

THE PROP WASH



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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

When you see Adam thank him for his service as CD of Big Bird. Another outstanding event this year. Adam has decided to retire from this position after at least 6 years. I know he has done it that long and when I asked him how many he has done he said he has lost count. Many thanks Adam. I

will be looking for a replacement to handle next years Big Bird. I will get with my secret committee to figure it out.

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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.

I attended the pylon races on May 8. I was surprised by the lack of participation by our members. Eric DiSardi was our only participant. Gene Dobesh and I were the only other members even present. I found it a lot of fun to watch but I don't think it is something I want to participate in. I was surprised to learn that Gene used to fly pylon and described it as being addictive. There was one midair which was very spectacular. Both planes were 3 baggers.

I shared my rules for charging LiPo batteries at the last meeting. Since most of you were not there I want to cast them in stone, so to speak. It is always best to charge batteries at the field, especially LiPos. (continued next page)

Presidents corner (continued)

If you must charge away from the field my first choice is to do it at a neighbors house (maybe one you secretly dislike). If you just can't stand it and choose to charge at home pay attention to my rules (they are complicated).

1. Have a fire extinguisher close at hand.
2. Place the battery in a fire safe container.
3. Do not leave the battery unattended while charging.
4. While charging do not under any circumstances leave a charging battery unattended.
5. Never ever fail to monitor a charging LiPo battery. In other words do not leave it unattended.

HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED A PATTERN TO THESE RULES. IF YOU LEAVE A LIPO BATTERY UNATTENDED WHILE CHARGING RULE NO. 1 WILL DO YOU NO GOOD.

Don Menk has promised to present a little seminar on battery charging at the June meeting. All types of batteries will be covered.

I leave you with this: Please do not charge a LiPo battery if you can not stay in attendance during the entire charge cycle. The house you save will probably be your mortgage company's.



Max Taylor

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Summer has arrived at the Ray Brickhouse Flying Field. Mother Nature is not putting much water on our grass and trees at this time, so we will be using our water well to try and keep things green during the dry period. Jim Porter and Robert Curtis have irrigation systems very similar to what we have at the field, so I have been relying on them to program the system. We will try to do most of the watering at night or early in the morning. If you need to turn the system off due to it running while you are trying to fly, please notify

Jim, Robert or one of the club officers, so we can get the system back in sync. If we start getting some rain, it may be necessary to mow the field three times a week. We have plenty of volunteers to mow Monday thru Thursday, but will need help during the week-ends. If you are willing to help mow on the week-ends, but need help or training on our equipment, please contact me.

After watching the presentation Mike Wood gave on ElectriCalc, I was convinced that I needed to purchase a copy. I ran in to trouble trying to install it on my Windows-7 Lap Top. There is a link to "install help" on the "slikelectronics web page", but I did not see it the first time I went to the site. Sid helpfully pointed me to the following location <http://www.slikelectronics.com/ecalc/problems.htm> . By following the directions, I had the program installed and made the needed changes to get the Help files to work with Windows 7 in less than 15 minutes. Now I just need a few hours of practice to become proficient with a really great program.

Fly Safely

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

May 6 2010

31 members and guests present.

President Gary Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Four guests identified themselves. Ron, Antonio, Perry and Jimmy

April minutes were approved by the members.

Vice president Max Taylor reported that the field is in good shape but dry. He went on to further say that when it begins to rain. "We may have to mow the lawn more than twice a week". Max said that there are plenty of mowers during the week but he needs volunteers to mow on the weekends. If you are interested please contact Max. The new mower works fine and already has eleven hours on it.

Treasurer Dick Pursley reported that the finances are in good shape. There are 150 members with four still not current with AMA. Dick said that he received communication from a wife of a member who would like to buy her husband a birthday / father's day gift of an airplane ride. Members who know of people who provide plane rides should E-mail Dick with the details.

Ralph Queeners family donated tools and plane parts to the club. Members were allowed to take what they wanted.

Tom Walter is moving and will be donating items to the club at the next meeting.

Kirk Massey bought our old mower for \$250

Safety officer Adam Kaminskas reported that there were no accidents in April.

Gary is working on the "Gold Leader" program for the club. One Item is to donate a publication to a library. An AMA subscription is \$16. Gary has directed the treasurer to buy a subscription for the Conroe and the New Waverly library.

Gary proposed that the club donate \$500 to the civil air patrol cadet program. Don Menk made a motion to vote for it at the next meeting. All present seconded and voted to ask members to approve it at the next meeting.

A member has found a "wing plate" at the field. If anyone is missing it, it is in the impound.

Minutes (continued)

The AMA safety code was presented to the club by member Robert Curtis. All club members are reminded to review them.

Master airscrew is offering club members a 50% discount on all of their props. If you would like to get in on this deal please contact Bob Houghton by E-mail.

Gary went over rules for charging LiPo batteries. Many members had many comments to support these rules and others.

Don Menk will speak at the next meeting about batteries.

Eric DeSardi reminded members that the pylon races will be on May 8th. Flying will start at 11:00. He needs help. He needs Judges and timers. Eric expects 20 pilots. He will also be running a "Run what you Brung" race. Eric said it will be open to any kind of .40 size (40, 46 etc) sport plane.

Adam reported that the Big Bird event was somewhat successful. The weather cooperated but the forecast was for rain so not as many pilots as expected showed up. There were a total of 31. The club made \$300. Adam announced that he is retiring from his six year stint as "Big Bird" CD. The club thanks him.

Kirk sent E-mail to Gary to announce that BEST will be on October 2 and 3

One new member this month. Jimmy Moore, welcome Jimmy !

The fuel for "model of the month" was won by Don Menk

The attendance jackpot was not won and will roll over. The name pulled was Stan Cox

The Name Tag winner was Gene Dobesh

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

(Treasury Report)

The bank account is in good health. Our membership is now at 151 with the addition of former member, Jimmy Moore. He was voted in (again) at the last meeting.

I will be sending out dues notices on (or just before) July 1st. Remember, AMA membership is a requirement to be a member of the Tri-County Barnstormers (hint, hint to the **FOUR** members that still have not gotten their 2010 AMA membership). I will then send out the dues receipts once the majority of you have sent in your dues.

Until next month....



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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June 3rd