

THE PROP WASH



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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente

Many thanks to our members that helped with the scout fly. Dick Pursley, Paul Langner, and Gary Baumgartner were the Intro Pilots. In addition, Dick's nephew Taylor, Robert Curtis, Jim Coleman, Adam Kaminkas, and Gene Edwards were present and provided valuable assistance.

There will likely be some discussion of a paved runway at the next meeting. I will be prepared to share some of my thoughts on the subject. I have some concern that discussions may be a little contentious. I do not intend to allow that. Actually, any discussion can only be very preliminary and

exploratory. Those who are pursuing a paved runway should keep "Rule 13" in mind. For those who don't know what that is, shame on you. That means you do not attend meetings. Come to a meeting to find out.

You should be aware that we again found the front gate unlocked and the clubhouse unlocked. I will be presenting a proposal for a large neon sign (probably 20' by 30'). It will say something like "LOCK THE GATE, YES YOU, THE PROPERTY YOU SAVE IS YOURS!!!" In addition, motion sensing and camera equipment will be required. Off the top of my head \$20,000 may be adequate. (Oh well, we don't really need a paved runway.) Every member should realize that they are part owner of the Barnstormer facilities. You can review the constitution and bylaws to find out how each members share is calculated. That means I too am an owner and I do NOT appreciate anyone leaving the property not secured.

Now, for one more of my rants. I am not a hired hand. The other members of the Executive Committee are not hired hands. None of the members that fill appointed positions are hired hands. Please, if you find something simple that needs fixing and you are capable of doing it, then DO IT. This is especially true if the item is considered safety related. If you feel the need to tell us later you might get an "atta boy", or not.

Who said it?

"Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped."

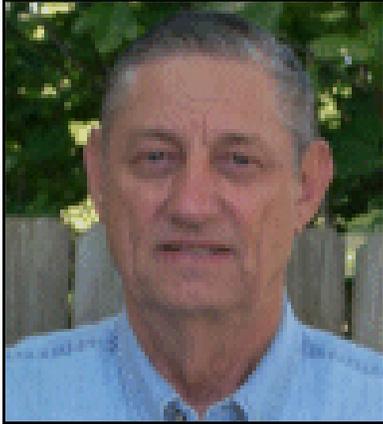
First correct answer wins 2 raffle tickets. (thetoolman@consolidated.net)

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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)

It is still a week to the "Summer Solstice", but the past month felt like the middle of summer to me. The extraordinary dry conditions accompanying this heat have our field and the hay around it a real tender box, so everyone please be very careful about starting fires. The catalytic converter on an automobile can start a fire as fast as a box of kitchen matches, so be cautious about driving off the road. Gene Edwards has finished the project of getting all of our fire extinguishers inspected and re-certified.

The grass that is getting water from the irrigation system is growing at a normal pace, but the un-watered areas are showing very little growth.

It may be a month or two before we can get the grass completely repaired around the new concrete areas. We may need to do some hand watering and move a little more dirt in to get things back to normal. If you have some spare time feel free to work on getting it smoothed out a bit.

As far as I know, all the equipment is in good running order, so feel free to do a little mowing any time you can. Remember to wear proper clothing, use sun screen and keep hydrated.

Til next time (by the way I am getting close to the end of my term)

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

June-2-2011

Members present 22

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Gary Baumgartner.

There were no guests

The May minutes were approved unanimously.

Vice president Max Taylor reported that the grass is doing better than expected. It has been very dry in the past month. The irrigation system is running. Gene Edwards is getting the fire extinguishers looked at. Max and crew will put weed kill down when we get some rain. The Civil Air Patrol donated tables to the club.

Treasurer Dick Pursley reported that our treasury is doing OK. He also said that it is almost time to pay dues for the 2012 season. He will be sending out bills next month. Dick suggests that you renew your AMA at the same time to prevent him from whining.

Secretary Larry Bonnette asked members to contribute to both the web site as well as the news letter by providing him with content such as articles on the model aircraft hobby or "how to" articles. If you have anything that you would like to contribute please send Larry an E-mail. Also, if you have something to sell, Larry will happily post the items on the web site.

Gary and Perry received letters from the Huntsville school children thanking them and the club for participating in their "School enrichment day". He placed one letter on each table of the "Friendship Center" for members to read. During the meeting Gary read one to the members. The club appreciated the student's thanks.

Sam Barrett won the "Who said it" contest.

Gary got a call about the defibrillator at the field. The battery was dead and the pads needed replacement. Gary ordered the materials needed.

The club is looking for someone to demonstrate the use of the defibrillator.

On June 11 the Scouts will be at the field. The field will be closed to flying while they are there. Gary is looking for volunteers to help with the activities. If you would like to help, please send Gary an E-Mail or give him a call.

A member reported that the glass is falling out of the bulletin board. Paul Langer volunteered to fix it.

Minutes (continued)

The club is looking for nominations for club officers. If you would like to nominate someone for an officer post, please let one of the current officers know or, come to the next meeting to nominate them.

The club is also looking for people to be on the officer nomination committee. Let Gary know if you are interested.

Each year the club makes a donation to a charity. Last year we donated to the "Civil Air Patrol". If you have a charity that you think the club should donate to, please come to the meeting or let one of the officers know.

The "Helping Hand" award will be donated again this year. Zach Miller has submitted a request. If there are any others that you would like the club to consider please have them fill out the "Helping Hands" award form that is on the web site. The club has been known to sometimes give out more than one award.

The club needs members to serve on the "Helping Hands" award committee. Members interested please talk to Gary.

The addition of new concrete walkways has been completed.

Club members are encouraged to present ideas for projects that will improve the club. Please come to the meetings and let us know what you think would make our club a better club.

The call for projects started a discussion on adding a paved runway. The members asked that we poll the general membership to see how many members really want a paved runway. The comment was: "We have voted several times on this subject and it is ALWAYS voted down.

Larry will place question in the PropWash asking the question: "Would you like a Paved Runway at the club field?"

Bomber Field is hosting "War Birds" on June 4 and 5

Gary mentioned that there is a nice flight museum to visit. For information on this museum visit: <http://www.pioneerflightmuseum.org>

No new members this month.

Model of the month - Rick Rees

Attendance award - Leigh Andrew (Leigh was not there so the award rolls over)

Name Tag - Mark Whitley

Adjourned - 8:35



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Hey folks,

The bank account is OK and membership stands at 152, which is quite normal for this time of year. However, we will probably drop 15 - 20 due to not wanting to renew and gain that many back with new members over the next year.

About the 1st of July, I will be sending out dues renewal notices. Please be prepared and get the dues back in as soon as you can. However, if you want to mail your dues in early, just drop a check for \$100 in an envelope and mail to me. Please include any updated contact information. Our PO box is

Tri-County Barnstormers
PO Box 916
New Waverly, TX 77358

So far, I have received 20 or 25 responses to my email concerning a hard surface runway. I will have a summary of the responses that I will present at the next meeting (and I will email it to you). So far, the votes are slightly in favor of putting in a hard surface. However, this is an un-official count and so far no where near enough total votes to make a decision, so if you have not yet responded, please send me your desire and please include the reasons for your choice.

Hope to see you at the boy scout event on Saturday.

Happy Flying!!!

Dick

P.S. Did I mention that dues renewal is coming up soon?



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

July 7th