

THE PROP WASH

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- *Vice President* - Max Taylor
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Dick Pursley
- *Editor/Webmaster* - Larry Bonnette



Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente

Thank you. What for? I and the rest of the officers have been elected to serve another year. I volunteered to run again and as no one else was on the ballot here I am again. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I am sure I will enjoy the coming year. I will not, however, be willing to serve a third term. I feel that would be counter productive. I also, believe there are many among us that can do the job. It is not as difficult as you might think. Please consider serving. Next year we will need to elect a President and Vice President. Maybe a Treasurer and Secretary. If

you have an inclination to be President but wonder about the responsibilities please talk to me. I will be glad to fill you in and encourage you in any way I can. Again, thanks.

Please, please, please. Renew your AMA membership. There is no grace period. If you are not renewed by the end of year you may not fly. I am helping Dick here with the whining. He spends a lot of time trying to figure out who is dragging their feet and reminding them to get with the program. He really has better things to do. I believe he has the most difficult job of the officers. Believe me when I say that you don't want me as treasurer. I wouldn't bother with all the checking and reminders. Sufficient to note Dick is much nicer than me.

Have you checked out the BEST video? If you haven't JUST do it. It is very impressive. For those of you who were not able to attend BEST the video will make you wish you had.

And I leave you with this:

peace.

It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and *still* be calm in your heart.

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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)

As we approach the end of another year and I am recalling some of the happenings of the past, and thinking about what we want to repeat or do better next year. My philosophy is to remember the good things and repeat them or build on them, and keep in mind what did not work well, so we can avoid making the same mistake again. I think most club members will agree that, as a club, we have been reasonably successful over the past 25 years as far as acquiring and maintaining a flying site. The growth and success of the Tri-County Barnstormers has been made possible by cooperation and hard work of the membership as a whole. I encourage all the members to make an effort to make our club the best it can be. A small group can keep the club going, but for us to be really successful, we need participation from the majority of the membership.

Field maintenance has slowed since the grass growth has come to a halt. We do have several items that need attention in the next month or so. The water system needs some repair work on the plumbing in the well house. The irrigation system also has some parts that need to be replaced. Some good news is that we received an Analytical Report from Sam Houston State University on the condition of our soil on the runway. The report is very detailed in the analysis of 10 parameters of the soil, but it all boils down to the fact that our soil is in very good shape. If we want to grow hay, or graze cattle, we need to add a little fertilizer; otherwise we just need to keep mowing.

Our December meeting takes place on the 2nd, and we will have our annual swap meet after a short business meeting. Bring what you want to sell or swap along with some goodies to eat. See you there.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

November - 4 - 2010

President Gary Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 26 members present.

Visitors included Joe Dauarty, Ron Silver, Sam Barrett and Greg Golian.

The October minutes were approved unanimously.

Vice President Max Taylor reported that the field is in good shape. The grass is no longer growing so it gives him and his crew time to work on the tractors and mowers. Max said the new canopy for the Kubota will be in next week. The water well needs work, and the pipes need to be insulated before it gets too cold.

Treasurer Dick Pursley reported that there are 139 club members. He reminds everyone that it is time to renew with the AMA. He checked with the AMA and found that of our 139 members only 77 have renewed. He further reminded us that if your AMA is not renewed by December 31 your flying privileges will be suspended since you will no longer be insured.

Gary has noticed that someone is leaving a filled pan of water on the floor of the pavilion. He asks that whoever is doing this, please stop. Gary says "We don't want to encourage the neighbor's dogs to come onto our property". Members present agreed.

Adam was not present but Gary mentioned that there were no accidents.

Gary told us that he has renewed our meeting place at the "Conroe Friendship Center" for another year and that the club has paid in advance for the year.

Jim Porter told the members that the election committee was unable to find a volunteer for the vice president position. With a little discussion Max was persuaded to become the VP for 2011. Jim said that the following people have volunteered to be the clubs officers: Gary Baumgartner - President, Max Taylor - Vice President, Dick Pursley - Treasurer, Larry Bonnette - Secretary. Jim made a motion that these people be voted in as the 2011 officers. The motion was seconded and the members voted unanimously for the measure. Congratulations to the above named members and thank you for your service.

Ken Bauske reported that the treasures audit was completed on 23 October 2010. He explained that He, Bart Massey, and Jim Porter studied the Barnstormers books and has concluded that they are in order and correct. A motion was made and seconded to accept the conclusion of the audit committee. The measure was passed unanimously.

During the audit report, Ken mentioned that the maintenance budget of \$3500 was insufficient. This is because the payment to the cleaning people of approximately \$1200 per year is coming out of it.

When the maintenance budget was first proposed there were no cleaning people to pay. When the club hired someone to clean, the money to pay them came out of the maintenance budget with no increase to that budget. Ken made a motion that the maintenance budget be increased to \$5000 to cover the maintenance and the cleaning of the club property. A few members questioned Ken and Gary on the correctness of the vote. However, after a short discussion the members present agreed that the vote is within the rules of our By-Laws and Ken's motion was seconded. The members present unanimously voted for the measure.

Minutes (continued)

Tom Bufkin is a new member and a professional water well driller. He and Max inspected the clubs water well and Tom had the following recommendations. Tom said that the system is currently in pretty good condition but he suggests that the club install a device to prevent "Pump Burn in". Pump burn in is a failure of the system that would cause a pump to overheat and fuse itself to the pump casing. If this happens a new well would have to be drilled costing the club around ten thousand dollars. The cost of the device is low and Tom volunteered to install it. The club members agreed that Max and Tom should manage this project and that the funds for the addition of new or repair items should come out of the maintenance budget.

Jimmy Moore reported on the progress of the "Big Bird" planning. He said that we will begin major plans at the February meeting. He said that members should attend other clubs events to help promote our "Big Bird". Jim laid out some "possibilities" to be considered for our event.

Break 8:17-8:30

Two new members, Ron Silver and Sam Barrett were voted in by members. Welcome Ron and Sam.

Model of the month was awarded to Rick Rees

Gary reminded members that there will be no model of the month or raffle at the December meeting. The December meeting will be our annual swap meet. Members are encouraged to bring items that they would like to sell. Also, if a member would like to bring food to share with other members please feel free to do so.

The attendance award was won by Gary Baumgartner.

The name tag award was won by Gene Edwards

Gary asked the members if they wanted to eliminate the name tag award. The group said to keep it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Hey folks,

We had two new members voted in at the meeting the other night. That takes us to 141 members (two more in place to be voted on next month as well).

As you know, I stopped whining a month or so ago about dues. That is all behind us. However, time for me to start nagging about AMA membership renewal. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get your AMA renewal in before December 31. The earlier you get it done, the less nagging you will hear from me so please take care of it soon. Please note that there is NO grace period on AMA membership. If you do not renew prior to the end of the year, you must immediately stop flying until you do get it renewed.

The bank account is alive and well. Mr. Bauske, Mr. Porter and Mr. Massey (Bart) audited the treasurer a few weeks back. All went well.

Did I mention that AMA renewal is coming up SOON!!!

Once you get your new AMA card, please attach the 2011 Barnstormer sticker to it.

Hope to see you at the field soon! (With your NEW 2011 AMA card).

Dick Pursley

P.S. In case you were not aware of it, AMA renewal is just around the corner.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

December 2nd