



# The Propwash

The Monthly Newsletter of the San Antonio Prop Busters  
Academy of Model Aeronautics, Chartered Club Number 1227

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## Next Meeting

**Tuesday**  
**Sep 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**2020**

**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 ¼ mile past Bitters

**At The Meeting**  
**Be Sure To:**

- 1) Wear Masks**
- 2) Practice Social Distancing**

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Date: 8/4/2020, 7:08 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. Attendees had masks and practiced social distancing.

**President: Charles** welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. No strangers.

The meeting minutes of last month were approved.

**VP/Safety Officer: Bob**

**Severance** had no comment.

However, Jim Branaum mentioned that he was participating in an event and was ready to accelerate for takeoff when he just happened to notice a pilot of an electric powered plane pulled out down the runway **without announcing request to takeoff**. Had Jim powered up and proceeded to take off, it may have resulted in an airplane collision or serious personal injury of the offending pilot.

**Secretary: Terry Ulman** had no comment.

**Treasurer: Jim Branaum**

reported the current expenses, income, and account balances. Contact Jim if you need details.

**Early Bird Raffle: Jim**

**Branaum** won the fuel.

**Membership: Rick Storm**

Reported his effort to follow up with those who **had not sent** in their payment in a timely manner. At this point, he reported that **14 members had not renewed**.

**Newsletter** Free ads and articles of interest for the newsletter need to be submitted by members to John Gardner by the 17th.

**Old Business: None**

**New Busines: Field Search:**

There are a couple of potential sites that need to be walked, but the current situation has made it difficult to go schedule a visit. One is in the Pipe Creek area and the other is in the Smithson Valley area. Both areas require a visits and potential discussion with owners if they appear to be practical for our use.

**Membership: Rick** identified 14 members who chose not to renew. With minimal discussion, a **motion “to drop those individuals from our roster” was approved** by all present.

**Model of the Month: None**

**Crash Chronicles: Jim** told of flying his Sport Cub when it suddenly grew an appendage and he was unable to control it. After gravity got it down, the battery was hanging out of the bottom and changed the CG enough to make it interesting! He also told of a BAMS member coming in hot, shearing the landing gear off because the plastic bolts gave way, perhaps because they had aged. Separately, Jim mentioned that one of the BAMS members took off with his ailerons reversed, and it didn’t end well! **George Wilson** reported taking off, gaining altitude nicely when the rudder came off and his plane had to come down abruptly. So, he glued the rudder back on, waited a while and flew again.

The rudder came off again; and he called it a day.

**The Raffle: Pprizes donated by Jerry Giles)**

**James Branaum** – OS 40 engine, fuel

**Charles Strang** – Airplane kit and engine

**Adjourned 8:50 PM**

Submitted by:

Terry Ullman, Secretary



**Membership Notes**

By Richard Storm

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*Need a membership list?*

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

NEED AN INSTRUCTOR? Call Me

Thank all of you for sticking with us while we seek to acquire a new flying field for general use.

We still have permission to use the San Geronimo Air Park Runway for Model aircraft Operation. Just a reminder, this runway is also used by full scale aircraft and a safety observer is always required.

The membership renewal period has closed for the 2020/20201 year. Unfortunately, we dropped 15 members. This leaves us with 26 paid and one honorary Open member, 3 Family members, 2 Affiliates and one “newsletter only” member. Hopefully we will achieve the connections necessary to get a new primary flying location this year.

The following member celebrates yet another birthday in September. Wish him a happy birthday when you see him.

Day of Birth    Member Name  
7            Simon Rodriguez



# San Antonio Prop Busters Membership Roster

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*Member Name    Home Phone    Work Phone    AMA  
Number*

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*Open*

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*Monday, August 17, 2020*

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**  
**7:00 PM at IHOP on San Pedro**  
**See Map at Left**



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