



# 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**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**2016**

**7:00 PM IHOP**  
**14424 San Pedro Ave**  
Google Coordinates:  
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## December Raffle Members Only

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Lunch Provided

## PropBuster's New Years Fly-In Somerset Field Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Starts: When You Arrive  
Food?: Yes!  
More Food is Better—Bring Some

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**Date:** 11/1/2016, 7:07PM

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

**Visitors:** Jerry Giles brought a friend and Kevin Pellone brought his wife Dawn.

The October meeting minutes were approved.

**President:** Charles commented that he'd been in Panama for his 30<sup>th</sup> high school reunion and hadn't been flying.

**VP/Safety Officer:** Bob reminded all to fly safe, stay hydrated with water and Gatorade and use sun screen.

For safety, Bob called on **Rick Storm** to say a few words.

Rick stood up and explained his **bandaged hand**. He was at the TCF warbird fly-in and had started his **Saito 100** on his scale P51-B Mustang with the model on the ground. As he was about to stand up, he lost his balance falling forward and instantly threw his hands forward to catch his balance. As his hands went forward, his right hand went into the **15 inch APC** prop spinning about 2,500 rpm. The **pain and blood** was immediate! With help, he was bandaged and packed up. He drove himself to the emergency room where they properly bandaged the top layers of his fingers and on the worst cut finger; he got **one internal and six external stitches**. Hopefully all will heal properly.

**Remember: Prop Safety**

**Secretary:** Terry no comment.

**Treasurer:** Jim reported the various expenses, income, and account balances for July. He also previewed some budget numbers for next year. The "OK" was given by Robert Jarzombek, who keeps Jim on his toes. If you need details contact Jim.

**Newsletter:** Standing order for the newsletter is that free ads and articles of interest for the newsletter need to be submitted by members to **John Gardner** by the 17th.

**Web Editor: Robert Jarzombek** has updated the website to include any **changes to Flying Rules and Regulations**. Robert also posts our upcoming events.

**Early Bird Raffle: Don Copeland** won a gallon of VP fuel and presented it to Jerry Giles.

**Membership:** Rick reported a returning member from 15 years past, **Dean Lukover**. Rick commented that Dean questioned the American markings on Rick's scale Spitfire, but he reminded us that in the early years of the war, the US flew Spitfires as well. Ironically, Dean won the Spitfire kit from our Build n Fly event. If he builds it, we'll see the English markings! Despite the differences, **Dean was unanimously approved for membership**.

**Old Business:**  
**Build n Fly Event Report:**

**George Wilson** reported that there were **22 pilots** and several of their guests for an estimated attendance record of 40. **Pat Flores** donated the **Spitfire kit** for the raffle. There was a good variety of planes and there was always something in the air; even four at a time for a while. The event was well attended by local members as well as some from afar. Comments were favorable and several attendees welcomed the idea of an event that encouraged building planes from plans. **Thanks to George Wilson, Bob Severance, Robert Jarzombek, Ray Murry, Don Gray and many others who organized the event, prepared the field, cooked and generally worked to make the event a success.**

**Prop Busters Shirts or Decals: Lloyd Roecker** brought in some samples of our Prop Busters logo that he printed with his ink jet printer using a transfer material he purchased from Hobby Lobby. He showed a sample shirt he made using the decals, and described the iron-on process. He has used this process to make his own decals for his planes. He made some large and small logos, to be ironed on the any tee shirt material other than white; only because the base material of the iron-on is white. He explained that it can be applied to several fabrics, especially cotton-like fabrics. The response was very positive. **Lloyd volunteered to print several of the decals**. After some discussion, it was **motioned and approved that the club will**

pay for the materials necessary to print several decals that will be sold to the members to cover production costs paid by the club. Charles will look into buying the iron-on material in bulk along with the necessary ink.

**New Business:**

**Event for 2017:**

Based on the discussion it was decided that this event should be repeated next year. After minimal discussion, it was decided that the next Build n Fly event will be held October 21, 2017. An initial budget of \$300 was approved for the event.

