



# The Propwash

The Monthly Newsletter of the San Antonio Prop Busters  
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## Work & Fly

Somerset <sup>(0)</sup>

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dogs & Burgers?

## Next Meeting

Tuesday

Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

2019

**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 1/4 mile past Bitters**

## GAMA Builder's Fly-In

Georgetown <sup>(85)</sup>

May 25<sup>th</sup>

John Price: 979-575-1084

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**Date:** 2/5/2019, 7:02 PM

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

President: **Charles** welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. **No visitors.** The January meeting minutes were approved.

**VP/Safety Officer: Bob** reminded all to fly safe and stay hydrated, and mind the Prop.

As the club **CD**, he will request AMA approval for our fourth "Build 'n Fly" open event; to be renamed "**Lee Moore Memorial Build and Fly**" and scheduled for **October 19.**

In addition, a club fly-in was discussed and it was decided that we will host a "**Memorial Day Club Fly-in**".

**Treasurer: Jim** reported the current expenses, income, and account balances. Contact Jim if you need details.

**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.

**Membership: Rick Storm** reported **no new member** applications. He received a call from a person disposing of an estate that included a variety of older planes and support items. He plans to add the items into future Raffles.

#### **Old Business:**

**AMA Memorial Brick** was discussed. A memorial brick to be placed in the honor walkway at the AMA headquarters varies with the size and text. Priced at \$100 is a nominal size brick with two lines of text in black. At \$500 is a brick with gold lettering, and at \$1,000, an 8x8 inch brick of granite with additional text is available. As of this meeting, \$270 had been collected. Collection of funds for this purpose will continue. It was noted that any excess of donations would be donated to a charity of the family's choice. Discussion of what "level of brick" to buy, and text to use was briefly discussed. A motion to hold off on a decision until the October Meeting or

until at least \$500 was collected, was approved.

**Work and Fly Day is scheduled for March 2, to begin at 9am** so we can be done in time fly!! We need to clear the fence line of grass so we can repair the electric fence wire and spray grass killer. Also good news, it turns out that our fence charging system is working after a loose connection was discovered.

**More Road Base** has not been delivered due to the wet weather and road conditions. The idea of seeking a grant from AMA was mentioned, and it was pointed out that AMA would only reimburse up to 10% of money already spent on an AMA pre-approved project. The idea wilted with little further discussion.

**New Business: None**

#### **Model of the Month:**



**George Wilson** showed his SLOW RIDE, advertised as "The ultimate in 3D flight". The ARF has a wing

span of 63.5 inches and has a very lite wing loading. He is using AX3 for rock steady control. It's powered with a Rim Fire 28, using an 80-amp ESC and 3cell Lipo powering a 13-6.5 prop. He indicated that even though it has plenty of power to go fast, the instructions recommend keeping the speed low to avoid flutter.



**Bob Severance** showed his Astro Hog Bipe that he built from a SIG kit over more than a few years. The plane is powered with a Thunder Tiger 75, 4-stroke. The pilot is a reconfigured/hand painted crash dummy. The plane is expertly covered and painted, and weighs 8 pounds. The receiver and digital servos are powered with a 6-volt NiMH battery pack.

**Bob Severance won the Model of the Month**

**Crash Chronicles**

**Burf Tunnel** reported having issues with binding 636 receiver. From discussion, it seems that the

the distance between the transmitter and receiver might be too close when trying to bind.

**Jim Branaum** was flying his large Four Star 120 and performing touch and goes. He had leaned out the engine prior to the flight and on his last approach the engine stopped and it landed in tall grass well before the runway. Fortunately, the plane only suffered minor damage to the wing covering.

**Terry Ullman** was flying his relatively new 35% Extra 330L with a new DLE-85 when shortly after takeoff the pilot and canopy self-ejected and fluttered to the ground. Although he safely landed the plane, the hunt was on for the canopy pieces. After a few weeks, the plane was ready to fly again with a Frankenstein repaired canopy. The plane flew well upright but had issues inverted. During a roll, the engine died. With a dead stick approach over the pond, the plane just cleared the fence and stalled about 4 ft off the ground, taking off the landing gear with other collateral damage. Ouch!!! Back in for repairs!!!

**The Raffle:**

- Charles Strang**-4 cell Lipo, battery wire set, angle cutter, CA
- Terry Ullman**-rolling cutter, angle cutter

- Rick Storm**-battery wire set
- Bob Severance**-small 2 channel glider
- Robert Jarzombek**-5 cell NiMH battery
- Sidney Hipp**-small FokkerDR1 balsa kit

Adjourned 8:20 PM  
Submitted by Secretary: Terry Ullman



**Membership Notes**

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*e-mail me and I'll send you a fresh one.*

**NEED AN INSTRUCTOR?**

Call Me,

By the time you read this newsletter, the following will be in effect:

[The Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) has posted a rule in the [Federal Register](#) requiring small drone owners to display the FAA-issued registration number on an outside surface of the aircraft. Owners and operators may no longer place or write registration numbers in an interior compartment. The rule is effective on February 25. The markings must be in place for any flight after that date.

