



The Propwash

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ARCA Fall Big Bird Fly-In

Sep 4th & 5th
Austin (Lester Field) (68)
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New Berlin Fall Cup

Sep 12th and 13th (17)
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Next Meeting Tuesday September 1st 2015

Fall Fun Fly
Boerne Tx (22)
Sep 19th
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7:00 PM IHOP
14424 San Pedro Ave
Google Coordinates:
29.57312, -98.47847

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**LOCATED 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—it will be about
1/4 mile past Bitters

**HOTTS Open
And UpStart
St. Hedwig Tx (23)
Sep 19th**

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**B-17 Gathering
Monaville Tx (152)
Sep 17th – 19th**

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Date: 8/4/2015, 7:10 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: Dany Francisco Realpe Velasquez, a potential new member!

The July meeting minutes were approved without revision.

President: Charles welcomed everyone.

Vice President/Safety Officer: Bob reminded all to drink a lot of water, watch out for gofer holes and insects.

Secretary: Terry no comment.

Treasurer: Jim reported the various expenses, income, and account balances for July. If you need details contact Jim. Recent expenses included sealing the tractor tires and fuel. Jim noted that the Field account was running low, and explained the logic of moving \$250 from the flush Newsletter account to the Field account. A motion to do so was approved by all present.

Early Bird Raffle:
Robert Jarzombek – Fuel

Membership: Rick reported that we had 72 members last year, but that our current level is 69. Under New Business, delinquent members will be dropped.

Rick introduced **Dany Velasquez** as a possible new member. Dany explained that he was from Columbia, though he was originally from Chile. He is an AMA member. He generally flies planes with high

wing with about a 6 ft wingspan. He has visited local club fields along with our Somerset field and chose to join Prop Busters. With application in hand, Dany's membership was unanimously approved, pending dues payment. We look forward to seeing him at the field.

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 website includes the **Flying Regs, Procedures, FOR SALE items, Newsletters, and Events. Check it out!**

Old Business:
Emergency Info Sign: Charles assembled emergency information for **Somerset field** that includes field address, GPS coordinates, nearest emergency room/hospital (with directions/map), fire department, and police. He will post several copies at the field, so in the event it is needed; a copy can be taken along for directions to the nearest hospital.
Bob Severance can likely get info for San Geronimo Airport.)

Entry Road: Ray Murry reported on that he contacted a landscaper to get an estimate for spreading a two inch layer of base material from gate-to-gate, requiring around 40 cu-yds at a cost of \$1,500 for material plus \$1,300 labor to lay it down (Total \$2,800). Another option would be to only fill in the low areas and place a drainage pipe under the lowest area to drain any excess water under the

road. Rough cost of that option would be around \$750 for 20 cu-yds and \$1,300 labor (Total \$2,050). Options to use 12 -15 cu-yds of "crushed recycled concrete" for low spots along and using steel pipe for drainage were discussed. Because more information was needed, **the motion to "table" the discussion of gate-to-gate road work was approved.** More information will be sought and the road will be examined in the context of what if any upgrades are needed.

***Update needed: Face Book Group:**
Bob will look into creating a face book group.

Equipment Access: It is important to keep the tractor shed locked. At this time, mowing and the like will be carried out by selected members to better control use and maintenance of the equipment.

New Business:
Field Maintenance: Jim notified everyone that the electric fence insulators were failing because of UV exposure and that new UV protected insulators were on hand. Also some wire needed to be replaced. A workday was going to be called, but several members volunteered to handle it, so no club workday was called.

Bump Gate: There was discussion of converting the flying field **manual** entry gate to a **bump** gate for convenience of not having to get in and out of the vehicle to open the gate, drive through, and then close the gate. A bump gate is generally supported by a chain that winds up around a single support post when pushed open, and then unwinds

itself to close. The idea is to bump the gate using the vehicle bumper to make it swing open, drive forward to clear the gate, and allow the gate to swing closed. **The amount of force used and timing the drive through can be tricky.** If either is off, vehicle damage can result. From general discussion, it was **voted 15 to 2 to "leave the gate manual".**

Sidney Hipp announced that BAMS would be holding a **FALL FUN FLY** at their Joshua Springs Park field out I-10 West near Welfare on **September 18 and 19th. All AMA members welcome, no landing fee, concessions will be on site.**

Dues Delinquent: Six members failed to renew. Their names were read and their membership was voted **"expired"**. It was also noted that **Dan Zamora** had recently **passed away.** Our **condolences go out to all his family and friends.**

MODEL OF THE MONTH:
Terry Ullman showed his **new 46 size Extra 300** from **Phoenix Models.** The **ARF** has a wing span of 57 inches and weighs about 6-7 lbs. Although the recommended engine is .46 2-stroke or .52 4-stroke, he fitted it with and OS 70 4-stroke. The plane comes well finished with pilot included in the canopy hatch. Frustrated with NiMH batteries, he is using a 2S-1000mAh LiPo with a voltage regulator for onboard power. He purchased the plane for \$130 from Tower Hobbies.

