

THE PROP WASH



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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente:

We had another great Big Bird. Thanks to Max Taylor, Jimmy Moore and all the hard working volunteers. I saw some amazing flying. And that was before Angelo Lomeli and his eight year old son showed. Up. Awesome. Way Amazing.

It is getting close to crunch time. We will be needing at least two new officers for next year. Max and I will NOT be available. It is time for someone else to

get in on the fun. If you think you might be interested in my job but wonder what is involved I will be glad to enlighten you. In my case it will not matter whether there is a replacement. I WILL NOT be available. I don't think that situation is addressed by the constitution and bylaws. No matter. The membership will need to step up. We have 150 members. There are others that are certainly capable and would benefit from the experience. It would be helpful if a couple of members would volunteer to serve as a nominating committee.

And now for "Who said it?".

"I just whip out my blue card with a hole in it and read what it says: 'When color of card matches color of sky, FLY!'"

Two raffle tickets to the first person with the correct answer. (Note: future presidents are not required to keep this little contest going.)

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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)

In spite of strong winds, the Big Bird Event was a success. We had two aircraft destroyed. Turbulence may have been a major factor. One accident was the result of wing hold down bolts failing, and the wing separating from the fuse. A lower wing failed on a bi-plane causing a complete breakup that scattered the wreckage over about two acres.

The attendance was down from previous years with 29 registered pilots. The forecast of strong winds probably caused several pilots to stay home. We were privileged to have Jim Rice, our District 8 Vice-President attend on Saturday. Jim demonstrated the skills he has acquired over the many years he has been involved in model aircraft building and flying. Jim also spent some time filling us in on what is happening with the proposed rules making process the FAA is working on, and how the new rules will affect how we operate our model aircraft. Attendance dropped off sharply on Sunday, but we were treated to an excellent demonstration of precision and "3D Flying" by Angelo Lomeli who is the co-owner of W hobbies. Angelo brought some very nice giveaways that we distributed Sunday afternoon. After Angelo finished his demonstration, we were treated to another Great Demonstration by his 8 year old son. Most of us never dreamed an 8 year old could fly that well.

Walker County, as well as all the surrounding counties is under a Burn Ban. The vegetation is very dry around our facilities. Please be careful with any thing that might start a fire. Remember that a catalytic converter on your car or truck gets hot enough to start a grass fire should you drive in to high grass. On that note, Gene Edwards is working on getting all of our fire extinguishers re-certified. Several of the extinguishers have already been taken to the shop.

Please start thinking about some new officers for next year. I expect to be replaced at the end of the year. It has been fun, but it is time to share some of the fun with others.

Fly Safely

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

05/05/2011

7:30 p.m. The monthly business meeting of the Tri-County Barnstormer RC club was called to order by the president, Gary Baumgartner.

- A motion was made, with a second and unanimous vote to accept the minutes for the April meeting as published on our website and in the Propwash.

VP Max Taylor reported on the condition of the field.

- The sprinkler system is back on line, however needs a minor repair. He will replace the vacuum breaker soon.
- The Kubota mower is due for a 50 hour maintenance checkup.

Treasurer Dick Pursley reported on the treasury.

- Bank account is fine
- Membership is at 148.

Gary then reported that Sam Barrett had won the "Who Said It" contest for the latest publication of the Propwash.

Assistant Safety Officer Ken Bauske reported on behalf of Safety Officer Adam Kaminskas that there had been NO safety issues since our last meeting. (Adam was absent as it was his wife's birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mrs. Kaminskas!!!)

Old Business

- Dick presented the bids for the additional concrete for the pit area and walk ways. The concrete job was approved by the membership and Robert Minieri was awarded the job. Robert is a relatively new member. He does this sort of work for a living and his bid was several hundred dollars lower than the other bidder.

New Business

- Gary asked for a volunteer to have the fire extinguishers serviced. Gene Edwards graciously volunteered.
- A motion was made and seconded to put on the agenda for vote at next month's meeting for the donation of \$500.00 to a charitable organization. We need to do this as one of the requirements for being a 'Gold Leader' club. (Last year's donation went to the Civil Air Patrol).
- Helping Hand Award

We received an application for the Helping Hand Award. Membership wants to remind everyone about this scholarship program we offer. It is available to members and their family. Details are on the website. A committee will be formed in the early summer to choose which applicant will receive this year's award. Get your applications in.

- Our club will be hosting a "Scout Day" on June 11. The field will be closed to general flying for several hours while this fine group of kids is introduced to our hobby.

Minutes (continued)

Max reported on the Big Bird

- After all expenses, the club made a reasonable profit
- Had an EXCELLENT demo pilot on Sunday after the official end of the event
- Saturday was GREAT, but the wind on Sunday was terrible. The event actually ended at noon because of the wind.
- Had 29 registered pilots
- RV6 fly over at beginning of the event was AWESOME!!! Thanks Mike Woods.

We received a post card from the Flying Hawks RC Club. Seems they are publishing a book for beginners, "Prepare to Fly RC Airplanes". The AMA is currently reviewing it and Hobbico is planning on stocking it. Look for it soon.

8:00 p.m. Break

8:10 p.m. Back to order

4 new members voted in

Ron Duncan
Deven Abbott
William Wells
Michael Dolans

Gary Baumgartner won the Model of the Month (he had the ONLY entry).

Gene Edwards won the Attendance Jackpot

Paul Langner won the Nametag Contest

Gave away 6 gift certificates in the raffle

8:22 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

I would like to thank Dick Pursley for taking the minutes at the May meeting while I was away on business. Thank You Dick !!

Larry



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Hi Folks,

As I put out at the meeting, the bank account is well.

Membership now stands at 153.

Robert Minieri will complete the concrete additions this coming week.

It is almost time for me to start whining again. I will be sending out the dues notices in about 2 months. Dues are supposed to be paid on August 1 each year, so be looking for the notices in July. ALSO, quite a few of us are really bad about setting the AMA renewal notice aside when it comes because the AMA sends the renewal notices out a few months before they are due. We put them aside with the intention of getting around to it later, yet a lot of us then forget about it. This year, I am going to immediately take care of it so that I don't forget. Join me in doing this so you don't have to listen to me whine so much.

Until next time, have a GREAT month!

Dick Pursley



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 2nd