



The Propwash

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Academy of Model Aeronautics, Chartered Club Number 1227

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MayDay Fly-In

Somerset Field

May 16th and 17th

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Electric or Gas-No Turbines

Next Meeting

Tuesday

May 5th

2015

7:00 PM IHOP

14424 San Pedro Ave

Google Coordinates:

29.57312, -98.47847

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OF 281**

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Oak Shadow/Winding
Way**

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Turnaround

If you're going North on 281,
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¼ mile past Bitters

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May 1st thru 3rd

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Ft. Worth May 30th

\$15 Event Fee

11am Pilot's Meeting

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Date: 4/7/2015, 7:08 PM

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: **Chad Skeeters**, a potential new member checking us out. The March meeting minutes were approved without revision.

President: Charles welcomed everyone and commented that he had been President of the club for nine years and had never been as surprised and disappointed as caused by recent events that had come to his attention. A few members had acted independently of the club, liking it to employees not following company rules or policies set by the board of directors. Acting without regard to club flying regulations and without the club membership knowledge or approval, these individuals installed an RC car track inside the area leased by the club for the flying model aircraft. He pointed out that RC cars can be operated in a variety of locations, whereas model aircraft face ever increasing scrutiny and more restrictions for locating flying sites that also require insurance. Granted that some RC car the hobbyist may move to model aircraft, the club lease is for flying model aircraft. All club members must abide by the flying site regulations and club bylaws. It is hoped that under new business, this issue will resolved.

Vice President/Safety Officer: Willie no comment

Secretary: Terry no comment.

Treasurer: Jim reported the various expenses, income, and account balances for March. If you need details, contact Jim. Willie turned in receipts for field maintenance and was reimbursed accordingly.

Early Bird Raffle: **Rick Storm-** Fuel

Membership: Rick Storm reported that Anthony **“Tony” Galindo** was renewing his membership after setting out for a year or more. Welcome back Tony.

Rick also introduced **Chad Skeeters** as being new to the hobby, but had built his first foamy on his own. Rick helped Chad put the plane in the air and it flew well without any problems; a real feat for a newcomer! Chad spoke of his interest in RC after browsing the subject on the internet and decided to venture in with building a sheet foam model that could be easily repaired. Membership approval of Tony and Chad was unanimous.

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 been updating the club website. The newsletter includes **FOR SALE ITEMS, Newsletters, and Events. Check it out!**

Old Business:

Add Procedures (See figure 1 for reference):

Charles reviewed the proposed procedures for events and raffles, along with a method to make modifications to procedures.

After discussion, the motion to approve the added procedures was approved.

Flying Site Improvement Subcommittee (See figure 2 for reference):

This subject had been tabled for the last two meeting due to limited member participation. The **“Flying Site Improvement Subcommittee” (FSIS)** had been approved at the January meeting but the subcommittee

chairman and the level of “dues” had not been decided.

Charles summarized that suggestions for field improvements are occasionally considered to be outside the interest of the majority of voting club members for funding with the club’s funds. However, some members feel the improvement is worthy and wish to pursue it.

To provide a path for an improvement to be made **outside the approval for funding by the club’s general membership, but viewed as a non-conflicting improvement by the land owner and the club membership, it was proposed that a “Flying Site Improvement Subcommittee” (FSIS) be established.** There was a lot of discussion to explain the need for, and the details of how the subcommittee would function.

Moving forward, a motion was made to have Willie Wuest become chairman of the subcommittee. Although the motion was approved 8 to 6, Willie essentially refused the nomination by demonstrating a profound lack of interest and the president declared that Willie was “reluctant to actively accept the position”. A motion was made to **rescind the formation of the FSIS**, but it was noted that since it had previously been approved at a previous general membership meeting, it should be voted on at the next meeting of the general membership to allow the membership to be aware of the issue via the newsletter.

New Business;

RC Car Track: Charles asked the membership for a show of hands as to who was aware of the new RC Car Track at the Somerset field. Essentially no one other than those associated with the construction of the RC Track were aware of it until it was underway or completed. The landowners had given permission for the track to be

built **outside** of the SAPB leased area, but **not inside** the leased area, where it ultimately ended up being positioned. There was a never a request made to any of the SAPB executive committee or of the general membership for approval of car track. Instead the track was constructed using club materials and equipment on SAPB leased area that was specifically leased for flying RC aircraft.

After much discussion, a motion was made to **have the track removed and the area leveled**. With further discussion, the **motion** was **tabled**, pending AMA to clarification related to potential issues affecting AMA insurance coverage due to the presence of activities **not** related to model aviation.

