

THE PROP WASH



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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente:

I have learned a lot in this hobby. There is more to flying a model plane than learning to move sticks. Some of what I have learned has come from magazines and books. But, a very large part of what I have learned has come from club members that have been in the hobby a long time. Sometimes I can learn from them by watching. Usually I learn useful things. Occasionally, I learn what not to do. I benefit from their experience, both good and bad. I have learned what is safe and what is not. When I see someone do something I consider to be unsafe I learn from that observation. I am not bashful about pointing out unsafe behavior when I see it.

For those who are new to the hobby, please observe, study, be committed to the club and have fun. The more effort you put in to the hobby the more successful you will be and the more fun you will have.

And now for "Who said it?"

"Nothing said I had to crash."

Two raffle tickets to the first correct answer.

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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)

July has brought us more hot weather, but the wind has calmed down a bit and allowed me to fly my small electric planes more often. I have been considering doing more flying in the late afternoon to take advantage of the sun being to my back and temperatures just a few degrees lower just before sun set.

The CAP donated some old folding tables that were damaged on the ends. Out of the five, we were able to make three 8' tables that will be serviceable. I would like for us to get rid of the table under the bulletin board, as it is really just scraps from the old impound area with a banner wrapped around it to hide the ugly construction. The table outside the kitchen area is in the same category, and needs to go also.

The Power Supply that we bought in March has failed and been returned to Pyramid Service center for repairs. We need to pay close attention to the current that is being drawn when charging our larger battery packs. When charging a 10 cell lipo pack at 10 amps, we are pulling 20 amps from the 13 volt power supply. The power supply is rated at 40 amps continuous and 52 amps surge. Communicate with others who are using the power supply and watch the total amps being used. We have had two power supplies fail this year.

I mentioned at the last club meeting that I was disappointed in the very limited help I have had with the mowing and grass trimming. One member suggested that we have a "mowing schedule". A few years back we tried to set up schedules for grass cutting and other maintenance items, but it was a total failure. We made the schedules for a year, and not more than 10% of the members did any work. My suggestion is "if the grass needs to be mowed, just mow it", "if the grass is growing across the sidewalks, trim it" "if you see something that is broke, fix it or ask for help". Taking care of the property and equipment is the responsibility of ALL BARNSTORMERS. Please do your part to keep our flying field a place that we can all be proud of.

Fly safely and send your dues to Richard, I hate to hear him whine.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

7:30 Meeting called to order

We had over 30 members and 4 guests present

Minutes from the June meeting were approved

Sam Barrett won the 'Who Said It' award

VP Report - Field is OK, but NOT ENOUGH HELP. Please read his article in the upcoming Propwash

Treasurer - Bank account OK. Said it is the start of 'whine' season. Please help this to be a short whine season by getting dues in promptly!

Gary reported that all fire extinguishers are inspected and up to date.

Safety report - NO ACCIDENTS! There were 5 guest fliers in June and a couple of new members received their certification.

Old news - The club voted to give the annual \$500.00 charitable donation to the Civil Air Patrol.

The club will vote on Helping Hands scholarship next meeting. There is only one application so far.

New business - Bud Brinkley GLADLY accepted the appointment as chairman of the nomination committee

Hard surface - Kirk Massey will chair a committee which includes Robert M. and Tom B. to investigate options/cost/design, etc. for a hard surface. After their investigation, the club can decide if the topic warrants continued attention. Dick pointed out that the club spends almost exactly as much as it takes in on an annual basis and that paying for a major project would require serious thought on how to pay for it.

Minutes (continued)

Ron Duncan did a brief and extremely informative demo with the defibrillator

Kirk J. reported that the sanction is in place for the next B.E.S.T.

Gary pointed out that we need a Contest Director for the Big Bird.

No new members this month.

Model Of the Month - Who else. Gary won as usual

Name Tag Contest - Sam Barrett

No one hit the attendance jackpot, so it rolls over to next month Raffle

Meeting adjourned

Thanks to Dick Pursley for taking down the meeting minutes this month while I was away on business.

Thanks Dick !!



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

The bank account is starting the annual growth period as the dues are starting to come in. So far a little over 10% have sent in their dues and we are only a little over a week into July. Please keep the dues coming in so that 'whine' season is shortened.

I will mail dues receipts periodically. I just mailed a dozen or so for the early bird group that has already paid. I will mail the rest as I get payment. The receipt contains the new lock codes as well as the Tri-County Barnstormer sticker that you will need to apply to your 2012 AMA card. Look for your receipt within a few days of my receiving your dues.

We had no new members at the July meeting, so we stand at 152 members. I expect to loose about 10% or so due to non-renewal. That is about the normal amount. We will gain about that much back over the next year in new members.

Don't forget to renew your AMA. That is a second 'whine' season of it's own. Hopefully that will be a short 'whine' season this year.

Until next month.....



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TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

August 4th