CRASH DUMMY: So while Terry was describing his new plane, someone asked about the "old plane" which led to more questions and he had to fess up to **destroying** his previous

Phoenix .46 size Edge 540 when the plane ran out of electrons sufficient to power the receiver during landing. After the crash that totaled the plane, the NiMH battery had **voltage 2.3 volts.** Hence, he has switched to using a LiPo and a voltage regulator.

So **Terry** was in the unique position to win **both the Model of the Month and Crash Dummy** at the same meeting.

The Raffle:
Sidney Hipp-Fuel, control rods, CA, switch
Hansel Wells-Servo
Lloyd Roecker-Prop balancer
Robert Jarzombek- Nylon bolts
Mark Blackmer-Flag decals
Charles Strang-CA
Rick Storm-Foam
Terry Ullman-Epoxy
Richard Saucedo-Wheels
Don Gray-Mixing cups
Charles Strang won **46 size Cutlass** kit donated by **Robert Terhune**

Adjourned 8:08 PM
Submitted by Secretary: Terry Ullman

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.**

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

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,

At the August meeting we closed out the membership renewal period for this year. We start the new membership year with 65 paid members. Once again we had several members waiting to the last minute to renew, but the final tally was very close to 100% renewal. Members will receive a new membership roster with this newsletter. Also, if you are receiving a USPS copy of the newsletter, check the mailing label; it will have a new combination for the roadside gate at Somerset field. We had one visitor at the August meeting that expressed interest in joining. Perhaps next month we can report another new member. The following SAPB members have birthdays in September.

Day of Birth Member Name

5	Hansel Wells
15	Colin Gipp
22	Maura Aranguren
26	Edward L. Johnson Jr

LABOR DAY FLY-IN

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

FREE TO SAPB MEMBERS AND FAMILY

SOMERSET FIELD AT 17271 SOMERSET ROAD

FUN WILL START AT AROUND 9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM

HAMBURGLERS, HOT DOGS, AND DRINKS ARE PROVIDED



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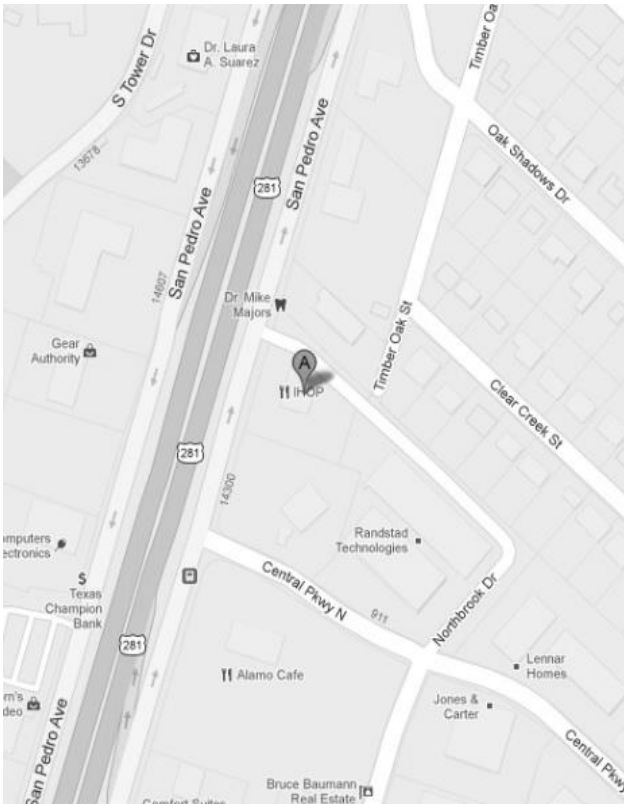
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Tuesday, September 1st, 2015
7:00 PM at IHOP on San Pedro
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