Gate at Highway: It seems that one horse is smart enough to escape by going over the "cattle guard" at the main gate. Although it is expected that this horse will be transferred soon, the **MAIN GATE MUST BE CLOSED AFTER EVERY USE**.

MODEL OF THE MONTH: None
CRASH DUMMY: None

The Raffle:

- Charles Strang-Hatch latch
- Don Gray- Epoxy, nylon bolts
- Rick Storm-Fuel line, push rods, CA
- Bob Severance-CA
- Ray Murry-Fuel line plugs
- Lloyd Roecher-Battery, bolts
- Mark Blackmer-MonoKote, tail skids
- Robert Jarzombek-Servo
- Sidney Hipp-Fuel
- Jim Branaum-Screws
- Hansel Wells-Charge switch
- Jerry Giles-Foam

Reminder-SAPB Sponsored Events for 2015

"**May-day Fly**" will be held **May16-17**, with backup date of May31-June 1.

Adjourned 8:57 PM

Submitted by Secretary: Terry Ullman

Special Note: When Locking the Gate at the Cattle Guard, Run the lock through Only the End Most links of the chain.

The new fence charger is in place and the fence is HOT, do not get shocked. If you need to get to the fly over area, do not climb over the fence as that puts strain on the wire. USE THE HOT GATE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FENCE.

Grasp only the plastic handle on the Top wire, unhook that line and hang it on the hook of the corresponding T post to the right. Do the same for the Middle and Bottom wires. Reverse to close the HOT GATE. Be careful not to get shocked! If in doubt, get help.

Note: See field report for April included as Figure 3.

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NEED AN INSTRUCTOR? Call Me,

April saw two new members added to the PropBusters. Chad Skeeters is new to the hobby but is starting out building from kits rather than flying ARF's, which is a great way to start. Tony Galindo rejoined after a period of inactivity. Be sure to welcome these two members back to the fold when you see them.

The following SAPB members have birthdays in MAY.

<u>Day of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
1	Richard Doucette
13	Robert K. Terhune
18	Bernard J. Siegel
23	Maria I Aranguren
24	Jorge Cantu
25	Christopher Bartz
31	John R. Gardner

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Addendum for Procedures

Approved: January 2015

I. Method for Modifying Procedures

- A. All changes to Procedures must be approved by general membership vote no later than one meeting after their original proposal.
- B. No changes will be voted on at the same meeting in which they were proposed.

II. Events

- A. There are two types of events: Club Events and Sanctioned Events.
- B. Club events are those sponsored by the club itself and are open to all members at no charge.
- C. Sanctioned Events are those which the club sponsors primarily for fund raising and a landing fee will be charged for flying on those days even to club members.
- D. There will be no more than 3 Sanctioned events during any given year without approval by the general membership at the January club meeting.
- E. Any Sanctioned Event must be proposed no later than 3 meetings prior to the event date. In other words, 3 meetings must occur between event proposal and the event itself.
- F. We generally have 3 club events during the year: New Year's Day Freeze Fly, Fourth of July Fly-In, and Labor Day Fly-In.

III. Raffles

- A. All Raffles are independent raffles and are not sponsored or supported by the club unless clearly specified otherwise by signage.
- B. The club does not profit in any way from non-club sponsored raffles.

Figure 1-Procedure Changes

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Addendum for Procedures and Special Committees

Draft Approved: January 2015

I. Flying Site Improvements Subcommittee

- A. The Flying Site Improvement Subcommittee (FSIS) will be formed by a Chairperson and any current San Antonio Prop Buster member. The Chairperson will be in charge of managing the improvement proposals and the FSIS's budget. Members may join the FSIS by paying an additional fee. The Chairperson will ensure that all paying FSIS members are informed of the projects the FSIS is executing with the funds.
- B. Fees schedule:
 - a. The committee members will set and adjust the non-refundable committee membership fee by simple majority.
 - b. The fee can only be changed one a year.
 - c. The fee must be paid in full by the end of the July meeting.
 - d. Members can contribute any amount as long as they meet the minimum fee.
- C. The FSIS will be governed by the following rules:
 - a. The FSIS will have full control of their budget and projects.
 - b. The funds will only be used for projects agreed to by both the FSIS and the Executive Committee (EC). The EC will only object to a project if it is not in the best interest of the club as a whole (i.e. affects the relationship with the land owner)
 - c. Any project proposed by the FSIS will need approval in writing from both the land owner and the EC.
 - d. The FSIS will be authorized to proceed with a project as long as they have the full funds in the account.
 - e. The FSIS will not make flying site improvements that have any monthly payment requirement without prior club and EC approval in writing (said approval should be in the minutes of the meeting in which the monthly payment was approved by the club membership).
 - f. All flying site improvements done by the FSIS will form part of the SAPB flying site and the FSIS relinquishes any claim to ownership once the improvement is complete.
 - g. The FSIS must fund ALL aspects of the improvement project including materials, labor, fuel and ancillary cost that may be incurred due to the improvement (i.e. additional taxes or monthly bills).

