



# 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  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup>  
2017

**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 ¼ mile past Bitters

## Fun Fly WB & Swap Texas City<sup>(209)</sup>

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mike Samano: 281-724-9736

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## Float Fly Hockley<sup>(192)</sup>

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

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**Bryan<sup>(145)</sup>**

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**

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1 Unopened Unwrapped Toy

## Battle Over Brenham

**Brenham<sup>(150)</sup>**

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

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**\$20 w/Lunch**

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**Date:** 10/3/2017, 7:01PM

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:** No Strangers.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

**President:** Charles welcomed all.

**VP/Safety Officer:** **Bob** reminded all to stay hydrated and watch out for **snakes and insects**.

**Secretary:** **Terry** no comment.

**Treasurer:** **Jim** reported the various expenses, income, and account balances. If you need details contact Jim. bJim recognized **Robert Jarzombek** as the **unofficial auditor**.

**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 posting pictures and our upcoming events.

**Early Bird Raffle:** **Kevin Pellone** won the fuel.

**Membership:** **Rick Storm** reported **no new** members.

## Old Business:

### The BUILD'N FLY Event happens OCTOBER 21

**George Wilson** received some coupons for 25% off of one order from **Sig Products**. He also got two kits "short" kits, furnished by Lazer Works ([www.lazer-works.com](http://www.lazer-works.com)) and Flite Test, plus \$160 worth of assorted prizes to win with tickets earned by registration and each time you fly during the event.

## New Business: None

### Model of the Month:

**Sidney Hipp** presented his huge "Ultra Stick 33". He said he has always favored the design and the flight characteristics so he decided to go BIG. The Hanger 9 ARF has a wing span of 81 inches and is rated for a 30 cc engine or electric equivalent. Sidney decided to go electric, using an Eflite 160 motor powered with 10S 5000 mAh LiPo. He is using 100 in-oz analog servos, with a 6 V NiMH battery for the receiver, with AS3X for stability. He gets three easy going flights on one charge. LiPo charging and discharging: Sidney said charging the large batteries take 1-3 hr depending on the discharge level.



**Sidney Hipp** won Model of the Month with his **Ultra Stick**

The mention of battery charging issues led to a discussion of **LiPo charging and discharge safety**. It was noted that **two club members recently suffered major property losses when proper LiPo charging processes were not followed**. All were reminded **not to leave LiPo's unattended during the charging process**, use only compatible chargers, and always use a balancer circuit with cut off. Some charges offer a thermal shut off at >50 C. Take care in storing LiPo batteries with cell voltage at 3.7 to 3.8. If your battery is no longer useful or a cell is faulty, one way to safely discharge the battery is to place it in a salt water bath, sometimes for days if needed. Then, after you have verified the voltage is gone, it would probably be a good idea to drive a nail through the body of the battery. That way no charge can build up. Also, you might want to clip off the connector because it can come in handy later.

**“Crash Chronicles”**

**Jim Branaum** mentioned that he lost a cell when flying his Carbon Cub powered with a 6S 3200 mAh LiPo. Shortly after takeoff he lost power and barely made it over the fence and back on the field.

**George Wilson** also had a similar experience.

**Kevin Pallone’s Lost Easy Sport** was found by Gary Sustala’s son in the area where Kevin thought it had crashed. Only it wasn’t on the ground, it was hanging in a tree by its nose wheel. The only real damage was it short of a tail! The motor was fine even after being rained on. Kevin told of losing control of the plane as it started circling and was unresponsive. Rick Storm commented that it may have been caused by a fault with the Spektrum AR 600 receiver.

**The Raffle:**

**Bob Severance**-Fuel, rubber band P-40 balsa kit

**Sidney Hipp**- Accelerant, CA, Applicator tips

**Jack Stensgraad**-Sanding block, CA, hinge tape

**Ed Johnson**-Epoxy

**Jerry Giles**-Dbl sd tape, foam

**Kevin Pellone**-CA, lead wt.

**Robert Jarzombek**-Fuel line

Adjourned 8:12 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,

I’m writing this a bit late since my wife and I spent the 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup> in Cape Cod MA. We had a wonderful time but sadly had to miss the Build ‘N Fly on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Most of that day we were at 30,000 feet inside of a real airplane. I understand that the event was well attended and great fun. Sorry I missed it. No new news on the membership front at this time.

The following members have birthdays in November. When you see them, congratulate them for being one year wiser.

Day of Birth Member Name

2	Roger A Wuest
7	Ryan Rush
9	Terry L. Ullman

See you at the field.



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Thank You all SAPB Members and guests..

We had a WONDERFUL time with 23 registered attendees, many with wives and/or significant others and even a few non-flying spectators. And if you weren't here you missed a great time! New "I'M A BUILDER" tags were included with entry furnished by Charles Strang and 'Balsa Model Builders Association' stickers From Bob Severance.

Unfortunately we had some mishaps but above all that we had some great comradery and bonded friendships from fellow returning enthusiasts from Houston, Corpus Christi, Boerne, Universal City, Schertz & Helotes and faraway Bellingham, Washington State! Thank You Dave Gell for making a great trip south to visit and fly with us! Thanks to previous members Keith Moody (1/3 scale Balsa USA Fly Baby Bipe), Rick Carlo (Giant Scale Sportster) and Rick Corbell (Dream Machine) for their home visit. Want to also mention Mike Whitley who ventured down from Benbrook, TX and brought an beautiful scale model of what I believe was a large Scale Boeing-Stearman Biplane who put on several WOW demonstration flights with super smoke!

To Include there were many examples of Vintage RC's flown like the Top Flight Contender flown by Hilmer Merz and the beautiful Balsa USA Fokker Eindecker flown by George Wilson. With two examples of the Goldberg Tigers (Charles Strang & Bob Severance).

Lunch was prepared by Ray Murry with his faithful helper Don Gray. Delicious!

MANY good door prizes we handed out: Kits donated by Eddie Taylor @ Laser Works ([www.LazerWorks.com](http://www.LazerWorks.com)) and myself, Discount Certificates from Sig ([www.SigMfg.com](http://www.SigMfg.com)) and Tower Hobbies ([www.TowerHobbies.com](http://www.TowerHobbies.com)), many great tool and glue packages purchased from Hobby King ([www.HobbyKing.com](http://www.HobbyKing.com)).

Thanks was expressed to all attendees and promised this event will be held again next year (Oct. 20, 2018, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!) and the event was concluded at 4:00pm yet many stayed to fly more!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Severance, CD

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For Supporting the Raffle**

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**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**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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