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TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMERS

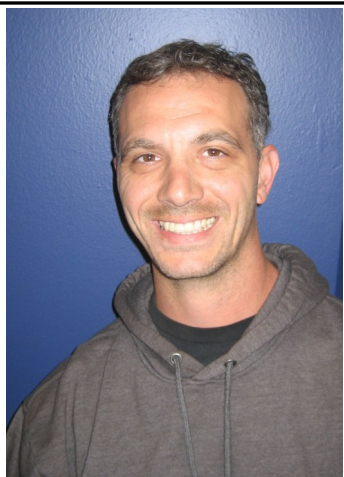
THE PROP WASH

NEW WAVERLY, TEXAS

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- *President* - Robert Minieri
- *Vice President* - Sam Barrett
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Dick Pursley
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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)

If you haven't heard, the bill funding the FAA included good news for aero modeling and protects our hobby from more burdensome FAA rules. As I write my comments for the Prop Wash, the bill is headed to the president for signature. Let's hope we can all breathe a sigh of relief and resume our modeling and flying in the responsible manner that we have always pursued. See the AMA web site for details.

The field is in need of maintenance but the weather has not made our job easier. The recent rains have made the runway too soft to use our tractor to get the weeds sprayed and the runway rolled without risk of further damage to the surface. We are having a brief dry spell this week of Feb. 6 and are moving to get that work started. Most of our work will be done during the week, to make the field available for weekend use but, the months of February and March may bring weather that spoils our plans. We also need to do some leveling with fill dirt and sand, so check the field before use and avoid rutting up the newly laid down soil. We will be seeding those fill areas and it takes a couple of weeks before newly seeded areas can withstand foot traffic and will probably be muddy during rainy periods. Our efforts are targeted to having the field in good shape for the April Big Bird and the start of warmer flying weather.

Many thanks to Max Taylor who continues to be involved in field maintenance. As usual, we can use more manpower and any volunteers for field project are welcome. My email is sambarrett@sbcglobal.net if you want to volunteer for field maintenance projects during the week or week end to keep our field in flying shape.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

February 2, 2012 meeting

At 7:32 PM president Robert Minieri called the meeting to order.

There were 26 members present and five guests.

Our Vice President Sam Barrett reported that there is work to be done at the field. He needs people to volunteer for mowing, weeding and general up-keep. Sam said he is new to this and requires input from members as well as assistance with the work that needs to be done. He is open to suggestions on how to best accomplish the work.

Dick Pursley, our Treasurer reported that there are currently 137 members. He said that it is normal for our membership to decrease during the year and it is not unusual for us to lose 12%. He told us that he expects membership to increase as we get further into the year. Dick said there are 8 or 9 members who paid their dues but did not renew their AMA membership. He stated that they will not be allowed to fly until they renew their AMA. Some members asked that a list of those (delinquent) members be placed on the bulletin board. Members discussed this and a motion was made (and seconded) to place a list of members who did not renew their AMA membership on the bulletin board. Eight voted for the measure and one against. The rest abstained and the motion was passed. The VP will post the list at the field on the bulletin board.

Adam Kaminskis, was asked for the Safety Officer report. Adam informed the club that he was no longer the Safety Officer as of 1-January-2012. However he stated that he was concerned that people were flying their aircraft from the pits and that he observed an incident in which one of the crafts veered into the pit area. Adam told the members that the rules forbid such activity. Ken Bauske reminded the members that the club in the past allowed "pattern" fliers to fly from the pits in order for them to be able to make their maneuvers without over flying our neighbor. However, this was never written down as an amendment to the rules. The bottom line is, it is against the rules to fly from the pits.

Minutes (continued)

Robert Minieri told the club members of a material that could possibly be used on the runway at the field to make the runway look and feel like a solid surface. He had samples of it and told the members that the cost was about \$700 for a narrow 300 foot "test" area. Other members informed us that the club on Kuykendahl road used the same material. Kirk Jensen informed us of a hypothetical question he posed to members of the Web RC group (who were attendees of our BEST). He asked them to tell him if they would prefer that BEST be hosted at "Bomber Field" (where they have a paved runway) or at the Tri-County field (no paved runway). The answer he got (99% of the time) was Bomber Field (because the runway is paved).

Ken Bauske reminded the club that there was already a committee assigned to making recommendation about a hard surface runway and that we have not heard from them yet. Robert Minieri will visit the field on Kuykendahl and report back next month. We will also hear from the committee regarding their recommendations.

Four new members were voted in to the club. Martin Langley, Monte West, Mike Lindstrom, and Anders Lindstrom. Welcome !!

Gary Baumgartner reminded club members of the dog hazard we currently have to endure. Two members were bitten (in the past) by our neighbors dogs. They continue to roam about our property. Gary asked that the club put up signs to warn visitors to our field of the potential hazard. A discussion ensued. Our president will write a letter to the neighbor asking her to take better care of her dogs so that they don't bite anyone else.

Model of the month was won by Max Taylor.

The attendance award would have been won by Greg Colson. He was not there so the award roles over to next month.

The Name Tag award went to Robert Minieri

The October meeting will be held in the large building near the "Friendship Center"

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Hey Folks,

All is well with your bank account.

There are still a few of you that have NOT renewed your AMA for 2012. Remember, you CAN NOT fly at the field without a current AMA membership.

Please get your AMA renewed ASAP. Short note, but not a lot else to report from the treasurer's per-

spective.

Hopefully I'll get to the field a little more this year.

Hope to see you there.

Dick



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

March 1st