

# Prop Wash

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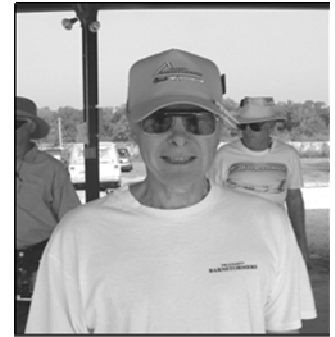
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## Things are Looking Good

The March meeting was a little short of attendees, almost certainly because people were out celebrating Texas Independence Day. Fortunately we had a quorum and were able to approve some important measures, which Gary has covered in the minutes. Too many of you missed Don Ramsey's fine talk on his officiating at the World F3A championships in France last summer.



Ken Bauske, President 2006

We have returned the frequency monitor which we had borrowed from AMA District 8. Max Taylor walked the field perimeter with it and found no significant interference. There was low level noise on some channels, which our own, more humble, frequency monitor can detect but the strength of which it cannot evaluate. In summary: That last crash was almost certainly your fault.

We have issued four letters of termination of Barnstormer membership for failure to renew the AMA membership. It appears that none of these people intended to remain with the club anyhow. If they change their minds, recipients can reapply for membership within 90 days with little fuss.

The Houston Hawks have expressed a high degree of interest in putting on a joint sailplane event at our field this year. This could even expand into a regional contest. Hawks president Alan Jones is talking with the Austin and San Antonio clubs about this.

More key members have suffered illness lately. Last month it was Mike Wood. Since then, both Tom Walter and Max Taylor have had surgery. Fortunately, both are recovering nicely. Max helps with everything, of course. With him down, the shed addition will be delayed. Tom will be missed from the mowing crew.

I'm very pleased with the way the elected officers and the appointees have undertaken their jobs. It sure makes my job easier and I think the club benefits greatly. In spite of everything, the club house is going to get painted, the field looks great, re-chartering is completed, and the Gold Leader application is underway. Jeff Tucker has helped us dispel some legal anxieties in Walker County with his research. We received great member help in contacting local libraries about Model Aviation subscriptions. We have new mowing crew volunteers.

# Vice President Reports from the Field

## Club House

Wind, rain and cold weather have not delayed the painting of the clubhouse exterior. **Max Taylor** supplied the spray rig and master painter **Don Ramsey** sprayed 3 gallons of primer and 5 gallons of color. Expert help was supplied by **Gene Best, Jack Evans** and **Bob Schlotter**. Supervision was provided by **Mike Wood** and **Max Taylor** (they are recovering from surgery and doing very well) with technical and financial support provided by **Harper Taylor** and **Bud Brinkley**. We hope to finish the trimming the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>.



Jim Porter, Vice President

## Storage Shed

The slab for the storage shed was poured and with **Max** recovering from surgery, the completion of the shed may fall a little behind but expected to be completed in April.

## Restroom remodeling

We will vote on the expected cost of remodeling the rest rooms during the April meeting.

The field is looking great and 350 pounds of fertilizer was applied this month. The small amount of rain has helped but the cold weather has slowed the growth. The mowing team has been mowing about twice a week and soon it will be three times a week. Special thanks to **Robert Curtis, Robert Giles, Harold Johnston, Howard (Howie) Paugh,** and **Bob Scholter** for their special efforts this month. Can't forget **Jack Evans** and his care and feeding of our rose garden. If I missed someone, I am sorry and will catch you next month.

As always, want to help, have a project suggestion, call me:

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# Minutes for the March 3rd Meeting

Gary Baumgartner, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

- \* There were two guests.
- \* February minutes were approved.
- Officer reports-

## *President:*

AMA renewals-four members still not renewed with AMA. They have been sent letters informing of termination of their Barnstormer membership. (Note: AMA membership is a requirement of Barnstormer membership.)

Gold Leader- It appears that paperwork has not been done in recent years to maintain Gold Leader Club level. A requirement of Gold Leader clubs is that they are active in charity programs or fund raising. As a result a proposal was made and approved to donate \$500.00 to the New Waverly Library. In addition a proposal was made and approved to donate a subscription to the AMA magazine to all Montgomery County libraries. Responsibilities for coordinating with each library are as follows:

Conroe- Richard McCants

Montgomery-Robert Curtis

Woodlands-Howard Paugh

New Waverly-Max Taylor

## *Vice President:*

Cleanup-cleanup crews are doing a good job.

Restrooms-requested \$1000.00 for renovation of restrooms. This will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Mowing-proposed purchase of a reel type gang mower for runway use. This will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

New equipment shed-The original budget of \$2500.00 will be over run due to increased costs of concrete. An additional \$1000.00 was requested and approved to complete this project.

Clubhouse- Renovation of the exterior is progressing. Now ready for paint.

## *Treasurer:*

Currently have 144 members. We have approximately \$17,000.00 in the bank.

**March Minutes** (Continued from page 2)

*Secretary:*

Nothing to report.

**SAFETY**- Gate safety was discussed. According to AMA there have been deaths attributed to people on ATVs (and the like) driving into closed gates at night at flying fields. We are investigating our situation to determine what improvements should be made to our gate.

**AMA Frequency Monitoring**-Max walked the field using an AMA monitor to determine if we had interference which would affect our flying. He could detect no significant interference.

**FUN FLY**-There was no interest (basically no one willing to do the work) in having a Fun Fly this year. Maybe next year.

**GLIDER**-Al Dalnoki is the CD. He plans to contact the Houston Hawks regarding having a joint event with their club.

**BEST**- Kirk Jensen is the CD. He has scheduled for October 7 and 8. Mark your calendars.

**BIG BIRD**- No report.

**New Members-**

Paul Hart

Michael Walker

**Entertainment**-Don Ramsey reviewed his experience at 2005 World Championships of Pattern competition which was held in France. He was a judge and the United States representative.

**Model of the Month**-persistence pays off. Gary Baumgartner finally won. Someone changed the rules (not him) or it probably would not have been possible. (There were only two models so there was a fifty-fifty chance of winning. Pretty good huh?)

**Attendance prize**-winner was not present so the jackpot rolls over to next meeting. (Folks this prize is supposed to be an incentive for members to attend the meeting.)

Meeting adjourned.



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### Field Work Schedule for Month

WEEK OF	LEADER	MEMBER	MEMBER
<b>APR 2</b>	Robert E. Curtis	Albert Dalnoki	Warren Dalton
<b>APR 9</b>	Eric DeSardi, Jr.	Ken Dingle	Eugene L. Dobesh
<b>APR 16</b>	Chris Dowell	Thomas Dwyer	Helmut Eindorf
<b>APR 23</b>	Allen E. Els	Jack Evans	Terry Foote Jr.
<b>APR 30</b>	Kevin Fotorny	James Furby	Greg Garthright

## From the Treasurer

Harper Taylor, Treasurer

The AMA rechartering forms for 2006 have been submitted and I will be sending in before April 1 the application to retain our Gold Club status.

Current active membership is 149. This has been adjusted for the new members and a couple that have not renewed their AMA membership.

We have a few approved projects that need to be completed but none have any significant budget. Current cash balance remains very good.