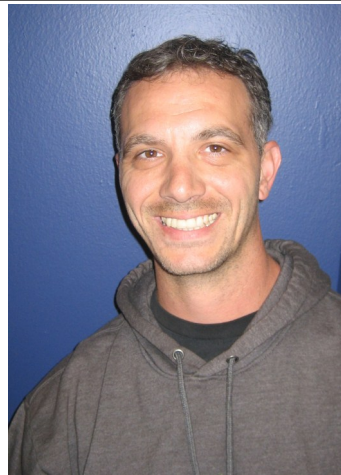




THE PROP WASH

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Robert Minieri

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Last month's meeting ended with another great night of night-flying. I'm glad to see this sticking around and becoming a regular thing and I hope to see more of you out there every month.

Something new (to me) has caught my interest and I think I am going to get into pylon racing. I had the opportunity to fly another member's pylon racer last weekend and I was immediately hooked.

I know, it doesn't take much to get me interested in a new RC plane. At any rate, it caught my interest, and I wouldn't mind seeing a few other members getting involved with this so we can do something other than just punch holes in the sky every week.

Pylon racing seems like the next logical step to take after modifying my ParkZone Corsair with an e-RC 40 motor, 4s LiPo pack and a 60 amp esc, which Kirk Massey used his radar gun to clock it at 103 mph downwind and 95 mph upwind.

In the meantime, I will be getting the nicer planes ready for the BEST coming up next month, right after October's meeting. Although I'm sure I will still over-do it, I will try to bring less airplanes than the 17 I brought last year. I hope to see A LOT of people out there because this always ends up being the BEST (pun intended) flying event of the year.

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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)

You wouldn't believe it but, 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 October club meeting or send an email to one of the club officers making your recommendation known.

Last month I mentioned restrooms being left unlocked; this month I arrived on Labor Day morning to mow the field and the club house was unlocked with the lock just hanging in the hasp. It bears repeating, as many of us are plagued with senior moments, to stop and physically check all locks before you leave the field. We have been lucky that we have not lost property due to the club house and facilities not being secured.

If you would like to help with the mowing please let me know and we will have you added to the mower crew and get you checked out on the equipment. All members are responsible for keeping their trash and debris cleared away when leaving the field as we do not have trash removal service at the field. We also need to clean our own club house and restrooms after use since our budget required cancelling our cleaning service. Please "man-up" and help keep our facilities clean and ready for the next person.

If you've watched the news about Yosemite National Park's problems with a rat borne virus you will be aware that our own mouse problem could be very serious. I have placed a number of traditional and "electric" rodent control devices in the club house and mower shed. Please remove any trapped and killed pests to keep them from stinking up the place and handle any devices carefully to avoid electric shock or mechanical injury. If you don't feel safe in handling the traps, give me an email if trapped pests need disposal. In order to keep from having a virus problem, I plan to acquire some strong hospital grade disinfectant to clean the club and restroom areas where we have evidence of rodent activity. We need to keep after this problem to avoid potentially fatal consequences for those who may come in contact with rat droppings or urine. This is a serious problem and we need to resolve it.

In addition to our regular mowing and cleaning we have B.E.S.T. coming up early next month. This is typically our biggest event and the weekend before B.E.S.T. we plan to have a cleanup party on that Saturday before, September 29th. The field may be restricted during this cleanup to allow trimming the runway edge, general mowing and marking of event areas. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the morning for the cleanup crew. Regular field use will probably be resumed at 2:00 PM on the cleanup day.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

6-September-2012

Members present: 43

Start: 7:36 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:36PM by President Robert Minieri

August minutes were approved

Vice President and Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the field is in good shape. Sam said that he placed an electronic mouse trap in the club house to try and get rid of the unwanted critters. Sam told members that the cleaning lady's contract was ending at the end of September. He told us that the club spends \$2600 per year on this service and asked members if we should renew. After members discussed it for a while a motion was made and seconded to discontinue the cleaning service. The motion passed 42 to 1.

Robert asked members to decide on a committee to find new officers for the 2013 year. The committee (of volunteers) is made up of Kirk Massey, Tom Bufkin and Mike Dollens. They will report at next month's meeting on their progress.

Gary Baumgartner asked the members if they were happy with the meeting facilities. Since there were no objections, he will renew the contract for 2013. Also, The first Thursday in July (2013) is the 4th of July so members decided that the meeting in July will be on July 11th instead of the 4th.

There were no safety issues in August to be reported.

The members commented on how much they are enjoying the new tables that Dan Wiggins built. There were discussions on building more of them. Thanks Dan !

Four new members were unanimously voted into the club. They are Andrew Tanner, Rafael D'Alta, John Cheathan and Herbert Newsom. Welcome !

Model of the month was awarded

The attendance award would have been won by Jim Andrews but he wasn't there so the jackpot rolls over to next month.

The name tag award was won by Mike Dollens

Meeting adjourned 8:52PM

Minutes (continued)

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If you would like anything posted on our web site please let me know.

If you would like anything posted in the "For Sale" section of the web site. E-Mail me a picture of the item.

In the E-Mail include a write up of the item that includes a description of the item and the asking price. Also include a way to get a hold of you IE an E-Mail address or a phone number etc.



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We still have about 18 current members that have not yet remitted dues for the 2013 membership year. If you are one of those, please get your dues in the mail in time to reach me before September 30th. If you think you have paid dues and haven't received a copy of your invoice marked paid, please email me at sambarrett@sbcglobal.net with your member info for me to verify. If dues from current members are not received by September 30th, delinquent members will be dropped from membership rolls and will have to pay an initiation fee

along with full dues, to re-join as required by the By-laws.

Another reminder, it's not too early to mention AMA dues since we had about six members last year who let their coverage lapse. We are an AMA chartered club and AMA membership is required to fly as a member of Tri-County Barnstormers. Proudly display your AMA card on the pin board at the field.

With the potential loss of 18 members, we have re-considered our expenditures for the coming year and our first belt tightening is to drop the cleaning service at the club house, which costs the club \$2,600.00 a year. A motion to drop the service was carried at the September meeting. The service is paid through the end of September. With increasing property taxes and fuel costs we had a net surplus of a little over \$800.00 dollars last year. With a further expected loss of about \$1,800.00 in non-renewing members dues, we must reduce costs where we can. As members, we must clean up after ourselves and our guests. Traditional restroom cleaning materials will be provided for member use in the restrooms. Help us keep within our budget and still enjoy clean facilities.

Anyone who hasn't been out to the field for the night flying has really missed a great experience. More folks are finally getting their planes and copters lighted and are lighting up the field. Don't miss the next meeting and afterwards, enjoy the latest light since Edison first shined.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

October 4th