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Next Meeting

Tuesday
Apr 6th
2021

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**

At The Meeting Be Sure To:

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

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Date: 03/2/2021, 7:05 PM
Minutes for March/2/2021, 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. President: Charles Strang welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. There were no visitors.

The February minutes were approved as published by unanimous vote.

VP/Safety Officer: Bob Severance had no comment.

Secretary: Terry Ulman had no comment.

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

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

Early Bird Raffle: None.

Field Search: Nothing to report but bad weather.

Membership: Rick Storm reported two new member applicants, **Steve Pursell** and **Herb Clayton**. Both recently registered with AMA and submitted dues. Membership for both was unanimously approved and both will be flying at **San Geronimo**. Recall that **San Geronimo requires a spotter**.

As San Geronimo is our only field, we need to add a **few pilot stations** to make sure that our model airplane pilots respect a safe distance from the runway for full size airplane traffic. We also need at least one or more movable **Start Stands**. Jim Branaum volunteered to build them and requested

approval of a budget of **\$150** for one or possibly two Start Stands. His request was **approved** by all present.

Show and Tell: George Wilson showed his vintage **Clipped Wing Cub** that he bought at a swap meet in 2019. The **Zenoah G-23** engine needed some tender loving care as did several other items. He replaced the old servos and control horns and reworked the control surfaces to get them to function properly. He added a voltage regulator so he could use lipo batteries. He's ready to fly it!



George Wilson with his Clipped Cub

Stories from the Field: George Wilson took his old **Zero** out for a spin after he replaced some servos. He managed to take off but then realized the ailerons were reversed! Luckily It was a short flight because the battery died after short time because it wasn't fully charged.

Rick Strom reported a crash as a result of **not confirming** he had a good battery charge before takeoff. In another case, George brought out his **Timber** and checked it OK. He put it in the air and discovered just how strong the cross wind really was. He used as much rudder as could to keep control, until it didn't. Looking over the crash, he found that the rudder control horn had broken.

Raffle:

Charles Strang- CA, kicker
Jim Branaum-Fuel, CA, fuel pump
Mark Blackmer- Glue, wing bolts
Bob Severance- Ying Yang
Lloyd Rocker- Epoxy, mixing cups
Meeting Adjourned 7:40 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

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 have one new member request to be voted on in the March meeting.

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

<u>Day of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
8	Robert B. Severance
28	Frank Pisz

SAN GERONIMO AIRPARK GUIDELINES

[The following items are intended to supplement Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Safety Rules and are directive in nature, with exceptions noted. Everyone flying radio controlled aircraft at the San Geronimo Airpark (SGA) will comply with these directives. SGA is now an official AMA flying site of the San Antonio Prop Busters R/C Club.

1. Everyone flying R/C aircraft at SGA should be a member of AMA and be a member of San Antonio Prop Busters (SAPB). However, SGA property owners are not required to be SAPB members.
2. R/C pilots must place their current AMA card on the "frequency pole" before turning on their radio.
3. Pilot stations will be designated by flagstones placed in the ground parallel to the runway. Use them while flying.
4. Full scale aircraft have priority and all R/C aircraft will yield airspace to them. When full scale aircraft are using the runway, R/C pilots should be no closer to the runway than the Oak tree.
5. The flight pattern is on the side of the runway opposite the hangars. The flight path is not to extend further down the runway than the third hangar, as viewed from the pilot stations.
6. Flying without a spotter (flying alone) is strictly **PROHIBITED** (no exceptions).
7. When R/C aircraft are in the air there will be a spotter looking for any full scale aircraft traffic, either in flight or taxiing, and will announce the location so as to be heard by all pilots flying from the pilot stations. Emergencies must also be announced in the same manner.
8. Should a situation develop where it is impossible to land all R/C aircraft in time to clear the runway for approaching full scale traffic, proceed as follows:
 - Aircraft remaining in the air will orbit slowly in a low holding pattern in front of the pilot stations, well beyond the double fence and over the large field.
 - With the assistance of a spotter retreat to the Oak tree and continue to fly from there. When the traffic is clear land at your discretion.
9. Field boxes and other equipment will not be left beside the runway. All field equipment should be left in the vicinity of the Oak tree.
10. Pilots will monitor a UNICOM radio on 122.9 MHz for full scale aircraft traffic. There is one installed in the pilot's lounge. The switch is located on the outside wall to the left of the door. Be sure the last one to leave turns it off before they leave.
 - **CAUTION:** Full scale aircraft are not required to announce their intentions on the UNICOM. Also, not all aircraft are equipped with radios. Don't rely on the UNICOM radio alone. **BE ALERT!**
11. R/C pilots or their spotters will announce all take offs, touch and go's, full stop landings and all emergencies.
12. Children are not allowed in the pit area or near the flight operation without adult supervision.
13. Since we are guests of SGA, we must conduct ourselves in an appropriate manner at all times.
14. Picnic tables are to be used for their intended purpose only, ie: sitting or eating. Do not use the picnic tables for:
 - Assembling or storing aircraft.
 - Working on aircraft.
 - Equipment, tools, or fuel.
15. Observe the following courtesies:
 - The hangars and housing area are **OFF LIMITS** unless invited by the owner(s).
 - Do not drive your vehicle on the grass or the runway.
 - Pick up all trash before departing.

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