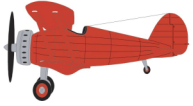




AMA Charter 1605

May 2013

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



Robert Minieri

PRESIDENTS CORNER

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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)

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

May 2, 2013

Start time: 7:33 PM

Members present 25

The May 2, 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Robert Minieri

The April meeting minutes were approved

Sam reported that the Big Bird was a success. There were 44 pilots and with the quilt raffle the club made approximately \$1100.00 after expenses. Post Card Magazine was there and they will publish an article on the club in an upcoming issue. We also had 4 people join the club at the event. Sam thanked all of the volunteers for their help and Max expressed his appreciation. There were many comments about how well the event went.

BEST will be in October. Sam said that Kirk Jensen has agreed to manage it again this year.

Jimmy Moore donated five radios to the club. Thank you Jimmy.

There were no safety issues but Max warned members to watch for snakes.

Tom Bufkin did not get information on the cost of a new sign for the entrance of the field but promised he will have it at the next meeting.

Robert asked if anyone had any tips. Gary Baumgartner told members that fuel tubing is not all made the same and that there is "special" tubing for Gas. Kirk mentioned that "Bob Smith" has a new line of glues for foam.

Minutes (continued)

Sam has stickers for your AMA cards.

There were two visitors in attendance.

Four new members were voted into the club. Floyd Littlefield and Alton Simpson introduced themselves. Welcome !

A member found some old "Montgomery County Barnstormers" shirts. He donated them to the club. Another member immediately purchased them for \$10.00 each.

Model of the month was won by Bob Cook

The attendance award would have been won by Don McMeeken (but he wasn't at the meeting)

The name tag award was won by Gene Dobesh

No night flying. It is too windy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

Big Bird 2013 was a financial success and the club owes many thanks to the fine people and organizations that supported the event. Thanks go to Max Taylor for filling the Contest Director position and to Jimmy Moore for his work on setting up the event and sponsors. The membership volunteers had the field in great condition as usual and the sound system and canopy setup couldn't be accomplished without the traditional folks knowing what needs to be done.

Kirk Massey of New Creations R/C supported the event and provided fine hobby items to generate raffle ticket sales. Also contributing in a major way was Mrs. Philis Butler who donated two fine, handcrafted, quilted blankets adorned with images of many aircraft in many colorful panels. Thanks to Mrs. Butler for her donations and the resulting ticket sales!

We even had two new members submit membership applications and checks during Big Bird to join the club and were voted in at our May monthly meeting. Welcome to the Barnstormers and many days of great flying at our field.

The watering, fertilizing, and mowing season is upon us and we are financially ready for it. The repairs to our entrance road, approved last meeting and the two heilo-pads will make the field in even better shape to host the BEST event in October. The financial health of our club continues to be good because it is a place where people want to come to fly and enjoy the fine facilities. We have a great product and every reason to be proud.

Given the current issues with the IRS and processing of exempt status applications I'm not as optimistic that we will soon receive a positive response to our application submitted in December. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best. I'll send an update when we get a response, either way.

To keep our club in operation let's remember to observe the safety rules posted at the field and to keep our AMA memberships current. The best flying of the year is upon us, enjoy!



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 7th