Figure 2-Special Committees

Field Report – For April

Thursday after the April meeting a team of club members went to the **Somerset** flying field and did maintenance on the tractor, attaching the shredder deck and sharpening the blades. The runway, taxiways, flight stations, and pit areas were mowed in about 3 hours with the lawn tractor using about 3 gallons of gasoline. The remaining area inside the fence was cut with the shredder and as of the 14th it is clear that it will need to be cut again very soon.

Bob Severance has agreed to CD our May and November events. Cleaning for the May fly in and other things has begun. Planning has proceeded to include a menu for the pilot's lunch with a budget forthcoming from the cook.

A team went to the field, cleaned up some of the things that will be used for events, did the initial mowing of the overfly area between the road and the tank, and changed the tractor shed lock from a key lock to a combination and planned repairs to our gas burner so we can heat the pilot's lunches.

We will need a field work day on May 9th to insure that the field is ready for the event the following weekend. A couple of us are already planning to mow the field and overfly again before the event--just not on the work day. Our landlord graciously used herbicide along the electric fence, so it does not need any clearing or cleaning. However we do need someone to bring a line trimmer to clean along the cyclone fence and around the pavilion area. Additional needs will be discussed at the May meeting.

After the May event, spraying the retama will begin. This means that we probably will not want to mow the overfly area again until late in July, if at all this summer. More on that subject later this summer as the work progresses. I have ordered a few hazmat suits so clothing does not get soaked, splashed, or sprayed with the herbicide we will be using and that protects the upholstery of our vehicles from contamination. I donated the sprayer we used last year and the club recently purchased a new one in addition to the sort-of broken one we already owned. This means that three of us should be able to spray which may cut the spray effort time significantly. Some of the retama sprayed last year shows clear evidence of the work done.

Submitted by Jim Branaum

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Figure 3 – Field Report for April

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MAYDAY FLY-IN

MAY 16 & 17

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THERE WILL BE A \$20.00 DOLLAR LANDING FEE

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PILOTS

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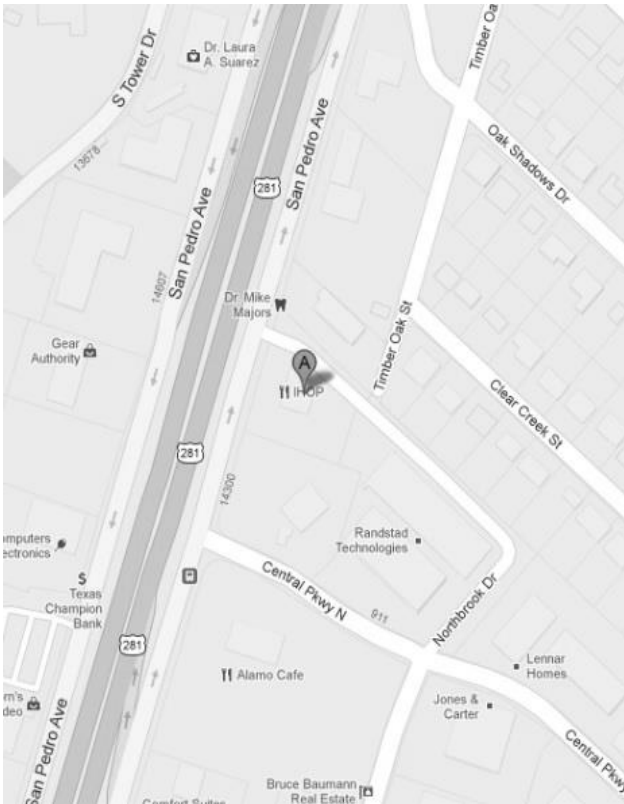


5/16/2015 - 5/17/2015 -- Von Ormy, TX (C) MAYDAY FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Bob Severance CD PH: 210-493-2709

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Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 5th, 2015
7:00 PM at IHOP on San Pedro
See Map at Left

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17271 Somerset Road
Von Ormy, Tx 78073
Google Coordinates:
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