



THE PROP WASH



NEW WAVERLY, TEXAS

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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente

At our last meeting there was some concern (on my part) about what is acceptable flying. I stated that I was NOT happy about a plane flying at my eye level and fifteen feet in front of me. Well, my concerns are valid. Please read the Barnstormer Flying Field Rules. They are posted at the field and may be read on the web site. I am not going to give you the rule that applies. That would be too easy. I expect everyone to read all the rules. The rules are in place for a reason. I

must admit that I should have known the answer at the meeting. I apologize for not being more knowledgeable. We are all responsible for knowing the rules. Read them and be prepared for our next meeting. There will be a quiz.

And now: Who said it?

"The thing is, helicopters are different from airplanes. An airplane by its nature wants to fly, and if not interfered with too strongly by unusual events or by a deliberately incompetent pilot, it will fly.

A helicopter does not want to fly. It is maintained in the air by a variety of forces and controls working in opposition to each other, and if there is any disturbance in this delicate balance the helicopter stops flying immediately and disastrously. There is no such thing as a gliding helicopter.

That is why being a helicopter pilot is so different from being an airplane pilot, and why, in generality, airplane pilots are open, clear-eyed, buoyant extroverts and helicopter pilots are brooders, introspective anticipators of trouble. They know if something bad has not happened, it is about to."

Email your answer to:

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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 drought is still with us, and no end is in site. The dry conditions certainly reduce the need for mowing, but we have other things that require effort and time. Lately the Armadillos are doing lots of damage to the runway. They are after the grubs that live in the irrigated areas. The County Extension Service advises that it is almost impossible to kill all the grubs, and trapping the Armadillos is not an easy chore. If you have the need or desire to have an Armadillo for a pet or a meal, please help your self.

Next month we will start the process to elect new officers. If you want to take the vice-presidents job, or help the incoming person, I will be happy to brief any or all interested members on equipment operation and maintenance. I will be out of town until Aug. 24th.

If you have questions on the location of manuals and maintenance records or would like help on equipment operation contact me at 936 760-2654 or maxt3@suddenlink.net.

Please keep safety in mind at all times. Hope to see you at the field soon.

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

August 2011 meeting minutes

- 7:30 Meeting called to order by President Gary Baumgartner
 - Minutes from the July meeting approved as published in the Propwash
 - Vice President Max Taylor reported that Gene Edwards has volunteered to lead the repairs on the irrigation system, but **WILL NEED HELP**. The Kubota mower is due for regular service. It will be in the shop a few days. The John Deere tractor is fine.
- The big wheel trimmer was modified to work, is not perfect but will be fine for doing along the fence. The 12v power supply for the charging table is rated at 42 amps. If you are charging a 5 cell lipo at 10 amps, it will be pulling around 17 amps from the power supply. To calculate your amp draw, take the max voltage of your pack, divide by the supply voltage (about 12) and multiply by the rate you are charging your pack.
- PLEASE** be aware of how much you **AND** anyone else is pulling from the supply and do not overload it.
- Treasurer Dick Pursley reported a little over half of the membership had sent in their dues. He reminded everyone that the dues need to be in **ASAP** and that **AMA** renewal is just around the corner. The Huntsville Civil Air Patrol group might be interested in a Saturday Fly-in like we did with the scouts. He will inform the club if/when it comes up and request to close the field on a Saturday morning to support this effort.
 - President Gary Baumgartner reported that Sam Barret won the 'who said it' contest.

Please heed the warning signs. There are to be no **LOW, HIGH SPEED** fly by's if other pilots are flying at the same time. Either do low fly by's slow, or maintain some altitude to do high speed fly by's.

- Ken Bauske reported that the **AMA** website (08/03/11) featured an article on our own Don Ramsey.

Saturday at 10 there will be memorial service for Evelyn Houghton.

- Mike Wood reported that the magazine 'Flying Models' this month has an article on former member Pete Fusco and present member Jim Coleman.

Minutes (continued)

Old Business

- The club will vote on 'Community Donation' next month. We donate \$500 every year to a worthy cause. So far, the only nominee is the Civil Air Patrol cadet program.
- Helping Hands scholarship still only has one applicant. We will vote on it next month.
- Kirk Massey reported on some rough, preliminary cost estimates for a hard surface. It is still too early to get specifics.
- Our officer nomination committee has had NO luck thus far. We MUST find candidates for the positions of President and Vice President.

New Business

- Appears there are some false impressions. We DO want people to help with day to day maintenance. If you are willing to help (which you agreed to when you joined per the Constitution and By-Laws of the club) get with Max and get checked out on the mowing equipment and lend a hand!!!!!!

8:10 Break

8:20 Back to order

- Kirk Jensen/Kirk Massey reported that the preliminary work for setting up the B.E.S.T. is well underway but it is a little early to 'get too excited...' Dates for the event are October 7, 8, 9.
- Two new members were voted in. Jonathan Bickford and Steve Sartor. Welcome to the Barnstormers!!!
- There were NINE models for Model of the Month. Rick Rees won.
- Next month, Kirk Massey will do a brief seminar on 'Crash Repair'
- Had usual raffles

8:45 Meeting adjourned

Please join me in thanking Dick for recording the minutes this month.



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Our bank account is starting to look alive as about 2/3 of you have paid your dues. Not bad considering that we are only about a week past the actual due date. However, if you have not yet paid, please do so soon. I really hate to nag and nag and nag (actually, I kinda like it, but most of you get tired of me complaining, so do your buddies a favor and pay up so they don't have to listen to me).

Just an FYI, but I was contacted by the head of Huntsville's Civil Air Patrol cadet program last week and he may try to get us to set up a fly-in for his cadets one Saturday (just like we did a couple months ago for the scouts). I will keep you posted and formally request the club's permission when/if details firm up.

Take care and remember to land with the wheels on the bottom (I forgot that last week with my EZStar and broke a prop).

Dick



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

September 1st