**Nominations:**

Charles requested nominations, and also nominated all present office holders for next year. Nominations are OPEN.

**Crash Dummy:**

We've all crashed a plane or two, three, .....,. Sometimes it's "dumb thumbs", sometime its equipment, sometimes our mind and fingers just don't get it right.

Whatever the reason we're not "Dummies". We need to learn from our mistakes and those of others, so let's give it a new name and reward those who share their "not so good experiences" with a raffle ticket instead of a crash dummy (pretty much everyone has at least one already). So we need a new name. Suggestions have included "Prop Buster Award", "Why I Crashed", "Crash Chronicles". Make a suggestion at our next meeting or submit it to Charles via email.

**Battery Charge Station:**

For all those that use the Somerset battery charge station, thanks to Don Gray for servicing the storage batteries.

The By-laws will be modified so that when a current Prop Busters member returns from military deployment; that member will not have to pay an initiation fee to restore his membership. The proposed wording is given below:

The club is adding a line to the By-Laws. In section IV line M:  
  
M. Military deployed Members will have prepaid initiation fee when they return.

**MODEL OF THE MONTH:**

George Wilson showed his Twister that he bought at the ARCS a swap meet for \$75. He added his .46 engine from a trainer and retained the flywheel on the Evolution engine. Using a 3 blade 10x4 prop, he gets unlimited climb! George placed painted his "crash dummy" in the pilot seat and gave it a red "crash on demand button" in the cock pit. He placed crash test calibration marks for accents of the theme.

Dave Gell showed his P-40 that he flew at the Build n Fly event. He described the construction of the kit plane from Flite Test and the use of the "power pack" that can be used with other Flight Test planes. The kit was assembled from laser cut parts from two

sheets of white foam board using hot glue. There is a build video for guidance. The plane flew well and resembles a Mustang. The thin wire landing gear broke on the first landing, so he hand launched it and simply skid landed it without any problems.

**"Show n Tell" combined with "Crash Chronicles"**

Jack Witteman showed his Styrofoam "Radian Glider". He moved the CG back to the maximum of 3 3/8, adjusted the elevator incidence. He put in the air without low rates to float around, but with high throttle he nosed it in hard enough to severely bend the nose back. The plane he was showing had no apparent glue marks from the repair. He looked on line for guidance and explained that he placed the nose of the fuselage in boiling water and the Styrofoam went back to its original shape, as if never bent back!

Jim Branaum told of Hilmer Merz flying touch and goes with his Hanger 9 P-51 and rat racing round when all the sudden the cockpit cover let go and got hung up on the rudder. Flying too close to the ground, the plane went in!

Jerry Giles told of this Snoopy piloting his 60 size Tiger II into the ground! It seems the pilot was flying a Cuban 8 during the Build n Fly when disorientation took hold and the plane turned to terra firma. He was able to

salvage the firewall and landing gear.

**Kevin Pellone** gave an account of his take off of his 40 size trainer which veered hard to the right hitting the covered area roof. With the engine and firewall ripped off, he examined the alignment angles and found that the fire wall was offset by more than 6 degrees by the factory.

Someone told of **Greg Vincent** flying his green and white Pro Bro plane into the pond without pontoons. By the time he got to it, it had floated into the middle of the pond and he went wading into it to retrieve the plane.

**Bob Severance** went to the field ready to fly but his Rx in his plane wouldn't bind, so he had to pack it up. He stayed for the event though. It's still a mystery!

**Jack Witteman** took the honor of best **Show n Tell!** And everyone got a raffle ticket!

#### **The Raffle:**

**George Wilson**- 4S LiPo, CA

**Dave Gell**- MonoKote

**Jim Branaum**-wheels, P-51 plane in bones

**Lloyd Roecker**-Fuel line

**Charles Strang**-CA

**Jerry Giles**-CA, dbl sd tape

**Don Gray**- Resin glue, CA Kicker

**Robert Jarzombek**-Hinge center tool

**Rick Storm**-Nylon bolts

**Bob Severance**-Foam

Adjourned 9:00 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,

No real news on the membership front this month.

