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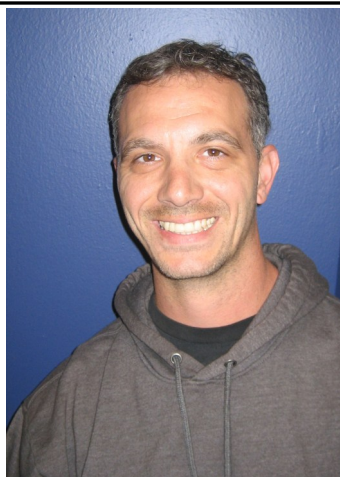


NEW WAVERLY, TEXAS

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Robert Minieri

PRESIDENTS CORNER

I am very excited to say that the construction of a smooth surface runway has finally been voted in, and thanks to a number of people involved with the Runway Committee, it is affordable and appears to be very promising.

I feel that the new material, comparable to a thick, heavy duty landscape matting, will offer the best of both

worlds with regards to a smooth runway able to cater to all sizes of airplanes, as well as a softer-than-concrete surface that will be less damaging to aircraft in the event of a not-so-perfect landing. And, for those who are still opposed to anything other than grass, more than half of the field will remain just as it has for many years.

Construction should begin within the next few weeks, and shouldn't take longer than a couple of days to install.

I am looking forward to the Big Bird coming up later this month, April 28 - 29. Hope to see a lot of you out there.

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**Meetings are at the
Conroe Friendship Center
on the first Thursday of
the month at 7:30 PM**

**We hope to see you
there.**



Sam Barrett

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Anybody who's been to the field should appreciate the progress we've made in rebounding from the draught, weeds and ants. Well, I agree, we may still be working on the ants! In a few weeks, we will also have a new smooth surface on the pilot station side of the field thanks to the members who diligently came up with a cost effective plan and are willing to expend the effort so that all members can enjoy a surface friendlier to the smaller planes with smaller wheels. The plan was approved in the April meeting and should be "shovel ready" after the Big Bird at the end of the month. The field will be closed during the installation and finishing of the surface. We will send out an email to alert members of the closure so make sure we have a current email address on file.

In preparation for the summer, we have been working on the sprinkler system and fixing leaks. Several members have been very active in making the necessary repairs. Max Taylor, Walter Pokorski and Monty West have done some heavy lifting (digging wet clay) to make possible the repairs to our main water distribution lines to the field. Their donated labor and skills have saved the club much expense and I very much appreciate their help in keeping our field such a valuable and wonderful place to enjoy our sport.

The weather has been excellent in early and mid April and the field is in great shape. We have had a mini surge in membership and no doubt the field is a main attraction to those who love to fly in an open and lovely place. It is great to see the new faces and the models that they fly. Those who have the time to devote can help keep the field in shape by getting checked out on the mowers and field equipment. Safety is always foremost in our minds and getting checked out on our equipment will allow you to safely help and keep our equipment ready for the next mowing, weed spraying or fertilizing. Email me at sambarrett@sbcglobal.net with subject line "Ray Brickhouse" to set up a familiarization on field equipment and be a part of the team that makes RC flying at Ray Brickhouse field a real pleasure.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

April 5 2012

7:30, Meeting called to order by club President Robert Minieri

Meeting minutes from March were approved as published.

VP Report - Sam reported the field had been treated for ants and that he and Max and others were working on the irrigation system.

Safety officer - Gene reported on dog bite issues. He stated that the sheriff deputy he talked to could find NO record of a dog bite report. Max assured us that he would have a discussion with the sheriff (not a deputy).

Gene will also send a letter to the neighbor concerning the dogs.

Gary Baumgartner reported that the sheriff was called on the neighbor for pointing guns in our direction. The sheriff deputy DID go talk to the neighbor.

Max Taylor reported that the Big Bird is 4/28 and 4/29. PLEASE HELP!!!

The 'smooth' runway was voted in. The club voted to pay up to \$5000.00 for the new runway. Robert Minieri will be the head of the runway installation project.

We voted in 3 new members.

Merv Trott

Robert Cook

John Powell Jr.

Raffles were held and meeting adjourned at 8:45

Please thank Dick Pursley for recording the April minutes.

Minutes (continued)

The Tri-County Barnstormers is a great club to be a part of. All of the members are willing to help with just about any project that crops up. The club just voted to install material onto the current runway to make it look and feel like a paved runway. This is a good size project and we should all make an effort to assist in the installation. If you want to help please contact Robert Minieri I'm sure he would be happy with any assistance.

Don't forget that the field always needs people to do chores around the property. Sam Barrett is the person to contact if you would like to help with mowing or any other maintenance or repairs that need to be done.

And, finally there is an event that is approaching rapidly. This event is our annual "Big Bird" event. It will happen on April 28 and 29. Max Taylor and Jimmy Moore are heading up this event and they need help before, during and after. Please contact Max or Jimmy to see if there is something you can do to help.

Larry



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Hey folks,

With the three new members we voted in the other day, we are up to we are up to 143 members. Our checking account is alive and well even with the new smooth surface runway we voted in the other day. I hope to get out to the field in the very near future. Have not been out in a while and I am starting to have withdrawals.

Take care and keep the shiny side up.

Dick Pursley



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TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

May 3rd