



THE PROP WASH

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Gary Baumgartner

PRESIDENTS CORNER

From the President

I plan to have something to say every month this year. Do I believe everyone reads the Propwash? No. Do I believe everyone has read the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tri-County Barnstormers? Get a grip!!!

I continue to be amazed by the things I see and hear about. A few of our members do not believe the rules apply to them. I am primarily concerned about letting guests fly without AMA membership and not under the direct supervision of an Introductory Pilot Program Instructor. I am talking about letting guests (who have an AMA license) fly without being signed in. I am talking about letting these guests fly more than three sessions.

Per the Constitution and Bylaws:

“A guest may utilize the Club flying field and facilities on not more than three (3) separate visits without making application for Club membership, after which time the guest must apply for Club membership or cease utilizing the Club field and facilities.”

In addition, guests who are not AMA members may only fly under the direct supervision on an Introductory Pilot Program Instructor. And this is for a one time 60 day period. AMA provides insurance to cover this but only through the license of the Introductory Pilot Program Instructor.

The above is all about the insurance and/or compliance with our Club Constitution and Bylaws.

We cannot afford to violate AMA and Club policies.

In addition, it is extremely time consuming to try to get compliance of these issues. My opinion is that each violation should be documented and presented as a grievance to the Grievance Committee. If it is not possible for members to follow our procedures then we really have no choice but to implement the grievance procedures. We must count on the integrity of our members. If that is not possible then we should feel no guilt in dealing appropriately with the situation. Don't forget all members have agreed to the following.

"I have read and understand the FLYING FIELD RULES of the Barnstormer R/C Club and agree to abide by the rules that are in effect now and any rules and/or amendments voted into effect in the future. I also understand that from time to time I will have an obligation to perform field maintenance and I will perform such maintenance willingly."

New members observe what we do and learn from that. We need to do it right. The consequences of not doing it right can be serious.

Am I right? What is your opinion? I would like to hear what you think.

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Got something you would like to share?

Send Larry your stories, product reviews, or anything that would be of interest to the club.



Max Taylor

Max Information

(The Vice President's Input)

Winter time has arrived in Southeast Texas with such gusto that the thought of out of doors activities makes me shiver. That being said, it is time to start thinking about how we can accomplish all the work that needs to be done at the Barnstormers flying facilities.

At the February meeting, I will be making a plea for help with all the chores that will need to be done as the year progresses. I would like for us to form several work crews to spread the chores out, so no one is over burdened. Mowing is such a demanding job, that I propose to break it up in to segments, such as a crews for runway and pit area, another for parking area, another for road right of way and another for fence lines. Other crews might be formed for road repair and upkeep, building repair and painting, equipment maintenance, weed and pest control, and others not yet mentioned. Some might want to rotate from one job to another each month or so.

I am sure you have heard enough about Barnstormer work. Here is hoping of you have a nice warm cozy place to work on your models, and we will see the results of your labors at the "show and tell" portion of the next several meetings.

Stay warm and fly safe

Max

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

A Note From Larry

The Web site is looking good we have quite a few hits each month. The average hit rate is around 30,000. What does that mean ? It means that we have quite a few people looking at what goes on at the Barnstormers. The number of visitors at our site last month (December) was 2,000 people. What's popular ? The number one page downloaded is the Prop Wash followed closely by the "News" page and finally the "Directions" page. So it looks like when people read about our club. They want to visit us.

The Web site has a "For Sale" section. Members who would like to post something on this page only need to take a picture of the object, write something about it, and E-Mail it to me at bonnette_l@yahoo.com and I'll post it ASAP.

If anyone wishes to post an article or something else interesting. Send it to me and I will be happy to do it. You can even send me pictures of you fleet and I'll put it up there. There is one exception, everything you send to me must be original IE you wrote it. Because of copyright laws, we are not allowed to post anything from other sites without their express written permission.

I have taken the "Forum" button off of the web site. I don't have the ability to manage it and it has been taken over by some pretty nasty people.

One other thing. If you haven't noticed, I have placed a "Virtual Tour" on the web site. It allows you to get a real close look at the flying facilities. You can get to it by clicking on the picture of the field on the front page of the site. Once there, you can use the scroll wheel on your mouse to zoom in on items and you can pan up, down, left and right by clicking and dragging you mouse.

See you all at the meeting.

Larry



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

(Treasury Report)

Hey Folks,

All is well with your treasury. We have 147 members in good standing with at least one or two waiting for the February meeting to join. However, of these 147, there are still a few that need to get their AMA renewed. If you have not received my email or letter about renewing and you have not yet renewed, please do so prior to flying again as our Constitution and By-laws require a current AMA membership to be a member. This comment does not apply to most, but I am looking for every avenue of communicating with the few that have forgotten to renew.

Enough of the nagging. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and that your New Year is wonderful. I know mine will be.

Remember, the February meeting will be at the NEW location, the Conroe Friendship Center. See the website for directions.

Until next month..

Hey guys,

The meeting location has changed. It is now at the Conroe Friendship Center on 1202 Callahan Ave in Conroe. See the web site for a detailed map and directions.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

February 4th