Recipients of this newsletter by e-mail can click on the links above for more information. You can also go to the AMA Government Relations page for additional info.

AMA currently requires you to have your AMA number and contact info

affixed to your aircraft and it can be inside, under the wing or in a battery compartment. Should your aircraft go down and it is traced back to you using your AMA information. That's great and you get your aircraft back in one or more pieces. However, if you do NOT have the FAA registration properly identified on the outside of the aircraft, then you could be subject to a federal fine adding up to a really bad day.

Why the requirement to post the number on the outside with no exceptions: Opening a compartment to find the registration number has been determined to be a "credible threat to law enforcement" as an explosive device could be inside. Be that a damaged LIPO Battery or plastic explosive. As demonstrated by events in Gatwick (London), or in New Jersey or at the Superbowl, there are stupid people buying drones and using them in stupid ways.

I don't believe AMA members participated in any of these actions; however, we need to make sure we stay on the up and up so that AMA can credibly present our case to the FAA so we can continue to enjoy our hobby.

The following members have achieved another milestone in life. Wish them a happy birthday.

Day of Birth   Member Name

- 8     Robert B. Severance
- 9     Andrew Moore
- 9     Mark Sanderson
- 26    Ronald A. Coen
- 26    Dany Realpe
- 28    Frank Pisz
- 28    Kyle Cleary

See you at the field

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# Georgetown Aero Modelers **BUILDERS' FLY-IN** May 25, 2019

**When:** May 25, 2019 from 10:00am to 5:00pm

**Where:** Georgetown Aero Modelers Flying Field, Walburg, Texas. Directions and GPS coordinates are available on our website; [www.gamarc.org](http://www.gamarc.org)

**Landing Fee:** \$25 per participant (lunch is included for entrants. For crews and guests, we suggest a \$5 donation. We will provide sandwiches, chips, condiments, water, soft drinks and utensils). We'll need RSVPs for food planning.



Model building has always been the bedrock of our hobby and we want to provide encouragement to both current flyers and those new to the hobby to give building a try. Join us on May 25 for a builders' – only fly-in for builders who want to show off their projects and meet other builders. This is a non-competitive, fun fly-in, with award plaques for appearance and workmanship as judged by the participants themselves. No restrictions on number of aircraft, type or power. No ARFs.

During the day we'll be raffling off builder's tools and supplies with a special prize at the end of the day.

## Participants must be current AMA members

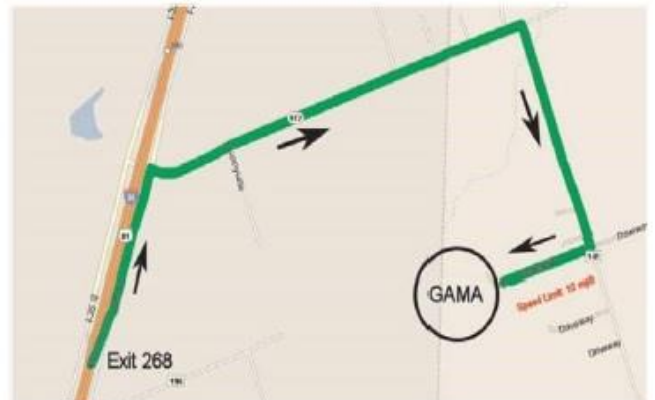


For event details and additional information, contact John Price at [airnostalgia737@gmail.com](mailto:airnostalgia737@gmail.com) or (512) 943-0073. Please RSVP.



### Directions to the G.A.M.A. Field:

- ⑩ Go north of Georgetown on I35 and take exit 268.
- ⑩ Go 1 mile north on the I35 frontage road to FM 972.
- ⑩ Turn right on FM 972 and go 1.33 miles to CR 141.
- ⑩ Turn right on CR 141 and go 0.7 miles to the Charolias Guice Farms (Sign is missing, only the frame is left) at 655 CR 141 (Black Mailbox on left).
- ⑩ Turn right onto the dirt road and go 0.37 miles down the dirt road, going past the house on the right.
- ⑩ The field will be straight in front of you on the other side of the tree line.





**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**7:00 PM at IHOP on San Pedro**  
**See Map at Left**

**Prop Busters Somerset RC Field**  
**17271 Somerset Road**  
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