



# THE PROP WASH

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- *President* - Gary Baumgartner
- *Vice President* - Max Taylor
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Dick Pursley
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Gary Baumgartner

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente-

### GENTLEMENS CLUB

Golf is, at least at the professional level. The Barnstormers? Most of us are gentlemen. Some of the finest gentlemen I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. And then there is the one 'bad apple', the lone 'dirty rotten

scoundrel'. The one member that took down expensive safety signs. Why? Who the jioepajhak!!! knows. The member I am referring to is welcome to NOT renew his membership and go elsewhere. The club spent \$243.79 to replace the signs. Also, several members spent time and effort to secure new signs and install them. Unacceptable. These signs were installed to highlight some of the problems we were having with folks forgetting some of our rules.

### RULES:

ARE WRITTEN TO PROTECT THE SLOW. FROM EACH OTHER.

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Meetings are at the Conroe Friendship Center on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

We hope to see you there.



Max Taylor

## Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Here we are well into August, and that means the Best Electrics in South Texas is only about 7 weeks away. I am hoping we can have the field in great shape well before the event. Last year we had some irrigation leaks, combined with rain that made for some bad muddy spots in the area where New Creations had set up shop. We think we have the irrigation portion of that problem fixed, but have no control over Mother Nature. As soon as the hay bails are removed, I will start mowing the extra areas to the north and south of the normal parking/pit areas. Mowing the extra areas for a month or so should make them more user friendly. Another area we want to improve is the railing around the wooden deck. Mike Wood has some good ideas about how to take care of that area, but could use some help. Mike has also been working on the Rose Garden and it is looking much better.

Monday of this week we treated the runway and some of the pit and parking areas for Bahia Grass Control. You can see the effected areas, as they turned brown in about three days. That is a good sign, meaning the Bahia is mostly gone and the Bermuda grass will be really nice and green after the next rain. If any of you have some spare time to do some work around the field and facilities, get in touch. I will try to find something that suites your skills.

I hope to see more of you out flying and enjoying the facilities, but I do understand the hot weather has been encouraging more indoor activities.

Max

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

## Tri-County Barnstormers Meeting

August 5, 2010

Meeting was called to order promptly @ 19:30, with members present. Maybe a few less members than usual.

There was one guest

June Minutes – The president asked for any changes – no challenge

Helmut Motioned to approve, three other members second the motion, and the June 2010 minutes were approved.

Reports:

Vice-President:

Worked on the sprinkler system, found a cutoff valve to be leaking, will have to be drained and tested. After test he will repair or replace.

Some of the sod was not treated due to lack of fertilizer. He will order more and apply. The roller was repaired by one of our members.

Pest control spray for buildings has been applied.

Treasury:

Dick reported that with the incoming dues, our bank account started to look healthy again. Dues are slower than hoped. Receipts will be mailed this month.

He has "Leader Pins from AMA" available to those members wanting them.

Code on locks will be changed on September 1, 2010. The new combination number will be included on dues receipt, as usual. There are still 51 members outstanding

Secretary: Larry is absent on business, Helmut attempting to help with the minutes,

Safety: Adam reported that there were two accidents, one was reported and the second was not reported. He arrived to that conclusion, after testing the blood splatters and finding two different DNA's.

He urges the other person involved in an injury at the field to come forward and fill out a accident report, especially if there was physical damage to someone else's property.

He reminded the membership to comply with the mandates of our organization.

## Minutes (continued)

**President:** Our president experienced a lack of attention of membership while being on the flight line. He called his intention to take off [with his aircraft] to others flying. There was no acknowledgement by others after 3 calls.

Gary reminds our membership that you must announce your take-off and landing intentions to others on the field. You should also acknowledge announcements. The “missing” signs were replaced and re-attached. Whoever needs them for their private use, must now use several different power tools to remove them.

The cost of replacement added to \$243.75 in addition of two hours of work plus travel time to acquire all needed materials.

AMA certificate recognizing our organization as a “Leader Club” has arrived.

Gary appointed a nominating committee to propose officers for next year.

Jim Porter and Kirk Jensen agreed to serve on this committee.

Gary proceeded to tell us, that notwithstanding other nominations, the Board has agreed to continue as is for the next year, with the exception of our Vice President, Max Taylor. Max would like to be replaced as Vice President.

### **New Business:**

**Gate:** Richard Arnold reported that he was the last one leaving the field; though the people cutting hay were still there. He locked the gate and left.

Richard was assured that the people cutting the hay have the ability to come and go as needed, and, he did the right thing by closing the gate.

**BEST:** The next available date for the BEST is October 2 and 3, 2010

**BigBird:** Jimmy Moore asked for the sanction on 04/31 & 05/01/2011.

**Trevin Massey:** We have a “thank you” letter in appreciation of the granted scholarship

**New Members:** None reported

**Models:** None Shown

**Attendance Prize:** No winner. The pot rolls over to next month.

**Name Tag prize:** Bob Houghton was the winner.

**Raffle:** 5 certificates awarded.

**Meeting was adjourned at 20:12**



Dick Pursley

## Dick's Doin's

(Treasury Report)

Hey folks,

The bank account is on a feeding frenzy right now as dues are coming in. We are in good shape for the upcoming year.

However, it would be doing even better if EVERYONE would get their dues mailed in. If you have not mailed in your dues yet, you are officially LATE. Please get your dues in ASAP so that I can get the receipts out (with the stickers for your AMA cards) and also so that I can go ahead with the combination changes on the locks.

One other reminder, AMA renewal is just around the corner. You MUST have a CURRENT membership with the AMA to be a member of the Tri-County Barnstormers. Please get the AMA renewals in on time. There is NO grace period on this. Our current memberships end on 12/31/2010. I will check the status on both 12/31/10 AND 01/01/2011. If you have not renewed, your flying privileges will be revoked immediately. I don't mean to be harsh, but there are a very small number of folks that force the issue.

Enough of the negative. Have a GREAT month and Happy Flying!!!

Dick



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

September 2nd