



THE PROP WASH

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Bud Brinkley

BUD'S BROODIN'S

(FROM THE PRESIDENT)

May weather roared through with a several powerful storms. First victim was the club weather station computer. I have since installed another computer but we are hung up waiting on a part to arrive, before we can get it online once again. The second bit of damage in another storm was the clubhouse roof was partially blown off. We have fixed that and fortunately there was no water damage inside the building.

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Got something you would like to share? Send Allen your stories, product reviews, or anything that would be of interest to the club.

After hearing the account of a member's large gas quarter scale aircraft flying away and becoming lost, I am thinking about my planes and what I can do to prevent the same thing from happening. Batteries are usually the culprits in this case and that's the first thing I checked. Also just in case, I have written my name, address, phone, and AMA number on a label inside each airplane, big or small. This is still an AMA requirement and a good idea I think as it may just get your airplane back. After losing a large investment such as that, I am seriously looking at the electronic retrieval devices on the market. I believe one device emits a loud tone that is easily heard if the plane becomes lost. Another low tech way is to take your now lonely transmitter with you while searching and move the controls. If the servos are working, is pretty easy to hear them moving. And as a last resort, I heard of one guy that rolled up large streamers of shiny Mylar ribbon in the wings and fuselage that would presumably come tumbling out during the crash and make retrieval easy. However you do it, if the worse happens, you'll have a better chance of getting your plane back.

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Bud Continues

I want to remind everyone that it's almost time to renew your membership dues for next year. I'm sure that Dick Pursley is looking forward to taking our money and hopefully we can continue our streak of timely renewals from all of the members.

In closing I want to remind you to please be careful in the heat and wear protection from the Sun. Have a great time flying!

Till next time...

Bud Brinkley



Butch Nye

Butch's Tidbits

(The Vice President's Input)

For those of you who haven't been to the field in the last few days, the lower branch of the hackberry tree has come down onto the pavilion. A tree man has been called to give us a bid on cleaning it up. I also understand that there is very little damage to the pavilion. If you are looking for the weedeater, I have it at my house so I could put line in it. The grass around the flight stations is filling in nicely. It won't be anytime until the flight stations look as if they had been this way forever!

Have fun , be careful and happy flying.

Butch Nye

Note from Dick. Thanks to Eric, we finally have a picture of Butch for the newsletter.

Membership renewal notices will be coming out soon. **PLEASE** make sure all of your contact information is correct! Over 20 people have email addresses that 'bounce back'. Please make corrections and send back with your 2009 dues. If you prefer, you can also indicate that you do not want your information public and you contact information will only be made available to club officers. Additionally, you can send in updated contact information at ANYTIME. If you have any change in your contact information throughout the year, just email updates to Dick Pursley at rwpursley@tri-countybarnstormers.com .

The Cub Scout Fly-in originally scheduled for June 28 has been postponed. We are now tentatively looking at July 12 or July 19. The club voted a couple of months ago to repeat the Cub Scout Fly-in that we held last July. The Scouts are really looking forward to this, we just haven't been able to nail down a date just yet. We will keep you posted!

Gary's Gossip

(The Secretary's Report)



Gary Baumgartner

BARNSTORMER MINUTES

for June 5, 2008

- * Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.
- * May minutes were approved.
- * There were two guests present.
- * Bud Brinkley (el President) discussed weather related problems.
 1. The weather station is not working because of computer failure caused by weather. Repair is in the works.
 2. A storm blew part of the roof off the clubhouse. It has been repaired.
- * Bud discussed procedures to follow in case of serious injury at the field.
 1. Call 911.
 2. Give the field coordinates which are posted next to the phone.
 3. Advise that both the New Waverly volunteer fire department and Walker county sheriff department know location of our field.
 4. If absolutely necessary the injured can be transported to the new helipad south of New Waverly.
- * Butch Nye (el Vice President) reported that the field is in excellent condition.
- * Dick Pursley (el Treasurer) reported that we have 163 members and that finances are in good shape. He reminded that if you want your picture on the website please forward a picture to him.
- * Adam Kaminskas (el Safety Officer) reported that we have had no accidents year to date.
- * Gary Baumgartner (the Secretary) discussed several issues.
 1. Be careful at the blind corner on Tafelski road. The local residents drive fast and do not stay in their lane when rounding the corner. Be aware. This is a very dangerous corner.
 2. Please keep the bathroom doors closed. The neighbors dog is now removing the trash cans from the bathrooms for his own playtime.
 3. The main gate was recently found open at first light. Someone is guilty of not bothering to lock up. If you are leaving the field and no one else is there it is YOUR responsibility to lock everything (clubhouse, barn, and MAIN GATE).

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Gary Continues

- * Sailplane event-Al Dalnoki is planning this years event for Sept. 6 or 13.
- * Fun Fly- Eric Disardi reported that there were 10 pilots for the fun fly. He hopes to have 25 pilots for the upcoming pylon racing event.
- * Old Business-None
- * New Business
 1. Trash problem-Robert Curtis discussed the on going trash problem. He suggested using a contract trash service. Prior to committing to this it was agreed to remove all trash cans. The club rules state that members are responsible for taking their own trash with them when they leave the field. Signs will be put up to remind the trashy ones among us of this requirement.
 2. Scholarship-The applicants for this years scholarship are Kevan Massey and Caitlin Pursley. The selection committee will meet to review the applications and make a recommendation.
- * New members
 - Carl Steck
 - Lou Harvey
- * Model of Month- Gary Baumgartner brought the only plane. (Ho Hum he wins again.)
- * Paul Langner won the prize for wearing his nametag.
- * Attendance prize - no winner. Rolls over to next month.
- * Grand Prize - Dick Pursley won the drawing. His name will go into the end of year grand prize drawing.
- * Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Baumgartner

LOST & FOUND

As put out at the June meeting and followed with an email, Dick Robbins' Quarter Scale Patti Wagstaff decided to fly away to the north. So far, the aircraft has not been located. If you are north of the field, PLEASE keep an eye out for Dick's plane. (Don Menk replied to my email and stated that he has NOT seen this aircraft in the Denver area yet! Thanks for looking Donnie).

