



THE PROP WASH



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- *Vice President* - Max Taylor
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Dick Pursley
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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From el Presidente:

Thanks,

We had another successful BEST. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talents. Kirk and Kirk especially deserve our thanks. They are the ones who get it together. Again, thanks to all who contributed.

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We will vote on officers at the next meeting. We currently have one candidate for president and one candidate for vice president. Should be a no brainer. Our current treasurer and secretary have volunteered to continue in their positions.

The December meeting will consist of installing the new officers and having our annual swap meet. For you new guys this will be an opportunity to pick up a lot is stuff at low prices. For me it will be an opportunity to move some stuff to make more room for more stuff.

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)

Here it is, one week after the B.E.S.T. meet and the weather is perfect, no wind, no rain and cool temperatures. We had a little more wind Saturday than most would have preferred, but the majority of the participants were able to fly most of the day. Sunday the event was finished by noon due to the rain. I was disappointed that a small percentage of the Barnstormers were in attendance. Out of 150 Barnstormers, I doubt that more than 30 made it out during the weekend. Kirk Jensen did a fine job as CD and promoting the event. I sure hope we can talk him in to doing it again.

As I get older, I find my self reading the Obituaries more often and was saddened this morning to read that Bill Hager passed away recently. Bill has been a Barnstormer since before I joined 26 years ago. Bill has not been active in the club since moving from River Plantation to the Magnolia area several years ago. Older members will remember that Bill wrote the Pylon section of Model Aviation for several years.

Officer election will be held at the next meeting. We will have new officers in at least two of the offices. Please attend and show support for our new officers. Be thinking about how we can encourage younger people to not only join the hobby, but stay active. Some of us "old timers" are indeed getting older and less able to do the work that is required to maintain the club facilities.

Enjoy the nice Fall Weather, and fly safely.

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

October-6-2011

Members Present - 25

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

There were no guests present.

The September minutes were accepted.

Vice President Max Taylor reported that the grass was not growing very fast due to the dry weather. He also cautioned members to be very careful at the field because of the fire hazard that exists because of dry grass. Max said that the equipment will be needing maintenance and that there is an issue with the irrigation system. He said that he and Gene were taking care of the irrigation system problem.

Max also said that the road needs work but that it would have to wait until we get some rain.

Treasurer Dick Pursley reported that there were still 20 hold outs on paying their dues. And that membership is now at 130. Dick informed us that (according to our by-laws) renewal at this time now requires executive committee approval.

Secretary Larry Bonnette had nothing to report but apologized to the club for his absence from the last few meetings. Business travel was getting in the way.

Gary reported that he spoke to people while he attended an event at the Kingsbury Aerodrome. The discussion was about the recent plot by an American terrorist to use model aircraft to destroy property and or kill people. Most of the talk revolved around whether or not the incident might cause issues with the aero modeling community. Gary reported that the people he spoke with expected that there would be no repercussions.

Adam (our safety officer) could not make the meeting and will not be able to make BEST.

Sam Barrett reported on the ongoing efforts by the club to correct any issues that the club may have with the IRS about taxes. He and Dick Pursley will be gathering papers in the next few weeks.

Gary asked if there was any report on the runway. The answer was no.

Bart Massey reported that he had looked at the applications from two possible candidates for the "Helping Hands" grant. The candidates are Zach Miller and Victoria Langner. Bart told the members that they both met the requirements necessary to be eligible for the grant and he recommended that the club award \$500 to each one of them. The motion was seconded and the members present voted unanimously to award \$500 to both candidates. Congratulations Zach Miller and Victoria Langner.

Minutes (continued)

Gary informed the club that Robert Minieri has been nominated for President and Sam Barrett has been nominated for Vice President. The nomination period is still open.

A committee to audit the Treasurer was appointed. They are Bart Massey, Ken Bauske and Jim Porter.

Gary was asked "What are the three counties of the Tri-county barnstormers?" The consensus is "Tri-County" sounded good and the three counties were never really defined.

Kirk Jensen reported that we are ready for BEST. He would like to see volunteers show up to help. There will be an "Aircraft Carrier" there.

No new members.

Model of the month was won by Sam Barrett.

Attendance jackpot was won by George Terry.

Name tag award was won by Larry Bonnette.

Adjourned 8:25

If you would like to write an article for the "PropWash" or the web site please submit it to Larry Bonnette (bonnette_l@yahoo.com) VIA Email.

The articles must be original (IE you are the author).

I'm sure you guys have some building technique or flying skill that you would like to share with the other members.

If you would like to submit an item in the "for Sale" section of the web site. Email me a photo of the item and the price and a way to contact you along with a short description of the item.



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Ok, the period that I whine about dues has finally come to an end. We wound up with 131 members when it was all over. Now, you get to listen to me whine about AMA renewals. As of today, only about a third of the membership has their AMA paid up for 2012. You should have received the renewal notice from the AMA already, but if not, it will get to you soon. You can always go to the AMA website and renew (<https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>) or call the AMA at (800) 435-9262 and renew. Please remember that if your AMA

is not renewed by the end of the year, **YOU CAN NOT FLY** in 2012 until it is renewed!!!

Enough about that. The bank account is fine. The annual audit of the treasury will happen soon. At the last meeting, an audit team was appointed and I will get with them as soon as we can get schedules matched up.

Now that the weather is cooling off just a little, hopefully more of us can get out to the field. Hope to see you there.

Dick Pursley



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

November 3rd