



# 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**  
**January 5th**  
**2016**

**7:00 PM IHOP**  
**14424 San Pedro Ave**  
Google Coordinates:  
29.57312, -98.47847

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OF 281**

**Between Bitters and  
Oak Shadow/Winding Way**

If you're going South on 281,  
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Turnaround

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In Right Lane—It will be about  
1/4 mile past Bitters

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Registration**

**Starts Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

Registration Website  
<http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

**\$5 Fee/Pilot**  
**Refundable 1<sup>st</sup> 30 Days**

**Prop Busters  
Members**  
**New Years Pea Feed**  
**January 1**  
**2016**  
**Somerset**

**Georgetown Aero  
Modelers**

**19<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet**

**January 15-16**

[gamarc.org](http://gamarc.org)

**Tri-City Flyers  
Swap Meet**

**Garden Ridge Tx**

**Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**

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**Date:** 12/1/2015, 7:03 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:** None

The November meeting minutes were approved without revision.

**President:** Charles welcomed everyone and commented that the Turkey Fly was a success. Our next club event will be our **New Years Day Pea Feed, Jan 1 2016 at Somerset**

**Vice President/Safety Officer:** As the CD for the Turkey Fly, Bob commented there were 15 pilots signed up. **Ray Murry**, assisted by **Don Gray**; prepared Gumbo that was really good, and there were leftovers if you needed more. Although it was a little cool, a light jacket was all you needed for the cloudy day with light winds.

Although most of the gophers are no longer with us, Bob reminded everyone that a few gopher holes were uncovered by recent rains. There's a small shovel and a small pile of dirt to use for fill-in where needed.

**Secretary:** Terry no comment.

**Treasurer:** Jim reported the various expenses, income, and account balances for November. If you need details contact Jim. He presented a budget for next year a third time, with a few adjustments from the previous version of the last month. After some clarification, the budget for 2016 was approved.

**Early Bird Raffle:** **Robert Jarzombek**, Fuel

**Membership:** Rick reported no new members this month. One of the attendees of the Turkey Fly showed interest in joining, but nothing definite. It was suggested that past members should be contacted to encourage them to rejoin, perhaps reducing the initiation fee. After brief discussion it was decided that it would likely not bring back members who had probably moved on to other interests.

**Events:** Bob reminded all that **Georgetown Swap Meet was coming up January 15, 16.**

**Officer Nominations:** At the last meeting the standing officers volunteered to continue. Nominations were reopened.

**Humberto Perez** nominated **Willie Wuest for President, Gary Harris for Vice President. Jim Branaum** nominated **Humberto Perez for Treasurer**. No nominations for Secretary were made, but Terry welcomed anyone interested to be secretary to put their hand up! No Takers.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Web Editor**  
**Robert Jarzombek** has been updating the club website. It includes **photos** of the **Turkey Fly-Check it out! Ck out links 13 &14 under resources**

**Old Business:**

**Emergency Info Sign:** **Bob Severance** will gather medical emergency information for San Geronimo Airport.

**New Business:**

**Charter Renewal:** Fees for both fields will be due. The fee to AMA will be raised next year. To save money, Jim recommended that the charter be renewed **before** the end of the year because the fees will be lower than if we wait. With minimum discussion, members approved early renewals.

**Newsletter vs Flyer:** Presently 60 newsletters are printed: 17 for members, 1 for AMA related business are mailed. Forty more are hand delivered to the three hobby shops. When the latest newsletters are dropped off at the hobby shops, few, if any, of the previous newsletters were taken. Some clubs use a one page flyer with information of field locations, lessons, and how to join. After some discussion it was decided that a single page flyer with information on field locations, becoming a member and contact information would better serve our needs. **John Gardner and Bob Severance** will put together a draft flyer for approval by the executive committee. If adopted, our newsletter printing will be reduced to 20 or less.

**Entrance Road:** As discussed a few months ago, the road from the highway to the field was in need of some gravel or fill to reduce mudding after rains. Jerry Sustala notified Jim Branaum of an opportunity to obtain a load of crushed concrete, including spreading it in the low areas of the

roadway, for a cost of \$550. Based on previous quotes for the material and labor, Jim approved the expense and paid the \$550 from his personal account. A few members that had seen the improved road were satisfied with the results. With minor discussion, members approved to reimburse Jim for \$550 from the 2016 field maintenance account.

