



AMA Charter 1605

May 2009

# THE PROP WASH



## Club Officers

- *President-*  
Doug Van Orman
- *Vice President -*  
Eric DeSardi
- *Secretary -*  
Gary Baumgartner
- *Treasurer -*  
Dick Pursley
- *Editor/Webmaster -*  
Allen Rugg



Doug Van Orman

## DOUG'S BROODIN'S (FROM THE PRES)

Man,-- the flying field looks in great shape, every thing seems to be coming together, so we should be set up for a great season of flying and enjoying the friendships we have developed in our club. Our challenge is to continue to have members to participate in maintaining the facilities and field, we are very fortunate to have first class

equipment available to us to do the work but we need more members signing up to be available for mowing and grooming of the field, volunteering to work on club projects etc. Our original members like the rest of us old farts are "getting a little long in the tooth" and we need the next generation to step up and start to fill in, They started the club and will be handing it off to the next generation for future care. I'll post a sign up sheet at the field and at each of our monthly meeting so we can start to formulate teams to help out. The first need will be to mow and groom the field.--I want to thank Allen Rugg and Larry Bonnette for getting our club web site updated, Larry is a good example of the "next generation" member volunteering and helping Allen, -- Larry thanks a lot. Will that it for now

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*Doug Van Orman*



Eric DeSardi

## Eric's Tidbits

(The Vice President's Input)

No report

*Eric DeSardi*

# Gary's Gossip

(The Secretary's Report)



**Gary Baumgartner**

## Barnstormer Meeting Minutes for May 7th 2009

- \* Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Doug Van Orman.
- \* April minutes approved.
- \* Big Bird review: Adam Kaminskas was the contest director. He reported that 33 pilots participated. The event cleared \$325.00. AMA District V.P. Jim Rice attended.
- \* Treasury- Dick Pursley reported that club funds are in good shape. Club currently has 150 members.
- \* Secretary- Gary Baumgartner installed a new engine in the club trainer.
- \* Vice President- Eric DeSardi reported that the new fertilizer spreader has been put in service. The field is very wet and the grass is growing fast.
- \* Safety- Richard Arnold reported no accidents for the past month.
- \* There was considerable discussion regarding the need for more volunteers to assist with field maintenance. No resolution. More discussion will be required. (If you have any ideas please share them.)
- \* New Members-
  - Walf Paris
  - Karl Kiefer
- \* Model of Month - 2 planes shown. Gary Baumgartner won the can of fuel. (Is this a great club or what?)
- \* Nametag contest was won by Robert Curtis.
- \* Attendance prize- No winner. Rolls over to next month.
- \* Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Baumgartner  
2009 Secretary

## Jack Evans

The Barnstormers have lost a good friend and valued member. Jack Evans passed away at home on May 12 from a blood disease after 3 years of declining health. He was 85, the oldest Barnstormer.

Jack joined the club in 1989 after he retired as a Vice President of a drilling company. He had been flying RC since 1982, when he lived in California. Jack was a scratch and kit builder, but also flew an ARF or two in recent years.

He liked to fly off floats and had his own arrangement for lake access, which he would share with any flyer who wanted to try it. He loved to arrive at our field around dawn and fly when conditions were calm and the sun not bothersome. It was said that if no one else was around, he arranged to fly with his back to the sun.

Although Jack wanted no one to know, it was he who paid off the initial creditors and then held the mortgage which financed our flying field. If we needed a tool or a part or a piece of equipment, Jack would get it and the club could pay him whenever funds were available.

As a club officer Jack was the Barnstormer Editor for 9 years, beginning back when the Prop Wash was cut and pasted, and taken to a printer. Every month he and Mildred would run a production line at home to collate, stuff the Prop Wash into an envelop, address, and stamp it. For many years it was Jack who provided the refreshments and coffee at club meetings. Doubtless many of us remember him as the friendliest Barnstormer we met at our first meeting. He was a pleasure to work or fly with.

It is doubtful that we could ever list all of the good things he did for the club. Jack helped develop and then maintain the New Member Guide, the Flying Field Rules, and the Constitution and By-Laws. He was comfortable with computers and kept extensive club records on digital media. He always did more than his share of Barnstormer building construction and field duties, still wrestling the big string trimmer until recent months. The rose bed was his last project.

May he forever fly with his back to the sun.



Dick Pursley

## Dick's Doin's

(Treasury Report)

Hey Guys,

The account is fine we are doing good. Charters are coming in and being renewed. I have a few stickers for some people for your AMA card if you have not got one let me know.

Happy Flying!!!!

*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.

Also we have a new forum for our club that allows members to talk about the club and sell your stuff..



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# DON'T FORGET

TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER  
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
NEXT MEETING WILL BE

May 7th