



THE PROP WASH

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- **Vice President - Keith Jarvis**
- **Secretary - Larry Bonnette**
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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello,

We have a couple great events which we are hosting in the next few weeks and months.

The first is the Tri-County Barnstormers Big Bird, which is April 26-27. It is always a great event which draws a good crowd. I hear this year is really getting a lot of attention from the other Houston clubs. Come out and visit, or better yet join in the fun and fly.

The Curtis Youngblood Stingray races are going to be at our site May 30-31 which is a Friday and Saturday. This is a general Multi-rotor event for anyone to join in, with the added fun of Pylon racing

for Multi's and of course the Stingray quads. There will also be an FPV race where each pilot has a spotter to help them race around a series of obstacles. Should be a bunch of fun.

If you were at the April meeting or have read the minute then you will note that Eric Desardi has proposed hosting an EF1 pylon race at our site. He does not have a firm date as of yet, but the members present at the meeting did vote and approved him to take the next step and pin down a date. I have been to one pylon race years ago, back when Nitro fuel was the only option. This race will be electric only. I don't think it would be too hard to talk a few members into getting a plane ready and joining in the race, myself included.

Thanks to all those who work at the field, it is looking great. It should be a nice flying season in front of us.

See you at the field.

Kirk

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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.



Keith Jarvis

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Hello All,

The field is really starting to look good and green and is in pretty good shape. This brings on the need for maintenance and I really want to thank all of those who have been donating their time and efforts To help maintain the field and the grounds. Special thanks to Sam Barrett for the new starting stands. They look awesome. Well done.

We only have a few weeks until our Big Bird event so we will be working to get everything ready and getting the field groomed so anyone that has some spare time, we could use the help over the next few weeks to make sure we are ready. Some areas we can concentrate on are the runway and weed killing besides the normal mowing and edging. Every little bit helps.

We are still in need of some volunteers for the Big Bird so if you can help out at the event, please get in touch with Max Taylor or myself. Your help will be greatly appreciated and will help to make the event another big success.

We also still need to be thinking of a good day to schedule a work day for some much needed maintenance, mainly on the runway as soon as possible. A day will be scheduled right after the Big Bird.

Still looking for any ideas and suggestions on smoothing out the runway too if anyone has any on that issue. It is beginning to get a little rough under the fabric and there is some areas of the fabric that have free space underneath, so this is something we will address in the very near future. We have quite a bit to do and again, these issues will require a day or so of shutting down flying and having a work day or two.

I would like to once again say Thanks to Max Taylor for not only the help he gives the club, but the help and time he has given to me to help me get acclimated in my duties. It is much appreciated !

Hope to see everyone at the Big Bird. Bring a friend or two and invite all your flying buddies from all over the area.

Wish everyone good flyin and be safe.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

3 April 2014

Members present: 29

Start Time: 7:30

President Kirk Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

March 2014 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously by members

Vice President Keith Jarvis told members that the Field is looking good. Everything is begging to green up. No fertilizer or ant treatment has been applied yet. Keith reminded the members that the "Big Bird" is coming up and the club still needs volunteers. If you can help on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please do. Keith made announcements of other events that are happening around the area in the next few weeks

A new member, Dean Rimanoczy was voted into the club unanimously. Welcome Dean.

Kirk reminded the members about the "StingRay races" at the end of May. He said that Curtis Youngblood visited the field recently and shot some video.

Sam told members that our old Craftsman mower is beginning to smoke and it was time to replace it. Sam made a motion to spend \$3500 on a new mower. The motions was seconded. Members discussed it a bit and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This is the first of two votes. The second and final vote will occur at the May meeting.

The club is looking for someone to volunteer to be the "New Member Chairman" Many members mentioned that Paul Langer was the last one and that he did a great job. If someone is interested in the job please contact one of the officers.

Gary Baungartner our Safety officer commented that people who fly in windy weather cannot blame the wind for loss of control. If you can't control your aircraft in the wind then please don't fly.

The secretary asked members to confirm a list of committee members and volunteers. He will correct the list on the web site using the information collected at the meeting.

The club is looking for applications for the "Helping Hands" gift. The club donates \$500 to a worthy student.

The club voted unanimously to donate \$500 to the Civil Air Patrol

Kirk Massey told the club about a death of one our members. Walt Paris.

Kirk Massey did a prop balancing demonstration.

Model of the month was won by Merv Trott.
Attendance award would have been won by Andrew Tanner but he wasn't there.
Name Tag award was won by Robert Minieri

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Minutes (continued)

The Web site is still a great club communication tool. It attracts around 200 visitors a month. If you would like to contribute to the site with articles please do not hesitate to send Larry an e-mail at bonnette_l@yahoo.com. Remember these have to be original articles (not copied from another source) and should be hobby related.

If you are interested in placing an advertisement in our "For Sale" section of the web site please send e-mail to Larry along with a picture of the item, a short description and price as well as a contact point (E-mail, phone number etc) He will post it ASAP.

The club also has a "FaceBook" page and if you like you can join in on the "Fun" by posting photos and articles that you would like to share with us. The Web site has a link to the "FaceBook"

Larry



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

At our April meeting the members voted to set aside up to \$3,500 to replace the old Craftsman riding mower when it becomes unserviceable. The mower has given us long service and the VP is considering the pros and cons of available mowers in our price range to purchase when the time comes. Let's hope it gets us through the preparations for Big Bird and is retired with dignity. The final vote to approve the replacement money will be at the May meeting. We will continue to use the Craftsman as long as it is functional but not make any further major repairs to keep it going.

The members also voted to provide money to fund at least two scholarship grants of \$500 each for the Helping Hands and Civil Air Patrol donations to support our club goals in education. If you have a nominee for the Helping Hands scholarship, please send in your application as soon as possible. We will vote again at the May meeting to confirm these expenditures. The club website has the application forms available.

The growing season is upon us and the grass is greening up and starting to grow. We will be treating for weeds, maybe fertilizing and, of course, treating for those pesky ants. All of this costly work will be accelerated this month as we prepare for Big Bird. We have an adequate budget for this work and all we need is the help of all members who can pitch in and help with keeping the field free of debris and to keep the club house free of tracked in grass and dirt. The CAP will be using the club house kitchen as the food service area so; this area will be thoroughly cleaned in preparation for the event. The same goes for the rest rooms and covered area to remove all trash, soda cans and lunch leftovers as we do not have trash service at the field. Our events are a chance to show off our club and to impress any visitors who may be prospective new members. It pays to "advertise"!

We have renewed the club's AMA charter coverage for 2014 and the new certificate will be posted in the club house and at the back of the impound area. Please remember to put your AMA cards on the frequency pin board or on the 2.4 GHz board when flying to ensure that all those flying have current AMA coverage. The flying season is in full swing; let's hope our safety record continues to be as excellent as it has been in past seasons. Good luck and happy flying!



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

May 1st