



THE PROP WASH

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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente

Well it is time to define AA and CC. Most of you probably are scratching your heads. AA and CC are noted on the bulletin board at the field. If you don't go to the field or heaven forbid you don't read the bulletin board when you are there then your curiosity has not been peeked.

AA stands for "Announce your intentions and Acknowledge that you heard". OK you say. Announce what? I say, Announce your intentions at the flight line. Always, without fail, when another pilot is flying you should Announce your intentions. Examples are:

- * Taking off (self-explanatory)
- * Landing (self-explanatory)
- * Dead stick (you are going to land somewhere)
- * On the runway (never walk onto the runway when a plane is flying without Announcing)
- * Clear (let another pilot know you are out of the way)
- * Out of Control (or OH *&*&^%&!!!!)

Now, does it do any good to Announce if no one Acknowledges? No!! Maybe they are lazy or maybe they didn't hear. If you Announce that you are going on the runway and you are not heard and you do not insist on an Acknowledgement you, yes you, are at fault if you are hit by another plane. I am going to Announce my intentions and insist when I am at the flight line that I get an Acknowledgement from other pilots. If I have to give you a "Gibbs" (ask if you must) I will do that. I plan to be really obnoxious about it.

I hope we will get to the CC part. That friend, stands for Cultural Change. (I knew all that management training would pay off some day.) It will take a Cultural Change to achieve improved flight line procedures. It will be worth it. I have had near misses and I have witnessed near misses. (Now for my safety training.) Enough near misses eventually lead to real accidents. Luck only gets you by for a while. Not forever.

Let's give this a try. I think you will like it.

And now this:

"The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will and the other from a strong won't."

(Two raffle tickets to the first person that tells me who said the above quote.)

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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)

Spring does not officially arrive for two more weeks, but we have lots of green weeds and grass growing at the model field. I had planned to mow today, March 8th, but the rain was still coming down at 10:00 am. I hope to get the mowing started Thursday. Our next club meeting is April 7th. I plan to have an "Official Work Day" the following Saturday, April 9th. We need to do a "Spring Cleaning", in preparation for the Big Bird event coming up on April 30th and May 1st. Please make plans to help out if you can work it in your schedule. While on the subject, I would like a commitment from some of the weekend flyers to help with the routine mowing and weed eating through the summer. I am normally around during the week to see that mowing and other maintenance is done.

If you can help, but are not sure what needs to be done, contact me at 936 760-2654 or maxt3@suddenlink.net .

As the weather gets better, I hope to see your smiling faces at the field.

Fly safe and have fun

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

March 3, 2011

Start time: 7:30 PM

Members Present: 29

Visitors: 2

President, Gary Baumgartner opened the meeting by welcoming the visitors.

The February minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Vice president, Max Taylor reported that the field is looking good. It is beginning to green up. He expects to start mowing the grass very soon. Max would like to implement a Saturday work day. He would like it to begin this Saturday (March 5). He is looking for volunteers. Max said that the volunteers should motivate themselves to do whatever they see that needs doing. IE pickup debris, sweep, rake etc. Max will not be able to make it this Saturday but hopes that members will show up and help with the chores. Max continued, Dick Pursley has volunteered to look at the water heater.

On another note. Max asked if anyone had read the AMA "Insider news letter". This is a news letter that the AMA puts out in addition to the AMA magazine. It is totally electronic. IE you can go to the AMA web site to read it or you can ask the AMA to send it to you in E-Mail. Max said that the AMA is calling for members to contact their government representatives and let them know that they are concerned with the possible upcoming rules that the FCC may be planning which may affect our hobby. Max said that we should write the representatives and let them know that the AMA is a good organization and to urge the government to work with them (The AMA).

Treasurer, Dick Pursley reported that the finances are in good condition and that our membership is now up to 146. He mentioned that his "tri-countybarnstormers" E-mail account was not working while we were having problems with the web site. But that Larry had issued him a new account from our new web service vendor and that he is now receiving E-mails on the new account. He also said that if anyone would like a "barnstormers" E-mail account to contact Larry.

The secretary reported that the Web site was now up and running and that both the "tri-countybarnstormers.com" and the "tricitybarnstormers.com" domain names were also working. Larry told members that the site had been moved from the Canadian web company to the Small Business arm of Yahoo. This occurred when the old vendor refused to cooperate. At this time the site and both domain names are now hosted at smallbusiness.yahoo.com. The site is paid up for 1 year. The domain names are paid up for 5 years each.

Gary reported that he received a letter from the AMA stating that the club is again a "Gold Leader" club for 2011. He also mentioned that the club will still need to accomplish the tasks required to become a "Gold Leader" club.

Referring to his "Rule 13". Gary commended Adam Kaminkas for completing the back stops at the "Foamy/Helicopter" flight positions. Gary also told us that not only was the project complete. But, it was completed under budget (\$199.35).

Gary urged members to read the "PropWash". He has given away valuable raffle tickets to members for answering his trivia questions posed in it. Gary gave Helmut one for answering the December question and Max one for answering the February question.

Gary will be visiting a Huntsville school to talk to students about our hobby and our club. Perry Baycroft has volunteered to go with him to help. He also volunteered to host a scout group at the field to give them a chance to fly and learn more about the hobby. This will happen after the Big Bird.

Minutes (continued)

We are down to our last two ball caps. Gary will order more.

The Safety Officer, Adam Kaminkas reported that there was one "prop meets hand" incident at the field last month. But other than that no other safety related issues occurred. Adam also reported that the Back Stops were completed and that they are removable if necessary.

Old Business: Dick reported that he has not yet obtained pricing for the new walkways that he proposed last month. He hopes to have a quote by the next meeting. Adam has also suggested that if there is concrete left from the load that it be used to extend the pit apron on the south side of the pits.

Kirk Massey was not feeling well so the soldering demonstration is put off until next month.

Max mentioned that the fire ants are becoming active and that maybe someone could treat them this Saturday during the "field work day".

Jimmy Moore reported that he had to re-apply for CD status with the AMA. He wasn't sure if it would be approved by the Big Bird event so Max was listed as the CD and Jimmy was listed as assistant. Jimmy told the group that he received his CD certificate just recently so the Big Bird will have two CD's. Jimmy showed us the flyers and had a pile of them available for members to distribute. He is looking for volunteers. He would like to have people all over the club field ready to assist as needed.

Break 8:05-8:20

New member Steve Coppin was voted in by the members. Welcome Steve !

7 members participated in the "Model of the month". It was won by ?????

Attendance jackpot was won by Adam Kaminkas.

Name tag award was won by Robert Bissell.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Hey folks,

Our bank account is good and our membership stands at 147.

I will be purchasing a new water heater for the club house. The existing unit lower element has failed and with it's age, Max, Gary and I decided to just replace it. Since the hot water is rarely needed, I will set it up on a timer like the one for the 12v power. If you need hot water, you will have to turn on the timer, which will be located inside the club house. By not keeping the water hot, this will greatly prolong the life of the water heater and save us a LOT of electricity. In the event of an extended need for hot water, such as B.E.S.T. weekend and Big Bird weekend, the unit will be turned on for the duration of the event, then back to the timer.

In the next week or two, I will get the water heater purchased and installed. I will also try to get an estimate for a little concrete work as we discussed at the last meeting. I plan on having enough information available so that it can be put on the agenda for a vote at the May meeting.

Take care and happy flying!!!



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

April 7th