



THE PROP WASH

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente (I was raised in deep S. Texas)

Adam has received the new signs that were approved at our last meeting. He did a great job and most of them are installed. A couple more will be installed in the pavilion. We have them but they require special bracket for mounting. The signs point out safety issues that are already a part of the flying field rules so there is nothing new to learn. The reasons for doing this are: 1. New members are not as familiar as they should be with the field rules and 2. When we have our events the guests need a little coaxing. Hopefully they and those of us who are not very familiar with the rules will benefit. The next time you are at the field I recommend reading the rules. They are posted on a large yellow sign that is

located on the Southeast corner of the impound area.

I have to admit that I was reading the rules a couple of days ago and realized that rule No. 9 covers an issue that prompted much discussion at a recent meeting. The issue concerns the flying of small planes in front of the pilot stations. (Note: If you read the rules on the web-site it is No. 12.)

The states: *"All model aircraft (gliders, foamies, helicopters) that do not fly some form of a standard flight pattern shall be flown from pilot stations located at the South or North end of the pit fence and flown so as not to interfere with the normal flight pattern or flight line air space. This rule will not apply during sanctioned events for that type of aircraft or if those aircraft are the only users of the field."*

There is one thing that is generally understood. The rule says an aircraft not flying a standard pattern can fly from the pilot stations if there are no other users of the field. Common courtesy dictates that if that is the case then others that want to fly the pattern should wait until the field is open. This is clear enough to me but if there is any confusion let's talk about it.

The weather is certainly improving. That means the flying will be more enjoyable and it also means the field will need more attention. Please support Max with your time and talents.

I leave you with this: *We all get old too soon and smart too late.*

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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

Max Information

(The Vice President's Input)

After a cold wet winter, the warmer weather of the past few days has encouraged rapid growth of winter weeds. We can expect the grass to be growing full tilt by the middle of April. A sufficient number of folks have volunteered for week day mowing, but we need 2 or 3 more volunteers for the week ends.

We recently rearranged club property in the storage barn to make room for the new Kaboda ZG327 zero-turn mower. The next pressing item of business is to get the mowing volunteers checked out on operation of the new mower. The basic operation of a zero-turn mower is not complicated, but it takes some time for some of us to adapt to the steering and speed controls. Due to safety concerns, we will require all that operate the new mower to be briefed on its operation and maintenance. If you have volunteered or wish to volunteer for mowing duties please get with me when you have time.

We have had some great flying weather lately, but most of it has been during the week.

I hope to spend more time at the field on the week-ends, so I can see all the new planes that have been built during the past winter.

Fly safely and enjoy our facilities.

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

Minutes for Barnstormer Meeting

March 4, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

There were no guest present.

Minutes for February meeting were approved as posted.

Officer reports:

Vice president-Max Taylor reported that there are many needs for facility maintenance. Waiting for the ground to dry before getting to work on rye grass and weeds. The old refrigerator was not working and has been removed. One of the water coolers needs repair. Max presented a list of maintenance projects for volunteer sign up.

Treasurer-Dick Pursley reported that bank account is in good shape. Now have 149 members. Four of those are delinquent on AMA membership. Dick reported that Eric DeSardi has a pylon race scheduled for Mothers day weekend. A second race will be in October.

President-Gary Baumgartner reported that Adam Kaminkas finished the new club trainer. It has been test flown and is now in the training closet. Gary reported that the website is down. Larry is working to get it back up.

SAFETY: Adam Kaminkas reported no accidents. He noted that some small electric aircraft are flying over the runway when other aircraft are flying. Remember, there are designated areas for aircraft that do not follow the pattern. Please note the diagram on the bulletin board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mower purchase: Max reported that he felt the best choice of mower would be a Kubota ZG327. Although the price with tax will be about \$10,600 Max is confident that Kubota will sell the mower for \$10,000. The members present approved an expenditure not to exceed \$10,000 for the mower.

Safety signs: At last months meeting Adam Kaminkas made a request to purchase signs most of which are safety related. In addition, he requested signs that would be installed at the gate to remind us to close and lock the gate. Funds for this project was \$500.00. The members present approved the purchase of these signs.

Leader Club: Eric DeSardi is working on the Leader Club application.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was some concern that the time we have committed to using the Friendship Center may not be enough. Gary Baumgartner commented that we can see how our meeting go. If we need more time we can always pay for more. We current pay \$25.00 per hour and currently go from 7-9 pm.

Caps are available for purchase. They are \$10.00 each and are available from Joe Berryman. Thanks to Bud Brinkley for getting these made.

Minutes (continued)

BIG BIRD:

Adam Kaminskis reported that the event is scheduled for April 24 and 25. Leaflets have gone out to the hobby shops and to the vendors. Adam asked for volunteers to help.

NEW MEMBERS:

Frank Mann

Erwin Brockman

MODEL OF MONTH:

There were two models shown. Charlie Barrera won the can of fuel.

Name Tag contest was won by Don McGee.

Attendance prize was won by Gary Baumgartner.

RAFFLE: Next month the raffle will include two aircraft. One of them includes a Magnum engine and servos. It will be a flyable plane with a little work. The other plane is one of the old club trainers. Airframe only. The first plane will be the first prize, then the gift certificates and then the old trainer. You win a plane you have to take it. You can give it away, set it on fire, or maybe win the ugly plane contest at a funfly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The minutes were recorded by Helmut Eindorf. I would like to thank him for filling in for me while I was away on Business.

Web Site:

We recently had some excitement with our web site. We lost our domain name "tri-countybarnstormers.com" when we did not renew it on March 3rd. Brad Wall and I worked together to regain control of our name and in addition to that we also registered the name "tricountybarnstormers.com" (notice no dash) with ICANN. So... now you can access the site with both names. Brad and I are taking actions to increase the odds that the loss of our domain name does not happen again. Thanks for your patience.

Larry



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

(Treasury Report)

Hi Folks,

Hope all is well with you. I have not gotten to fly as much lately as I had hoped. Hope your have been more successful at finding flying time.

Our finances are fine, though the bank account will soon go on a fairly big diet when we purchase the new mower, as voted on at the meeting the other night. Not to worry. Normal day to day expenses will be NO problem. Just no really big projects for a while. I believe (as did practically everyone at the meeting) that the new mower is a needed item.

After voting in two new members at the meeting, we stand at 150 members (though there are still FOUR of you that have not yet renewed your AMA). The two new members are Frank Mann, Jr. and Erwin Brockmann. Keep an eye out for them at the field.

Until next month.....

Hey guys,

The meeting location has changed. It is now at the Conroe Friendship Center on 1202 Callahan Ave in Conroe. See the web site for a detailed map and directions.



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April 1ST