



AMA Charter 1605

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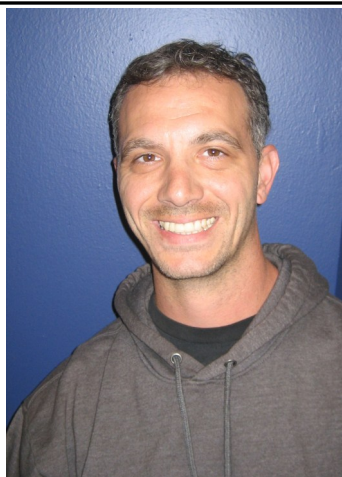


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Robert Minieri

PRESIDENTS CORNER

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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.**



Sam Barrett

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

I think the field has been in great shape for the whole summer and thanks to the efforts of the mower crew, it received a number of complements to the club when hosting BEST 2012. Thanks to all the members that attended or helped in preparations for the successful event. I even heard from one attendee of BEST that he schedules his vacation to attend BEST!

We have reported the theft of our maintenance equipment to our insurance carrier and we have 91 days to submit our loss claim. The Treasurer is handling the submission of the claim and will report at the November meeting on the extent of our loss not covered. One problem in being able to recover our lost equipment is that we did not have it adequately recorded and marked as club property. A new string trimmer has been acquired and it is marked with the club tax ID and "TCBS" in a number of places on the item. All other replacement items will be so marked before being placed in the mower shed for use. It will take time to locate and replace stolen items so don't expect to see all items to be replaced this month. We have allowed some delay in hopes the stolen items might be recovered.

When using our equipment please treat it with care and properly clean and re-stow in the mower shed. We have a significant amount of money invested in good equipment to keep our field in the shape required to support our flying operations. Proper care will allow us to minimize the money required to keep our equipment in serviceable condition and ready for use when needed. If something breaks or needs service, please let the VP know so that the needed action can be taken. It wastes valuable volunteer's time to discover broken equipment when arriving for field maintenance.

Thanks again to those volunteers for all their hard work this year in mowing and maintaining all the club facilities at Ray Brickhouse Field.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

October 4, 2012

The October 4, 2012 meeting starting off with September's meeting minutes being approved.

Sam Barrett reported on a recent break-in that occurred at the field. As of now, the information we have is that it appears that a vehicle pushed the gates to the field to the point that the chain failed. The thieves proceeded to the shed, where they forced the passage door open, thereby pulling the bolts holding the clasp through the door. So far we have noticed two string trimmers, a leaf blower, MIG welder and various hand tools are missing. The Walker County Sheriff was called and a police report was taken. Sam Barrett is working on updating the insurance information and new security procedures will be decided on by the committee.

No safety issues were reported at the field.

Kirk Jensen noted that we may need a few volunteers to help at the BEST event this weekend, particularly with the raffle.

The nominating committee suggested that Robert Minieri remain President, Sam Barrett remain Treasurer, and suggested that member Robert Cook take the position of Vice President. Robert Cook accepted the nomination and will be in contact with Sam Barrett to discuss duties of the Vice President.

New member Jerry Powers told an interesting story about how he was able to request his father's former AMA number from the AMA, and they granted him that number.

There were 8 members who have not responded to the membership renewal request, and as per the by-laws, it was discussed that they have now officially been dropped from the roster.

Minutes (continued)

There were 6 entries for Model of the Month, which was won by none other than Robert Cook with his old, vintage P-51 resurrected from 20 years in a basement.

It was decided to give the large white plane that has been stored in the club house away at the meeting raffle, which was won by Ed Newsome.

Steve Sartor won the name tag drawing.

Nobody won the attendance drawing. It is estimated to be around \$230 now.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The minutes were recorded by Robert Minieri while I was away on business.
Thank you very much Robert !



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

The dues collection for 2013, for regular members, joining in or before 2011 is finally over. The club lost a number of members from prior year but, new members helped keep us financially sound and we enter the new fiscal year with adequate resources and having reduced some expenses. Now I can start nagging about AMA membership renewal for those members who's AMA expires this December 31st. As an AMA chartered club, our members must maintain current AMA membership as well. Proudly display your AMA card on the pin board at the field and keep your AMA membership current.

We had a great event for BEST again this year! We took in some extra money and both our events this year, Big Bird and BEST, added to our financial resources. Not too early to think about and start the planning for such events for next year. We might need to have Contest Directors confirmed early for next year events so that we can maximize attendance and resulting benefits for our club. The events really help us financially and I think we all enjoy meeting the pilots from other clubs, some with awesome flying skills and aircraft. Also, remember the sponsors that help support our events and keep them in mind for your hobby needs.

While we had some good financial news, as the membership was informed, unfortunately we experienced a break-in of our mower and equipment building at the field and theft of equipment which was discovered on Sunday, September 30th. The Walker County Sheriff's Department investigated the scene and took our loss information. We are informing our insurance carrier of the incident and are working to determine how much of the cost of the stolen equipment will be covered by insurance. We will report on the results of that question at the next monthly meeting. Please help protect the club's property by ensuring all locks are locked when leaving the field and reporting any un-locked facilities, damage or missing equipment to a club officer for action.

As announced in last month's Prop Wash, to save money, our facilities at Ray Brickhouse Field are no longer cleaned by a contractor. Members are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and leaving facilities as clean as or cleaner than before use. We have always been responsible for taking home with us all trash we create at the field as there is no trash removal service at the field. Now, adequate cleaning materials should be available at the field to keep restrooms and eating areas fresh and always ready for use by members and their guests. This is not just a field maintenance issue as we save money for the membership by sharing in keeping up field cleanliness. Please do your part in keeping the field clean and safe.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

November 1st