



## THE PROP WASH

### Club Officers

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



Gary Baumgartner

### PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente

I had fun. How about you? I am talking about BEST. Another outstanding event was held at OUR field. An all electric event. Have you ever seen a 14 foot plus wingspan Constellation powered by four electric motors? I have. It was awesome. I have to see some of this electric stuff to believe it. In addition to witnessing and even participating in the event I had the pleasure of helping organize. Many of our members deserve a thank you for their efforts. The team of Kirk and Kirk are to be commended for their

efforts not just this year but for the last 6 or 7 years of which I am aware. In addition Frank Mann and Perry Baycroft deserve special thanks. Frank did several days of pressure washing. Perry was responsible for cleaning and painting the work tables in the pavilion. There were many others that helped. In general the Tuesday-Thursday old guys did the bulk of the work. Thanks to all.

Elections of officers will be held at the November meeting. At least that is what is supposed to happen. The president, treasurer and secretary have agreed to serve another year. Max, our Vice President would prefer to step down. At this writing we have not had anyone step forward to take his place. We will see what happens. If you are interested in serving please advise Jim Porter. The three officers that have agreed to serve another year are not by any means cast in stone. If someone is interested in a position let Jim know. He will prepare a ballot and we will have a vote.

Start thinking about all the good stuff you have that you might like to trade, swap or sell. The December meeting is traditionally a swap meet. I have acquired some good stuff for little cash. Have also traded for some items. It is always a lot of fun.

I leave you with this:

Put all your tomorrows in a safe today.

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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)

The 2010 B.E.S.T. event was blessed with near perfect weather for a change, and as usual, Kirk and Kirt organized and ran the event in a superb manner. You will see more about it elsewhere in the Prop Wash. I want to thank all the members that worked many hours getting the facilities ready. Perry Baycroft deserves an extra thank you for painting all the tables under the shelter. Perry used his personal paint gun and did a great job. Frank Mann spent several hours, or was it days cleaning the deck and shelter with his personal power washer. THANKS GUYS, we really appreciate your dedication. The participants also deserve a big thank you for leaving the facilities in such a clean state. The clean up after the event was very easy, due to the participants picking up the trash and placing it in the waste barrels.

The cool dry weather has the grass growth slowed to a point that we will only need to mow once a week and that will give us more time to catch up on maintenance. During the next couple of weeks we will be greasing, changing oil and filters and doing other general maintenance on equipment. All that enjoy being "grease monkeys" are welcome to come out and help.

Hope you can all come out and fly during this beautiful fall weather.

See you there, Max

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

October 7, 2010

Started: 7:29 PM

Members Present: 23

President Gary Baumgartner called the meeting to order.

There were six guests present: Peter Quintanilla, Thomas Bufkin, Mark Whitley, Ron Silver, Gene Edwards, and Tim Hight.

The September minutes were accepted by the members.

Our Vice President Max Taylor reported that the BEST event went well. In preparation for the event the entire team worked hard to get the property ready. Max asked if anyone knew where we could get soil tested. Bud Brinkley knew of a place and since he knows how to do it he volunteered to collect and send the samples to the lab. When the results get back Max will see that the grass gets fed the correct nutrients. Max says that the equipment needs oil changes and grease jobs and that he is looking for assistance in getting it done. Anyone willing to help should contact Max. There is a timer in the rest rooms now so the lights won't stay on when someone forgets to turn them off. The lights are motion sensors. So, if they turn off before you're done. Simply wave your hands.

Treasurer Dick Pursley reported that 135 members have paid their dues. One member paid his dues but since he did not renew his AMA Dick sent his check back to him.

Dick informed us that this is the month for the treasures audit. Bart Massey and Ken Bauske have been selected to audit the treasurer and the results will be reported at the next meeting.

Secretary Larry Bonnette asked if anyone took pictures at the BEST. If they did please send them to him so he can post them on the web site.

The Safety Officer Adam Kaminskis reported that there was one injury at the field in September. The person injured was not a member.

Adam would like all members to remember that if they are a sponsor of a non member. They are to explain to that non member that the sponsor **MUST** be present when they come to the field. Some non members think that once they are sponsored they can comeback anytime with or without their sponsor.

Gary thanked the volunteers for their help at BEST and specifically Perry Banycroft, Frank Mann and Kirk Jensen.

## Old Business

The Club voted unanimously to spend \$400 on an umbrella for the mower.

## New Business

Gary asked members if it would be alright to renew the current hall that we rent at the Conroe Friendship Center at \$50 per night. There were no oppositions and therefore Gary will renew our contract with the city of Conroe.

Jim Porter said that the Officer Election committee had candidates for the upcoming Barnstormer officer election (except for Vice President). If anyone would like to volunteer to run for Vice president please contact one of the current officers.

## Minutes (continued)

These candidates are:

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| President:       | Vice President: | Secretary:     | Treasurer:   |
| Gary Baumgartner | none            | Larry Bonnette | Dick Pursley |

Members are reminded that any member can nominate any other member for any position.

Gary asked members if they had any projects that they would like to have considered. Gary remembered that members had talked about maybe pouring concrete for the picnic tables to sit on.

Kirk Jensen and Kirk Massey reported that the BEST was a success even without the support of many of our normal sponsors. Kirk Massey explained that his attempts to get items for the event were met with heavy resistance. The club found itself having to purchase gifts for the raffle out of the proceeds in order to have items to raffle off. Kirk Massey was kind enough to provide these gifts at his cost to the club. Even with this setback the event attracted 63 pilots and made the club a reasonable profit.

One Vendor (Hytec) sent items for the raffle but they arrived too late to be used for the raffle so Kirk and Kirk drew names from the list of volunteers and gave the Hytec items to them. Members who won included: John Luedke, Frank Mann, Zack Miller, Dick Pursley, Bart Massey, Ken Bauske, Mike Wood, Jim Porter, and Max Taylor.

Dick said there was only one complaint and that was that they thought the event was flying Kayos.

Big Bird sanction is applied for and the dates will be April 30 and May 1 2011

Break 8:04-8:15

Four new members were unanimously voted into the club. Peter Quintanilla, Thomas Bufkin, Mark Whitley and Gene Edwards. Welcome !

Gary told the new members that there is a lot of expertise in the club and that they should not be afraid to draw from it.

Dick Pursley won the model of the month.

Kirk Massey flew a cute little aircraft made for night flight called the "Night Vapor"

Ross Havlick was the name drawn for the attendance prize. He was not there so the prize rolls over to next month.

Dick Pursley won the Name tag prize.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:42

**Dick Pursley**

## Dick's Doin's

Hey folks,

With all said and done, including the 4 new members from the meeting the other night, we stand at 140 members in good standing. I will now (hopefully) go a month or so without too much whining.

However, AMA renewal is just around the corner. Quite a few members renewed for two years last time and are good through the end of 2011. However, most will be due the end of this year. If you have questions as to when your card expires, it says right on the card. If your card does not expire until next year, they will still send you a new card. The cards change colors each year to make it easier to spot an expired card.

The bank account is alive and well. The annual audit of the treasurer books will take place soon. There will be a report on the audit results at the next meeting.

Hope you are enjoying this wonderful weather as much as I have been.

See you next time.....



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

# November 4th