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Robert Minieri

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well, I'm happy to announce that the smooth surface runway has been installed. We had a pretty good turn-out of helping hands on Saturday and all in all, it went pretty smoothly. I expect the wrinkles to be ironed out in about a week or so, and even just one day after the install there was a noticeable difference in the tightness.

I was going to thank each one of you who were able to make it out and help, but then

I feared I would leave out a name or two so I'm just sending out a blanket-thanks. Once all of the wrinkles are smoothed out, I plan on painting a centerline, threshold lines, and an "X" on either end to make it a more official runway. We also plan to install a couple taxi ways leading to the runway at either side of the pilot's station. In the meantime, please use caution and judgment when using the runway. The wrinkles and looseness of it may cause prop strikes, especially from a glow or gas plane. If possible, avoid excessive use of the runway until the wrinkles are all tightened up. In the event of a prop strike or other damage to the material, please send me an email so that I can make the necessary repairs until we get a system in place for runway repairs and maintenance, which we will discuss at the next meeting in June. My email address is

L98@consolidated.net

The Big Bird weekend turned out excellent. Many thanks to Max, Jim and everyone else who had a helping hand in it. Lots of nice prizes were given out, and lots of beautiful aircraft were flown.

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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)

April ended with the Big Bird at Ray Brickhouse Field. Jimmy Moore and Max Taylor were the Contest Directors for the event and many of us helped in getting the field ready for some great visitors and our own members as well. All comments I heard about the event were very positive and some wondered if we could have another Big Bird or maybe a War Bird event this year. The scheduling and AMA sanctioning of events requires some lead time and we probably will have to shoot for an additional event with our Big Bird planning for next year but, it's great to have such successful events at our club facilities. Thanks

goes to our two CDs for the 2012 Big Bird and their hard work in putting on a first class event that I think all enjoyed.

Speaking of our facilities, we need to be sure to lock up when leaving the field. We have had a couple of reports of locks being left unlocked or the current combo left showing on locks after unlocking. Please check to ensure that locks are really locked when locking up by giving them a yank and always spin the number dials after opening a lock so that the current combo is not revealed. We do not have trash removal service at the field and small bits of debris add up over time. Be aware of paper towel, water and soda bottles and other items you bring to the field and don't leave them behind for others to clean up. Of course we always clean up any crash debris and watch for any possible grass fires resulting from crashes. Fire extinguishers are placed on the pavilion to help with fire suppression. Let's keep our field clean and safe.

After the smooth surface installation is completed I plan to re-seed the outboard grass runway to replace the grass we lost to drought. I hope we aren't too late to get it established before the weather gets too hot. There will still be plenty of mowing to keep us busy and still a grass surface for those who like the field we have always had. It's always great to have choices!

We have had some success in ant suppression and we will continue to pursue the little buggers whenever we see their presence. Keeping our field mowed and trimmed reflects pride in our club and makes the flying experience all the more enjoyable. Members are encouraged to participate in this necessary work and for safety need to be familiarized with the larger equipment. If you want to set up a familiarization on the field maintenance equipment, send me an email to sambarrett@sbcglobal.net. To keep track of frequency of equipment use and to let me know who helps in field maintenance, please fill out the log book kept in the mower shed when helping with field maintenance. Thanks to all who help keep the field maintained and ready for pilots and their guests and families!

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

Meeting Date: May 3, 2012

Tri-County Barnstormer Monthly Meeting, Draft Minutes

(Sam Barrett filling in for Secretary, Larry Bonnette and Treasurer, Richard Pursley)

At approximately 7:39 P.M. The May meeting of the Tr-County Barnstormers at the Friendship Center in Conroe was called to order.

Minutes for April 5th meeting were approved as submitted.

Members asked for update on dog problem at field. The return receipt for notice letter to Ms. Russell has not been returned as of Tuesday, May 1st. Therefore, we have no documentation of receipt by Ms. Russell of the letter sent by our Safety Officer, Gene Edwards. No problems with the dogs, of any significance, have been reported since the last meeting but, we continue to monitor the resolution of the risk to club members at the field posed by Ms. Russell's unrestrained dogs.

