



The Propwash



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Next Meeting

Tuesday
Mar 3rd
2020

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

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San Antonio, Texas
Spring Float Fly
Presented by the River City Radio Control Club
April 17-19th, 2020

We have a 30-acre lake with a 16' carpeted launch ramp, 2 gas powered emergency retrieval boats, and an airplane pit area along the lake edge which provides a great float fly experience. \$20 entry fee/AMA Required.



- Pilot prizes/giveaways! Pilot awards!
- Pilot's Lunch Saturday Afternoon
- Free Friday evening "BBQ Brisket and Lonestar" provided by the club's "River City BBQ Gang".

Spend the night! Camp along the lake or in the main parking area (sorry, no hook ups/limited space, first come, first serve).

Conveniently located one mile north of I-10 East on Loop 1604! (GPS: 29.4793, -98.2959)

Event contact information/
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Event Manager: Rick Carlo (210-872-3282)
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Date: 2/4 2020, 7:09 PM

After everyone visited for a while, bought raffle tickets, and recited the pledge of allegiance, the meeting of the Prop Busters was called to order by President, Charles Strang at IHOP, 14424 San Pedro Ave.

Visitors: No strangers.

The January Minutes were **approved.**

As Safety Officer, Bob, reminded all to fly safe and stay hydrated, and watch out for snakes and insects. He also reported that the raffle funds for the new year have were somehow lost. Luckily, there was little accumulated to date for the new year, we will rebuild the funds.

Treasurer: Jim Branaum reported minor expenses and current balances for various categories. If you need details contact Jim.

Early Bird Raffle: Jim Branaum won the fuel.

Membership: Rick Storm reported no additional member renewals.

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: Charles updates the website to include posting upcoming events, pictures, and

videos, along with other useful info. **Check it out!**

Old Business: Field Search: Terry Ullman made contact with Ms. Pilar Colon Martin, Scout Service Executive Coach, with Boy Scouts of America. She indicated that BSA has access to various lands. She indicated that she would look into our club interaction with BSA for possible use. No News at this time. We need about 3 acres for takeoff and landing, with substantial acreage with rights for fly over and to retrieve downed models. Potential locations cannot be too close to a controlled airport landing approach/takeoff path.

Prop Busters can fly at San Geronimo Airpark (with a spotter). In addition, our members have been invited to fly at other club fields. **We can also fly as guests at ARCS and BAMS.** ARCS is located off Shepard Road. They host an **open fun fly the Sunday after** their club meeting held on **the third Thursday of the month.** BAMS is located in **Joshua Springs Park**, out I-10 West about 6 miles past Borne, **Exit 533 toward Welfare, to 78013 FM 289.** The park entrance is on the left just after you cross under I-10. Enter the park and follow signs to the field. Note that their field is more of a **morning field**, so plan to go in the morning when the sun is at your back and it is more likely BAMS members are flying.

New Business: FAA-and the proposed Rules.

The FAA has published their proposed rules for regulating operation of model aircraft which includes airplanes, quadcopters, and helicopters. Their proposed rules are given in **89.135 of the Federal Register for REMOTE IDENTIFICATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS as proposed by FAA.** Jim Branaum has read much of the regulations and handed out a very small portion it for our awareness, and discussion. Notice of Proposed Rule Making (**NPRM Part 89.135 FAA-recognized identification areas**), that affects our **flying sites and how we must operate, identified and located.** Jim printed out paragraph 89.201, 89.205, and 89.210 as a sample of what is likely coming unless AMA, EAA and we personally make our voices heard by FAA. Anyone can send comments on the proposed rule by going to **federalregister.gov** website where you can view comments and submit your own personal comments.

Bob Severance will look into getting a sanctioned **Build 'n Fly** event and securing a flying site host.

Model of the Month: Not Really, but **Bob Severance** showed us his internet purchase of a free flight "X2 Kit" complete with electric motor.

The deal was just too good to pass up. He waited patiently for his kit to arrive from China. It finally arrived in a much smaller box than what he expected. It turned out to be a small free flite foam kit of a non-descript X-1 plane that had a very small electric motor that you charge for a 15 second flight. Not quite what he expected, but still performs an entreating albeit brief flight!

Crash Chronicles:

Lloyd Roecker told of a video of construction and prep for flight of **1/3 Scale WACO** with a large radial engine. After all the assembly was complete and the plane fueled up and ready, they put the electric starter to it, and the engine fell off. **OOPs!**

The Raffle

Lloyd Roecker - tool box with some tools inside, small tool box with a Dremel inside

Jim Branaum-MonoKote, epoxy, battery

Terry Ullman -CA, Airplane

Charles Strang-Fuel, CA, bag of stuff

George Wilson-CA accelerate

Bob Severance-Fuel pump

Adjourned 8:06 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

Thank all of you for sticking with us while we seek to acquire a new flying field for general use.

We still have permission to use the San Geronimo Air Park Runway for Model aircraft Operation. Just a reminder, this runway is also used by full scale aircraft. You must always yield to the full-scale aircraft and have a safety observer with you at all times to spot full scale aircraft in the area. This works best for folks who can visit San Geronimo during the week since a nice weekend day is just as good for the full-scale aircraft who always have priority on the runway.

In addition, the Boerne Aero Modeling Society (BAMS) are allowing Propbuster Members to use their flying field without charge in return for a similar offer we made to them while they were looking for a new field. The ARCs are also providing discounted membership for Propbuster Members.

We have lost flying fields before and have always managed to survive by finding a new place to fly. We also maintain a reserve fund for just this type of occurrence so there is no anticipation of an assessment of any kind being levied on the membership for establishment of a new flying location.

The following members have reached another milestone in life. Wish them a happy birthday when you see them.

March Birthdays:

<u>Day of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
8	Robert B. Severance
9	Andrew Moore
9	Mark Sanderson
28	Frank Pisz
31	Anthony Stavinoha

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