It's been a quiet month since the last newsletter. The Build and fly event on October 22 was a great event and we are already planning for a repeat next year. I've been licking my wounds after running my hand through the propeller at the Kingsbury War-Bird event. It happened while simply getting up after starting the aircraft. My hand went forward for balance as I stood up resulting in 5 strikes one of which resulted in 7 stitches. Had I been kneeling 2" farther away I'd have never made contact. All it takes is a momentary lapse of attention to your environment for disaster to strike. It's still healing and I don't recommend anyone follow my example in this case.

The following members have birthdays in December.

If you see them, congratulate them on being one year wiser. Don't we all wish the numbers went backwards!

#### Day of Birth Member Name

4 Anthony T. Galindo

9 Sidney E. Hipp

19 Steve A. Kossl

23 Kevin Pellone

29 Ronald M. Dietes

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**Dave Gell with his P-40 from Flight Test  
George won Model of the Month**



**George with his "Crash Test" Twister**

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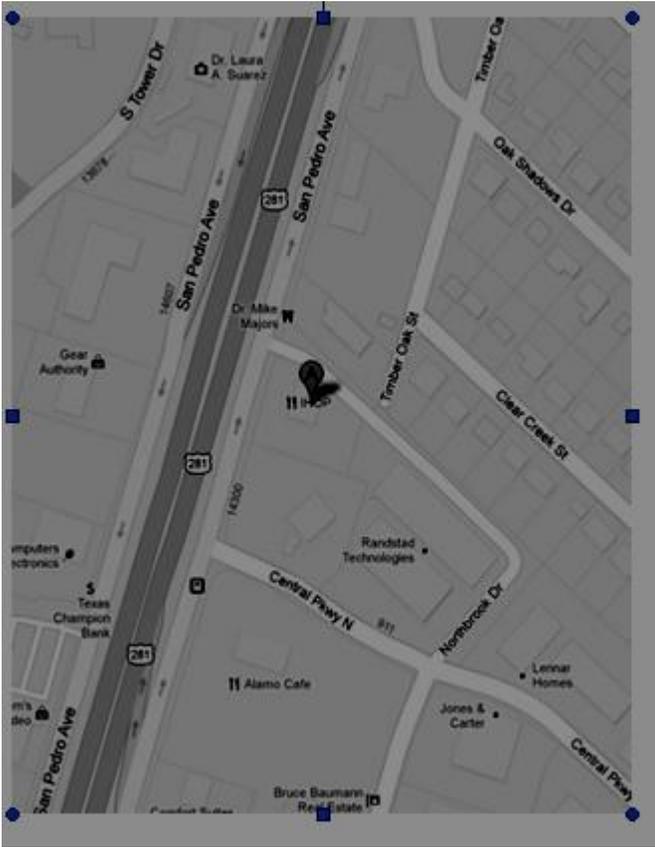
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Sometimes it seems like modeling is passé. In these days of instant gratification, who has time to build? The San Antonio Propbusters (SAPB) felt there were still a good number of real modelers around. To put that to the test, SAPB organized an event for modeler built aircraft.

On October 22nd, twenty two registered pilots brought out about forty hand built airplanes to show, to discuss and to fly. What a huge variety, from modest to spectacular, everyone had something to be proud of. Different was the word of the day. The construction techniques varied from traditional balsa to hot glued foam board. There was even one small electric whose primary components came out of the builders 3D printer.

The day could not have been better. The lunch was excellent and rewards were well received. The consensus among the pilots was they want to do it again next year. The SAPB hosts already have it in the planning stages.

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**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**7:00 PM at IHOP on San Pedro**  
**See Map at Left**

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