



# 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**  
**Nov 3<sup>rd</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**

**Note: San Geronimo  
Runway Closed From  
0900 Monday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>  
to**

**0900 Tuesday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 2020!**

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**Prop Busters Minutes**

Date: 10/6/2020, 7:05 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 Strang**

welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. No strangers. The meeting minutes of last month were approved.

**VP/Safety Officer: Bob**

Severance reminded all to stay hydrated and be safe and be careful.

**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: None.**

**Membership: No Report.**

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

**Old Business: Field Search:** Jim and Bob looked at an area off of the Park Road to Medina Lake, but it wouldn't work out because of potentially problematic overfly situations.

A potential sight in the Pipe Creek area was identified by **Jerry Giles**. The club officers followed up on it. Jim talked with the owner and reached a tentative

understanding of our needs and a reasonable rent. The club officers went to the area and laid out the potential runway in the hay field and discussed options for an entry road to the field. However, a few days later the owner decided **not** to lease the area to us because of noise concerns with neighbors, and his dove lease agreement that wasn't mentioned earlier. Another field was briefly considered but it had some rather expensive homes nearby, and another area considered was near a quarry, but the area of interest would have been off limits.

**So, keep an eye out for a potential field. You never know, it could be our next field! Special Thanks to Jerry Giles for proactively keeping an eye out for potential sights and bring them to our attention.**

**For our next field,** Jim looked into electric gates. Using a solar/battery electric powered gate with keypad entry code and automatic closure would actually cost less than a cattle guard, and would be more convenient because you wouldn't have to step across a cattle guard to close the gate.

Bob reminded all of our **Prop Buster's** upcoming **Builders Flying Event** on October 17. The event will be at **the River City flying field**. The gate will be open by 8:30AM and the Pilot Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM. There will be water and soft drinks, but no food. **There will be a raffle.**

**Rick Storm** will be asked to send out a reminder to all members and other clubs.

Terry Ullman happened to see **KSAT TV news** short video story showing an individual fly his model airplane using **first person view**, taking off from his home, flying down the street of his subdivision neighborhood to an open field, performing a few maneuvers, and flying back to his home where he taxied up his driveway.

It is planned that a letter to KAST news will be sent pointing out that this behavior is against AMA rules and provides cause for FAA to further restrict our hobby. Terry will send an email via Bob Severance to invite KAST news to attend the Builder's Event to see how a "Community Based Organization" flies model aircraft abiding by AMA rules that won't alarm FAA.



**What used to be a Float Plane Model of the Month: Lloyd Roecker** brought back a plane a plane that he won in our raffle of our last meeting. That plane had been a float fly plane that the late Robert Jarzombek flew with his boys at his place on Medina Lake. The float plane was big and pretty rough. Lloyd removed the floats, took off all the covering, repaired or replaced numerous structural

injuries and re-covered the plane. He had a hard time convincing everybody at the meeting that it was the same plane, that he took home a while back. As always, he did a fantastic job of resurrecting an old plane.

**New Busines: None**

**Crash Chronicles:** Jim told of his acquisition of a CAP 232 that he recently flew. The model was something he a quired at a swap meet or something. He checked out the servos, started the engine and took off. Unfortunately, he had three settings of elevator to select from and found out after takeoff that he the rate he had it on was extreme and he perform a nice loop into the ground. This brought up his past performance of a famous uncontrolled loop of his Cap 232 in San Angelo where he left a divot in the concrete walkway well behind the pilot flight line.

Another story was told of a modeler having a Stearman with a 35cc engine that didn't seem to have enough performance, so the owner replaced the engine with a 50cc. With the heavier engine, the plane failed to lift off because it tanged with divot in the runway, flipping over.

**The Raffle: Note "donated" means that the winner of the item chose to donate it back to Bob Severance to be used in the Pilots Raffle for the Builder Event**

**Lloyd Rocher-Covering iron, spray Cleaner, (CA donated)**  
**Bob Severance-(MonoKote donated)**  
**Don Gray- (CA donated)**  
**George Wilson-Epoxy**  
**James Branaum-Fuel pump, foam, (mixing cups donated)**  
**Mark Blackmer-Fuel tubing**  
**Jerry Giles-Fuel tank donated)**  
**Adjourned 8:00 PM**

Submitted by:  
Terry Ullman, Secretary



**Membership Notes**

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**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.

We are still looking for a field and if anyone knows somebody that might link us to a suitable property PLEASE notify the officers so the contact can be followed up.

Please see the new Membership Roster Attached to/Included in this newsletter.

The following members celebrate another milestone date in NOVEMBER. Wish them a happy birthday when you see them.

<u>Day of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
2	Roger A Wuest
7	Ryan Rush
9	Terry L. Ullman

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**  
**7:00 PM at IHOP on San Pedro**  
**See Map at Left**



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