



The Propwash

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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 February Minutes were **approved.**

As Safety Officer, Bob, reminded all to fly safe and stay hydrated, and watch out for snakes and insects. He also commented that if you're flying as a guest, be especially respectful and friendly.

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

Early Bird Raffle: Charles ended up with the fuel after a **merry go round of winners.**

Membership: Rick Storm reported no additional member renewals.

Newsletter: Standing order for articles of interest or articles for sale 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: Rick Storm mentioned that he talked with **Richard Saucedo** who mentioned that he had a contact for property that might be available for our use. The property mentioned was deemed too far away to serve our needs, but hopefully his contact may have other property that could serve our needs. It was noted that **Space City** modelers **own their field** by self-funding it by member partnerships. When the land is sold because of urban sprawl, those member owners will share the sales proceeds, and most likely will net substantially more than their initial investments. 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 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.

FAA-and the proposed Rules.

Comments concerning the FAA proposed rules for regulating operation of model aircraft closed March 2. Hopefully, your comment was among the near 50,000 comments sent. FAA must now respond to each comment. Everyone is also encouraged to contact their politicians to bring to their attention the need to defend our hobby interest that also promotes aviation, engineering and science to all ages.

Model of the Month: Dawn Pellone showed her UMX Turbo Timber from E-flite. She reported that it flies well and is stable with the AS3X stabilization. It has operable flaps and uses a 3600 motor that gives good performance using a 2-cell battery for a 3 to 4-minute flight. It can be fitted with floats, and she is looking forward to flying it off water when they visit their lake house.



Model of the month: **Dawn Pellone with her Turbo Timber**

Crash Chronicles:

Kevin Pellone was torturing one of his UMX P-47 by putting it through the paces working on loops and a spit S maneuver that will need more work! He described it as a loop that morphed into and dive into the ground. Thankfully he has an expanded fleet to fly. On another note, he mentioned that **Dawn** had achieved successful takeoff and landing of her plane with **“SAFE OFF”**.

Congratulations!



Bob Severance won the plane offered in the Raffle!

The Raffle

- Charles Strang**-Foam cure, epoxy, CA, retracts, fuel pump
- Kevin Pellone**-Magnum 53, CA accelerate, mini Helicopter
- Lloyd Roecker** -MonoKote, control rods, sanding bar, pillow pack
- George Wilson** - Wood/MonoKote Pecker, nylon bolts, foam
- Brian Shalanda**- Switch/holder, CA
- Jim Branaum**-Pushrod connectors
- Bob Severance**-C A, Spinner, CA, **The Plane**

Adjourned 7:45 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

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/Birthday in life. Wish them a happy birthday when you see them.

<u>Day of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
2	Don Copeland
29	David A. Schlueter
30	Bryan L Saldana

No Meeting In April

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