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Robert Minieri

PRESIDENTS CORNER

With As hot as it has been lately (as if any different from any other Texas summer), why not fly during the time of day when it's coolest? That's exactly what we did after June's Barnstormer's meeting. A good sized group went out to the flying field after the meeting and did some night flying. I was surprised to see the turn-out of people - literally about 20 vehicles came, and maybe 6 or 7 planes flew several times. It was just as busy as any normal weekend,

and no one was at risk of sunburn. I feel that a trend has begun and I will be making it a habit to go fly after the meetings. The wind doesn't get any calmer than it does at night. It doesn't take much to convert a plane for night flight and it can be very inexpensive. There are many members that are willing to help give advice on how to do so, so just ask around.

Lines have been painted on the runway and I think it looks great. The "X" at either end is actually necessary to warn real pilots that this is not a runway for real planes. Ok, I know - we're all "real" pilots. So I'll re-phrase that to "pilots of full-scale, passenger-carrying aircraft."

See everyone at the meeting in August. Don't forget to bring your night-flyers

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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)

The Tri-County Barnstormers still need a motivated member to take on the responsibilities of being club Vice-President. While our charter and by-laws provide for a member temporarily holding more than one office in the case of a vacancy, it is much easier to have only one title at a time. The Vice President is responsible for managing and maintaining our field and its facilities. The VP has help from other club members in carrying out these duties. If you have time to devote to this vital office or want to

recommend another member for consideration, please attend the August club meeting or send an email to one of the club officers making your recommendation known.

If qualified volunteers cannot be found, the club may need to consider compensated services to fulfill the maintenance needs of the field. Other clubs, like Bomber Field, require members to participate in field maintenance or pay a premium dues rate. The "value" of volunteer club members is quickly recognized when the cost of paying a third party to perform on-going maintenance is factored into a club's budget. We have a great facility but, it needs to be properly managed and maintained to keep it ready for daily use and to support special events like B.E.S.T. or Big Bird.

Filling this office and the sharing of field maintenance duties among the members will be on the agenda for discussion at the August meeting.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

July 5 2012

Members Present: 28

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Robert Minieri

The June minutes were accepted

Robert announced to the members that many members were going to the field immediately after the meeting to conduct a "night flying session". He told the members that everyone was invited to attend or participate in it.

Vice President / Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the field was in good shape.

Sam mentioned that there was a new picture on the front page of the web site that now shows the new runway. There are other pictures as well as a picture of the contraption that took them. You can find them on the web. Follow the link

http://tricountybarnstormers.com/quadcopter_pix.htm

There were no safety issues in June.

The Best will take place on October 6 and 7 2012. Kirk Jensen reported that the sanction was approved.

The club is still lacking a Vice President. Are there any volunteers?

The club voted in two new members:

Brad Payne

Don Bonnette

Welcome !

Model of the month was won by Bob Cook

The Attendance award would have been won by Mike Moore (but he wasn't there)

The Name Tag award was won by John Luedke

Let's go flying !

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM

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Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

For those of you who didn't attend the night flying after the July meeting; you missed an awesome event! The weather was perfect; it was a mildly warm evening with a gentle wind. Robert Minieri, Kirk Massey, Larry Bonnette and several others showed off and flew their lighted models. I'm sure that many of us who attended are considering how we might put lights on one or more of our models and get in on the fun. The warm and gentle summer evenings can make a really unforgettable flying experience for those who have adapted their

model with a brilliant lighting scheme. There is always something new or different to try in this great hobby of ours.

The dues invoices were sent out a little earlier this year and we have received about half of current members' dues with about two weeks left before dues have to be in. The spreading out of the receipts really helps the Treasurer since handling about 150 pieces of mail all at once, making deposits and updating club records takes time to keep things straight. Thanks to those who have sent in their dues early and making the job a little easier.

Our club is doing fine financially, even after spending on the new smooth runway surface. We have managed to keep pretty close to our budgets and should be beginning the new fiscal year in good shape when remaining, expected dues are received. In addition to the machinery and fuel that it takes to maintain the field we have taxes on the field and its improvements and insurance on the structures and field machinery to pay. Keeping the field maintained takes a good bit of time and money and we should be thankful to those who contribute their time toward keeping the field ready for all of us to enjoy, while still keeping our dues very reasonable.

As we end this month, we will be on the downhill side of another year of AMA membership for the club and our members. It's not too early to be reminding members that our AMA dues support the modeling community and provide members with needed financial coverage for the flying we love and enjoy. Keep your AMA membership up to date and remember to display your card on the frequency pin board when flying at Ray Brickhouse Field.



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

August 2nd