Vice President, Sam Barrett gave field report and received positive comments from members present on field conditions for the Big Bird event. Some members present suggested that we might consider scheduling an additional Big Bird or War Bird event. Max Taylor reminded that scheduling would require advance planning to ensure AMA sanction and needs a Contest Director to organize the event. With BEST being scheduled in October, it might be difficult to plan and schedule another event this year with suitable weather. Planning for next year's Big Bird might consider support for scheduling for an additional event if sanctioned dates and a willing Contest Director are available.

Minutes (continued)

The President, Robert Minieri announced that the materials for the smooth surface approved at the April meeting had been received. Installation would begin on May 5th and take a few days. Volunteer labor was encouraged to assist in the project.

Two new club members, Donald Russell and John Powell were voted in by the members present.

Tom Butler, previously a Barnstormer, was visiting the meeting and expressed intention to re-join the club.

Bart Massey has received only one qualifying Helping Hands application as of the May meeting. A call for any additional applications to be submitted to Bart for consideration was made to the members present. Voting on award was postponed to allow receipt and qualification of any additional applications.

Gary Baumgartner brought to the members attention that the Club House at Ray Brickhouse was found unlocked on May 3rd. It was also mentioned that the field locks may fail to positively or consistently lock and should be tested with a pull to ensure the hasp has engaged. VP will mention locks in Prop Wash.

There were three very interesting Model of the Month entries; the winner was John Cook.

There was no winner for the Attendance Jackpot and a worthy sum rolls to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 P.M.

Thanks Sam !!
Larry

A Big Thanks from Max

I would like to thank the Barnstormers that helped with the preparations for our successful Big Bird Event. I cannot recall the names of all that helped, but your help was greatly appreciated. I do recall that Sam Barrett and his grounds crew had the runway, pit area, parking areas and road right of way in top shape. The "Tuesday-Thursday Bunch" took care of installing the Canopy, Sound System and preparing the Impound/Registration area.

A special thanks goes to Ken Bauske, Bart Massey and John Luedke for manning the registration and Impound areas both days.

Max Taylor

A Big Thanks from Jimmy

Our event was a huge success. Huge because it was bigger and better than the previous year, something we should always strive to achieve. It didn't just happen, you made it happen due to your support and hard work. The field was perfect, the impound was as good as it gets and the PA system worked and I am impressed with the fact that we, you and I, were good hosts. Thanks to the Civil Air Patrol for the concession stand and assisting us with our opening ceremonies. A special thanks to Dynamic Hobbies and Larry's hobbies for allowing our door prizes to improve. And then there's Kirk and Susie at New Creations that always take the lead in supporting this club. Please thank these people when you visit their places of business. That's how it works.

Also a big thanks for the members who participated and kept airplanes in the air. We are always grateful to people like Randy Brown, who is our District VIII safety chairman, being a part of our event. He brought John Lozek and both are accomplished pilots. The demonstration by Angelo with W Hobbies was one of the highlights of our event.

Remember, this is your event and in my humble but accurate opinion you did an outstanding job. As you can see I didn't mention many names for fear of overlooking someone. However I can't say enough about the support we all get in this club from Max. Thanks for all the help Max. And thanks for letting me be a part of it.

See you all at the next meeting.

Jimmy



Dick Pursley

Dick's Doin's

Hey folks,

As some of you know, I missed the last meeting, but Sam covered for me. Your bank account is just fine and the Big Bird also added a little to the account as well.

Speaking of Sam covering for me, couple of meetings ago, I mentioned that I was having difficulty finding the time to properly handle the office of the treasurer. A few days ago, I met with Sam and Robert at the bank and have turned the treasurer position over to Sam.

I will still be active in the club as much as my time permits and will also attempt to make most meetings, but I can't give the office of the treasurer the proper attention and would rather resign than do it poorly. As a result, this will be my final article as treasurer.

It has truly been a pleasure working with you!!!

I hope to see you at the field!!!

Dick Pursley



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June 7th