



# THE PROP WASH

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Gary Baumgartner

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

I won't have a lot to say this time. I am working on the application for our Gold Leader award. I may ask some of you for help. Won't amount to much.

BIG BIRD is scheduled for April 24 and 25. Adam is the C.D. and will need your support. Hopefully the weather will be spectacular. Get your

large planes out and ready to fly. The  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale rule will NOT apply. Monoplanes must be 80 inch wingspan minimum and bi-planes must be 60 inch wingspan minimum. Aircraft may be gas, glow or electric. Please come out and support this event and invite your friends from other clubs.

With the significant improvement in the weather I hope to fly more and see more of you flying.

I leave you with this:

"Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment.

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Would you like to share something with the club members ?

Send Larry your stories, product reviews, or anything that would be of interest to the club.



Max Taylor

## Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

I have to confess to being absent for a little over a week. We made a trip to Lake Tahoe, Nevada to celebrate birthdays for a daughter and my wife. The grandchildren had a great time skiing while I happily watched from the nice warm and cozy Lodge. Some of the snow covered meadows looked like a great place for a properly equipped R/C model, but that will have to wait for another trip.

Adam Kaminskas has been very busy getting things set up for our annual Big Bird event. I want to thank everyone that volunteered to help preparing and running of the event. There are many things to be done in the preparation for, running the event and clean up after it is over. Keep your fingers crossed and hope for good weather for this year's event. The weather has been typical for spring, with temperatures in the 70's and 80's and showers about 4 or 5 days of the week. The warm days and numerous showers have the grass and weeds growing at a rate that will require us to mow at least two times a week. If you have volunteered to mow, but have questions about our mowing equipment or what areas we mow, please give me a call or see me at the field.

Enjoy our facilities and fly safely

Max

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

April 1 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Gary Baumgartner

One guest present. Ed Kaminskas from Grand Rapids

March minutes were approved by the 26 members present at this meeting.

Vice president Max Taylor reported that he received delivery of a load of topsoil to be used to patch eroded portions of the field. Max also applied 9 bags of "ant treatment" and was anticipating an application of weed control in the near future.

The Wind speed indicator was fixed and Max believes it is mostly accurate. He can only vouch that it read the same as his speedometer on his truck.

The Water cooler is fixed. The Fans in the pavilion are beat up and need repair and or replacement.

The Pressure washer needs repair. Max is looking for parts for the carburetor.

Max asks that when people mow they wait until the grass is dry. That way it is easier on the mowers as well as easier to clean up behind them.

Treasurer Dick Pursley reported that the bank book is on a diet for a while, until we recover from our latest purchase. He assured members that we have enough money to run the club but we need to take it easy for a while. The club is up to 150 members and there are still four members that have not renewed their AMA membership. These members are reminded that they cannot fly until their AMA membership has been renewed.

John Luedke mentioned that members would like to see concrete under the picnic tables to make them easier to move. The club will hold off a while until the bank account recovers.

Safety officer Adam Kaminskas reported that there were no accidents in March. Adam told the members that all of the signs were up at the field and the cost was \$130. Adam said that the gentleman who made the signs for us gave us more than \$500 in signs for \$130. Additionally the same gentleman is also making us another large sign valued at around \$1000 at a super discount. Adam asked the members to consider granting the sign maker's daughters a scholarship. Bear will be asked to look in to it.

Adam asked members who use the flight stations at the south and north end of the runway if they thought there was a need for a barrier ( fence ) to keep them safe from aircraft using the main runway.

The club will be selling one of the craftsman mowers. Gary will take a picture of it and Larry will post it on the web site. Gary will also post it on "Craig's List" The club will ask for \$350 or best offer? The club originally paid \$2400 for it.

Eric DeSardi reported that the pylon races will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>. He asked the club for \$100 to be used for food at the event. He will be charging guests \$5 and pilots \$15 to cover the cost of the food. Eric will be providing trophies.

Max provided the members with a list of attributes of our new mower.

## Minutes (continued)

Mike Wood did a great presentation on the use of "Electric Calc". He set up a movie screen and projector and kept members mesmerized for almost an hour. The software is available at "New Creations" for \$38.

Adam reported that Big Bird is coming fast. He would like volunteers on Thursday (22 April) to help set up the canopy and PA system. Please be there at 9am. Volunteers for Saturday (24 April) are asked to report at 8am.

No New members this month.

The Fuel was won by someone other than Gary

The attendance jackpot was not won and will roll over.

The Name Tag winner was Rudy Novotny

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

### Web Site notes:

The Web site is performing just as you would expect. We had 25,000 hits in March and 2,000 visits from different web browsers. The most popular page was the February "Prop Wash" followed by the March "Prop Wash". The following pages were popular as well and were ranked in this order:

"For Sale", "News", "Events", "Big Bird Flyer", "Field Virtual Tour", and finally "The Photo Gallery".

As you can see the "For Sale" page is popular.

If members would like to post something on the "For sale page". Please send me a picture of the item along with a short description, and a price and a contact. I will be happy to post it.

My E-mail is [bonnette\\_l@yahoo.com](mailto:bonnette_l@yahoo.com)

See you at the field

Larry



Dick Pursley

# Dick's Doin's

(Treasury Report)

Hi Folks,

Hope all is well with you.

**Our finances are fine. We purchased the new mower and have plenty left to get us through until dues time.**

**No new members at the last meeting. We hold at 150 (although there are STILL 4 that have not renewed their AMA for 2010).**

Summer is coming and I really, really hope to start getting out to the field more. Hope to see you there.

Until next month.....



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TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER  
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

May 6th