



The Propwash

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Renewal Time is Here!

Membership Renewal is \$20 This Time
See Membership Notes
And Meeting Minutes
For Complete Renewal Information

Work Day on June 1st!

Bring Something to Fly

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Next Meeting

Tuesday
June 4th
2019

7:00 PM IHOP
14424 San Pedro Ave

Google Coordinates:
29.57312, -98.47847

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ON NORTH BOUND
ACCESS RD OF 281
Between Bitters and
Oak Shadow/Winding Way

If you're going South on 281,
Exit Bitters and Take the
Turnaround

If you're going North on 281,
Exit Bitters and Stay
In Right Lane
About 1/4 mile past Bitters

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Day of Birth Member Name

3	Terry Taylor
7	Gary Harris
10	Jerry Giles
12	Kenneth J. Rogers
24	Richard J. Storm

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Date: 5/7/2019, 7:04 PM

The meeting of the Prop Busters was called to order by President, **Charles Strang** at IHOP, 14424 San Pedro Ave, just north of Bitters on 281.

President: **Charles** welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. The April meeting minutes were approved. At that point, Charles requested a departure from the typical order of the meeting. A motion to that effect was made and approved.

He then recounted that our long-time member of Prop Busters, **Robert Jarzombek** had **passed away**, and asked for a moment of silence to contemplate the absence of our fellow modeler, active member and good friend.

After several minutes, Charles continued and announced that the owner of Somerset **field lease** would **not renew the lease**. Further, after receiving formal notice of our operation at that field would terminate **August 31, 2019** if we agreed to have the septic tank pumped out at a cost to the club of \$300 plus tax. **If we did not agree**, we would lose the right to fly there immediately. As a result, several members participated in **removing most of the club assets from the field April 23**.

It was pointed out that **members can** continue to fly at **Geronimo Airfield**, but some members would have to travel a much greater distance and the pilot must have a spotter. With more

discussion, a motion **to pay for the septic pump out was made and approved**.

Freezing the existing membership was discussed because the loss of the field impacts current member's ability to participate, and due to the uncertainty of establishing a new field, it makes no sense to accept new members. **A motion to freeze membership to the current roster of paid members was discussed and approved**.

The next concern was **where** to have our **AMA sanctioned Build'n Fly event** scheduled for **October**. There was a lot of discussion of potential local clubs to host our event including TCF, ARCS and BAMS. ARCS was a nonstarter, **Dean Lukover will check with TCF, and George Wilson will check with BAMS**. Our members would be in charge of the event organizing, operation, funding, cooking, and all support aspects, **"we just want to borrow the field for our event."**

As we approach **membership renewal** time without a primary field, **Jim Branaum** discussed putting \$28 of the \$48 renewal fee in abeyance (or forgo) until we establish another traditional flying field. This would make **current member renewal fee \$20**. It is understandable that some may drop their Prop Busters membership, so we want to entice them to stay by effectively discounting the 2019-2020 renewal membership fee

\$20. Following minor discussion, the motion **to put \$28 of the normal \$48 renewal fee in abeyance was approved**, making the **renewal fee \$20**.

Our newest member, **A J Stavinoha** joined us just last month paying all traditional fees and additional membership fee for 2019-2020 in advance. Due to our current situation, it was discussed and a **Motion** made **"that he be contacted and given the option of dropping out and receiving a total refund or remain on our current membership roster and pay the new renewal fee of \$20 with \$28 in abeyance."**

Although most of our assets at Somerset were removed, **other items remain for removal**. Namely, the frequency board, radio impound bench, spray tank, the tractor shed, the large BBQ grill, and other miscellaneous items. Although the BBQ grill was initially left behind to accommodate removal of other items it was decided that it should be removed for use at our next field.

Work Day: **It was decided that we will have a work day of June 1, starting at 9AM, to include mowing the field, taking down the shed and loading all remaining club property. But bring something to Fly, we still have the field until the end of August!**

Jim Branaum discussed last year's budget/expenses and a proposed "bare bones budget" for next year moving forward to using only the San Geronimo Air Field and different numbers of members. The new budget was tabled until it's necessary.

A Field Search Committee composed of **Jim Branaum, George Wilson, Jerry Giles and Terry Ullman** was formed to search or follow up on potential locations. Some likely places get eliminated because existing civilian and military airport flight paths or lack of sufficient and safe over fly area, or nearby housing. If anyone has ideas or contacts for what they think might be a lead for a flying field, let any of them know for follow up.

Other club fields available include: ARCS, River City, TCF at Kingsbury and our San Geronimo Air Field were discussed. There are several options for electric models. It is our understanding that BAMS is not currently accepting new members.

Newsletter: Submit articles to **John Gardner** by the 17th.

Early Bird Raffle- **Charles Strang** won the fuel.

Membership: **Rick Storm** None
Old Business: **None**

Model of the Month: **None**

Crash Chronicles: **Dean Lukover** spoke of a Four Star 60 flown by Brian at Kingsbury that seemed to hit something on takeoff but it continued to fly-until the tail

came off and it crashed. But the propeller was saved!

George Wilson had a charged 3 cell LiPo battery ready to go in his Flite Test Sportster. He normally uses a 2 cell Lipo, but it wasn't ready. Besides, with throttle management he could certainly use his 3- cell LiPo. With an over powered takeoff, the, motor quickly left the fire wall and didn't stop until it broke a wire before abruptly landing, sort of! **Jim Branaum** told of flying Touch and Go's with his Accc-u-Watt. While on his second battery, something came off and the resulting crash broke the motor shaft.

The Raffle: **Charles Strang**- Prop/ESC/Motor Set, ESC programmer

Lloyd Roecker-Epoxy, CA, Foam

Jack Stensgaard-Light kit

George Wilson-MonoKote, CA

Rick Storm-3 Axis Gyro, CA

Adjourned 8:42 PM

Submitted by Secretary: **Terry Ullman**

Membership Notes

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Need a membership list?

e-mail me and I'll send you a fresh one.

NEED AN INSTRUCTOR?

Call Me,

Well it's that time of year again. Time for Membership Renewals that is; however, this time there's a wrinkle in the program.

As you probably already know, our lease on Somerset Field expires on 31 August and will not

be renewed. This decision was made by the property owners and a written termination notice has been provided. We still have permission to use the San Geronimo Air Park Runway for Model aircraft Operation. This does work better for those who can fly during the week since the full scale pilots like nice weekends as much as we do and you must always yield to the full scale aircraft and have a safety observer with you at all times.

For the loss of Somerset Field to occur right at renewal time for the membership of Prop Busters is extremely unfortunate to say the least. We have lost flying fields before and have always managed to survive by finding a new place to fly. We also maintain a reserve fund for just this type of occurrence so there is no anticipation of an assessment of any kind being levied on the membership for establishment of a new flying location.

At the meeting last month, it was decided to forgive \$28 of the membership fee for this year to provide incentive for the membership to stick with us as we look for a new place to fly.

Therefore, *Prop Busters RENEWAL is just \$20* for the next year.

Hopefully, most of you will stay with us as we navigate this trying period. Also, keep your eyes and ears open and talk to anyone you may know who has property that may be available for least that would make a suitable flying site. If you have any ideas, please let one of the Club Officers know.

June birthdays are on the front page.

See you at the field.



**Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 7th 2019
7:00 PM at IHOP on San Pedro
See Map at Left**



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