem to the stored materials. There will probably be a few scheduled Saturday work sessions to get the container in tip-top shape again.

The last of the crew left the site about 5:30. It was a hot, humid and productive day for all involved.

HABA finally has a storage site it can call its own. Now when an event is planned, all HABA resources can be obtained from one location rather than from several shops scattered around town.

A Big Thanks to the crew for making HABA a better organization. And, Special Thanks to Ed for organizing everything and to Robert for bringing his fully equipped welding truck.

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