**Election of Officers for 2016:**

For **President**, incumbent **Charles Strang** indicated he would continue "status quo"; **Willie Wuest** spoke of increasing participation, publishing events, marketing the club.

For **Vice President** incumbent **Bob Severance** had no comment; **Gary Harris** spoke of flying with Prop Busters out Bandera road when he was a teenager, and later flew helicopters near Alamo Downs where he met Willie, and he has been active in maintaining the Somerset field".

For **Treasurer**, incumbent **Jim Branaum** indicated he has served in trying to make things better; **Humberto Perez** thought Jim was doing a good job.

For **Secretary**, incumbent **Terry Ullman** offered to allow anyone who wanted, "to take the position".

**Members present reelected each of the incumbent officers for 2016.**

**MODEL OF THE MONTH:** None

**Show and Tell:** **Rick Storm** described making a **muffler** for a 1961 vintage OS Max 49 RC engine that he re-worked into running condition. Back in the day, these engines didn't have mufflers, so he fabricated one from a small aluminum spray can, a plate from a tuned pipe and a piece of T6120 tubing. He "welded" the

components together using low temperature aluminum rod and a propane torch. "Sometimes that old stuff comes in handy".

**CRASH DUMMY:  
No One Fessed Up!**

**The Raffle:**

**Terry Ullman**-LiPo 3S-2200

**Rick Storm**-5 cell NiMH

**Jerry Giles**-Fuel, lost signal Beeper

**Mark Blackmer**-Charge switch, fuel pump

**Bob Severance**-Mini quad copter, battery charger



**Robert Jarzombek** with the Grand Prize 'Whip-it' Glider

Adjourned 8:15 PM

Submitted by Secretary: Terry Ullman

**NO NEED TO CLOSE THE HIGHWAY GATE unless you are the last to leave! Be sure to Run the lock through Only the End Most links of the chain.**

**If you need to get to the fly over area, do not climb over the electric 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,**

December has been almost summer like for someone born in South Dakota. December is supposed to have a foot of snow on the ground and ice on the roads. Thank heavens we don't have that but it's hard to get in the Christmas Spirit without it. What we do have is anticipation of what will be under the tree or arriving in those UPS packages. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and lots of new RC goodies (under the tree or not).

The following SAPB members have birthdays in January.

<u>Day of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
19	James G. Branaum
21	Alejandra Aranguren
25	Hilmer Merz

**SWAP MEET**  
**TRI-CITY FLYERS RC CLUB**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TX**  
**February 19-20, 2016**

**LOCATION:**  
**GARDEN RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**9400 Municipal Pkwy**  
**GARDEN RIDGE, TX 78266**



**DOORS OPEN**  
4:00-9:00 PM Friday  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM Saturday

**SET UP**  
3:00PM-4:00 PM Friday  
8:00 AM-9:00 AM Saturday



**FOOD & BEVERAGES      AUCTION      RAFFLE PRIZES**

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$5.00 PER PERSON PER DAY**  
**WOMEN AND YOUTH UNDER 18 ARE FREE**

**FOOD & BEVERAGES      AUCTION      RAFFLE PRIZES**

**TABLES \$10.00 EACH PER DAY (NO LIMIT)**  
**RESERVE YOUR TABLES EARLY!**  
**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 5th**  
**No Fuel Allowed In Building**  
**FOR TABLE LAYOUT & RESERVATION FORM SEND EMAIL TO:**  
**RUSTY@DESTINATIONSA.COM**  
**OR CALL RUSTY AT 210-654-3313**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ONE OF THE  
LARGEST RC AVIATION SWAP MEETS IN SOUTH TEXAS!**

In case you haven't already received this info from other sources; here's a short rundown.

UAS Registration (Aircraft and Drones) begins on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.

All operators of Radio Control flying models need to register with the FAA.

The assigned registration number must be affixed to each aircraft where it is visible without the use of tools.

HERE IS THE LINK TO REGISTER: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>.

The link above currently contains FAQ's and other useful info, but the registration will not be open until 21 Dec.

Registration fees will be waived or refunded for the first 30 days.

Please see the link below for further info from AMA.

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2015/12/14/ama-and-the-faa-registration-process/>

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**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**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:**  
**29.254316 -98.641541**

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