



# THE PROP WASH

## Club Officers

- *President* - Robert Minieri
- *Vice President* - Robert Cook
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Sam Barrett
- *Editor/Webmaster* - Larry Bonnette



Robert Minieri

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

The night flying continues to grow and be a big hit. Kirk Massey and I have an idea to make it just a little more interesting, so you'll have to come out one night and see.

We kept all business matters short in the last meeting to make room for the traditional December swap meet. Lots of airplanes and goodies were bought and sold. Thank you to all who participated.

I had been working on an experiment these past few months to see who would notice if I didn't write up a PropWash article. Yeah, that's it. It was an experiment...

I'm looking forward to flying in the new year. I believe my New Year's resolution will be something like, "Get a nice, good size EDF jet, and maybe a couple or a few larger, built-up scale planes." That's a resolution I'm pretty sure I can stick to, but I doubt I'll get much support from the wife.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's Christmas presents out at the field. Happy Holidays everyone, see you at the February meeting.

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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.**



Robert Cook

# Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

It has been a busy few weeks here in the Cook household getting ready for Christmas and with me being away on business. We really haven't had any time to fly.

I look forward to serving as the Vice President of the Barnstormers and my son and I are really looking forward to the flying year.

Please accept my best wishes for the upcoming holidays and I hope to see you all during the season at the field.

Bob



Proof that I'm not  
Goofing off

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

December 6, 2012  
Start time: 7:38 PM

The December 6, 2012 meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm

November's meeting minutes were approved.

Robert announced that this would be a short meeting so that everyone may participate in the traditional December club swap meet.

No safety issues were reported at the field.

We had 3 new members welcomed to the club this month. They were: Luiz Henrique C Camillo, Curtis Alan McGee and Ryan Schubert. All 3 members were voted in.

The officers for the year 2013 were installed. They are:

Robert Minieri - President.

Robert Cook - Vice President.

Samuel Barrett - Treasurer.

Larry Bonnette - Secretary.

The only raffle or drawing done tonight was the attendance jackpot. Perry Baycroft won the attendance jackpot.

Due to the swap meet, there was no model of the month entries.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:51 pm.

The club swap meet followed, as well as night flying after the swap meet.

The Minutes were taken by Robert Minieri

Thank you Robert !

## Minutes (continued)

The year has almost ended and it is getting chilly here in Conroe. This is the time of the year when many of us begin to build for next year. At least that was the way it was when I lived in New England. It was much too cold to fly, although some put skis on their planes and went out anyway.

Here in Texas it's different. We can fly all year round. This is a good thing but in some cases it's not so good because your out flying all the time and you seldom have time to build.

You are torn between staying at home (to build) or going to the field. I haven't built anything in a long time. But... What I have been doing is playing with LED's on my quad copters. I find this very, very interesting. It sparks your creativity in that you begin to think "How should I place the lights on the aircraft?" and "How can I make it look more interesting in the air without losing orientation at night?". If you haven't looked into this you should. If you are not sure where to start. Go see Kirk Massey at "New Creations". He can give you many tips on how to go about lighting your flying device ( plane, heli, quad copter etc).

So with that I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year. Please accept my gratitude for the confidence you have in me and I thank you for giving me a chance to serve the club another year as your Secretary, Web Master and Newsletter editor.

Larry



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

I campaigned hard for the officer elections but only managed to lose one of my offices. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer another year but thanks very much to our new Vice President, Robert Cook for stepping up to help pull the Barnstormer Wagon. We had a great year in 2012 and got a lot done. The year saw us add a smooth surface runway (thanks to Robert Minieri and the crew that worked so hard on the installation) and the club conducted two great events. Thanks to the Contest Directors of Big Bird and B.E.S.T.

which added to our financial position and graciously hosted visitors from a number of other clubs. Thanks to the pull of our great flying field we continue to see new faces in the club and some fine folks have joined our ranks to enjoy this wonderful hobby.

Now it's that time of year when the leaves fall from the trees, the wind blows cold and your AMA card may wither at the end of the month. I'll be checking member AMA status on the AMA web site to ensure we are all ready to start flying the first day of January, weather permitting. So, check your card make sure it has 2013 or later on it by the end of the month. Protect yourself and your fellow members by showing that card on the frequency board when you fly.

We have paid our property taxes, insurance and our meeting rental for the Friendship Center, so the club is ready for the New Year! Thanks to new members and our old faithful Barnstormers, we have adequate resources remaining to keep the field in good repair and be ready to welcome visitors for the coming year's events.

Have a Merry Christmas or whatever holiday you may celebrate at year's end and a great and Happy New Year!

See you in February at our next monthly meeting.



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

February 7th