Also, while looking for Dick's plane, an engine was found along the tree line. There was no sign of any airplane, so maybe the airplane had been found by the owner and they were unable to locate the engine. If you have lost one, contact Dick Pursley to claim your engine.



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

(Treasury Report)

Hey Folks,

The bank account is alive and well. Remember, if you have a desire to see the books, all you have to do is ask. I will not put actual account information in the newsletter or openly at the meetings as both the newsletter and the meetings are open to the public.

Our membership stands at a staggering 165!

I will mail out the membership renewal letters in the next couple of weeks. I will then continue to hound you until we get everyone renewed. Lets shoot for 100% renewal this year. We came very close last year, with only a couple that chose not to renew.

See you at the field!

Dick Pursley

Hey guys,

This is YOUR newsletter. We want it to be something you enjoy getting. We also need **YOUR HELP!!!**

PLEASE send us articles to include in upcoming issues. Hey Paul, how about a write up and pictures of that new shop of yours? Donnie, send me some pictures of Colorado!

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Got Somthin' You Want To Get Off Your Mind?

Your input concerning the Prop Wash, website, or any other club issue is ALWAYS welcome.

Contact Allen Rugg (brit4a@tri-countybarnstormers.com) or Dick Pursley (rwpursley@tri-countybarnstormers.com) for Prop Wash or website related issues.

Contact Dick if you would like an @tri-countybarnstormers.com email address (Hurry, we only have 4,984 email addresses left). Family members may also have email addresses if they desire!

Contact any of the club officers for ANY club related issue.

Review of FSA Direct's FS5 Receiver**By Terry Foote**

I have a RX that comes from FMA. Normally I wouldn't give an off brand RX a thought but I felt I ought to tell you about this one. First

off, It comes with a shameless plug for Kirk and New Creations Hobby Shop! (He has about three of them left and will make somebody a good deal on one!) Between Doug Cockerham and Kyle winning some prizes at the Big Bird, I wound up "winning" (that's spelled "acquiring") this FMA FS5 receiver. After looking at the specs on this ordinary looking five channel receiver, I was quite intrigued. At first glance I was getting a small circuit board with the usual surface mount gibberish on it covered by some clear heat shrink. You get to plug a Hitec dual conversion crystal onto the socket and the receiver is an auto shift select. (You can use it on any FM speaking transmitter of any brand!) There are two gold pins coming up off the center of the board and this is where things get really cool! What I didn't receive with this little jewel of a receiver was this 1/4" x 1/2" circuit board with a single LED and a small miniature push button that plugs into the aforementioned gold plugs. (I just happened to see four of these little diddys hanging up at Kirks and I got one really cheap from him!) This little gizmo is mounted in a convenient location on your plane so you can see both the button and the LED. So what? Well, turn on your transmitter and then the RX switch and I'll be dog-gone if it doesn't act like every other radio control receiver on the planet! Big deal! (I forgot to tell you there is a small button and a surface mount LED in the center of the receiver that does the same thing this remote button and LED does, but being's how the remote is a bunch better sort of deal once your wrap up your RX with the usual foam padding, I think you will understand!) Okay..... so what's the button do? Well, after turning on the radio, give the button a single push and start to count the flashes of the LED..... One, two, three, four, five long flashes. This is followed by a pause in the flashes. Next comes one, two, three short flashes. What the RX just did was to put a load on your voltage of your battery and tell you with the sequences of flashes that your battery voltage is 5.3 volts! Neat-O! It gets better! If you don't have a computer radio, you can set pre-set fail-safe servo positions with another sequence of button pushes! It has a few more features that are used with the button and LED programming. Okay..... I saved the best for last! Take this sucker and stuff it in the oldest beater plane you have. (A foamy will do, as this RX is small and light.) Oh yeah..... I forgot something else: It's a FULL-RANGE RX so you aren't limited to park fliers!) Back to our beater plane..... Take off and fly way out. (I have it on channel what-ever.) Now ask your buddy that always flies on the same channel as you do to **TURN ON HIS RADIO ON WITH THE SAME FREQUENCY AS YOU WITH HIS ANTENNA FULLY EXTENDED!!!** You read me right on this! This radio RX has a learning feature that binds to the 72 MHz transmitter in much the same way as the 2.4 radios do. In any other case, your radio and plane would be taken for a ride to terra firma ending up in a massive balsa splat but this RX keeps that from happening. You can have your interfering buddy stand anywhere he wants and this RX **REJECTS** the signals from anything else but your TX! The button and LED that is mounted on the surface of the RX also does some various programming of different things when you are setting up the radio and servos while it is still on the work bench. This thing is cool! Just thought I ought to let everybody know about it. (It also comes with a CD that does additional programming while viewing the parameters on your laptop or other home PC.) Well, you wanted something for your newsletter that was newsworthy..... There you have it! 72 MHZ is now old technology when compared to 2.4 but with this RX, it's like you CAN teach an old dog NEW tricks! N51TF, Over and out!

Terry Foote



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JULY 3