



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello,

A big thanks goes out to the members who chose, and installed the new PA system speakers. I hear it is a major improvement. We will be giving it the true test at our BEST meet which is October 4,5 this year.

If you can make it out to BEST please do. it's a great event which is very well supported from the local flying base and we also get allot of support from the folks up north in Dallas / Fort Worth and also East Texas. We are also looking for the usual folks to help in registration, impound, and the raffle. If you have never

made it to this event you will be in for a big surprise! it's a nice one with literally hundreds of aircraft, all electric of every size and style imaginable.

We have had an issue lately with garbage left at the club facilities. Please remember that everything you bring in must be taken out as we have no trash cans or dumpster. we do not have any county trash pickup or service to pick up anything. Drink cup, cans and bottles all count. please chuck these back in your car and throw these away when you return back home. Also please remember that if you are the last one at the field make sure that everything is locked up. Don't assume that the last guy got it. Walk and check all the doors and make sure that it is all secure.

As always, thanks again to all those who work at the field, it is always looks great.

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,

Just about to get one more of the hot months behind us. We have not really had a bad summer so far and hopefully I will not jinx us. Field conditions seem to be pretty good. We are trying to catch up on the parking area and get it contained as the weeds are trying to get the best of us as well as some of the trimming, but I hope to keep it maintained so we will not have too much work to do to get ready for BEST. Speaking of BEST, we have just a little over a month to get ready and I know Kirk is still needing some volunteers to help out. So, if you are available and want to help, please get in touch with Kirk or myself. We also could use some volunteers on field maintenance for BEST. As always, many thanks to Max, Sam and the rest of the Tuesday and Thursday gang that help out with the mowing and up keep.

We had some members showing some interest for some other events in the July meeting but we missed talking about it in the August meeting. I will try and make this a topic in the upcoming meeting so bring your thoughts and ideas to the September meeting. We are running short on time for any kind of sanctioned event for this year but can try and get a non-sanctioned event scheduled for sure. The biggest issue I see is being able to get the word out to all the members as only a small percentage come to the meetings.

We are always open to any new agenda for the meetings if anyone would have any ideas. We need to generate some new positive ideas that may attract the attention of more members and keep the attention of the current members that are now coming. We currently have over 150 members and not nearly enough participation at our meetings for the number of members we have. The club is for all of these members so if you have any ideas or suggestions, bring 'em up, they are always welcome.

Remember, that the AMA was able to get a 60 day extension on the time to be able to file our comments on the FAA's interpretation on our regulations. I feel that it is very important for us to voice our opinions and remember that we are all involved regardless of our particular interest. I strongly urge everyone to file a comment on these issues.

Lastly, I am seeing lots of new faces out at the field (the little time I am able to spend there) and want to say welcome and hope we are showing you all the hospitality we have to offer. It is a great place to come and fly and meet some good people and remember don't hesitate to ask if you have a question. We want everyone to have fun, enjoy and be safe.

Until next month.....have fun flyin and be safe.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

August 7 2014
Members Present 37
Meeting called to order at 7:30

4 visitors

The club unanimously voted in 2 new members. Ray Logan and Callum Watts. Welcome !

Sam Barrett reminded us that yearly dues are due right now. He thanked members who have already paid.

The new PA system is now fully installed and working. Thank you Dean Marcott, Max Taylor and Gary Baumgartner.

The air compressor is failing. Keith Jarvis will take care of it.

Jeff MacDonald has finished haying the field.

The FAA has extended the deadline for comments regarding new rules that could affect our flying rights. We now have an additional 60 days to make our opinions known to the FAA. Members are encouraged to visit the FAA web site and make comments on the rules.

Gary was asked if there were any safety issues. Gary asked the club if members knew what the pilot stations were used for. His point was that members do not seem to be using them and that it is safer for the pilots to be standing in them then next to them.

The safety slogan for August will remain the same. "Make Safety a Priority"

Max asked members to please remember to take their trash with them when they leave the field. He mentioned that he has had to remove 32oz soft drink cups every week.

Someone also reminded members to put chairs back where they belong after use.

One other member told the club of a failing hinge on the main gate. He tried to fix it but told members that it should probably be looked at. Keith Jarvis said he would look into it.

Minutes (continued)

Kirk Massey showed members what happens to a LiPo battery that is improperly charged using the wrong charger. He had a plastic bag with charred pieces and some wires. He also told the story behind the charring.

There will be an IMAA "Rally of the Giants" on August 23rd at Bomber Field.

Best is taking place on October 4 and 5. Kirk Jensen told members that the club may have to provide the manpower and materials for the lunch during the event. He asked if anyone knew of someone who had a food truck and wanted to park it at the field for the weekend.

Kirk also thanked the local hobby shops for their support.

Model of the month was won by Gary Baumgartner

The name tag award was won by Tom Butler

The Attendance jackpot would have been won by Rudolf Novotny. But he wasn't at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:55



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

Once again the club has benefitted greatly from the skills and volunteer efforts of its members. At a club meeting a few months back, the members discussed the shortcomings of our sound system setup at the field. At our July meeting, we voted to fund an upgrade to the system based on a design review of one of the three options recommended by Dean Marcott. Dean dedicated two Saturday mornings in a row to manage a few volunteers to install and test the new system. Using his skills in sound system design, Dean was able to retain our old amplifier/mixer and some of the speakers and thus save substantial dollars and avoid making our existing amp, just another boat anchor. The new system uses impedance matching transformers and additional attenuator controls to change the architecture to a more efficient 70 volt; versus the original higher current, 4 to 16 ohm speaker configuration. Dean led the project

assisted by Max Taylor, Gary Baumgartner and myself. The drilling of the main speaker mounts took quite a bit of effort on a hot July, Saturday morning but thankfully, Max Taylor provided a lot of the muscle to drill the metal pavilion frames to mount the three main speakers. After hearing the new system, I am sure you will be impressed. Thanks again to Dean Marcott and his assistants Max Taylor and Gary Baumgartner for this much needed improvement and the saving of substantial expense by using member skills; Great job!

While we were busy saving that money, we are also in the process of collecting more money as 2015 dues are due this month. As of the first meeting in the new fiscal year, almost two thirds of our members have delivered their dues. Those attending the club meeting also have their 2015 member stickers. If you are one of those who needs to get current, why not attend the September meeting and pick up your sticker in the process; one stop shopping! I will be sending out paid dues invoices by mail with the new combination for 2015. In late August or early September I will announce an effective date for the new combo for all dues paid members. Per our constitution and by-laws, you have a grace period of 60 days to pay dues but combinations are not provided until dues are paid so, be advised.

It came to our attention at the meeting that member or guests have been leaving behind a lot of empty cups and eating debris at the field. We do not have trash pickup at the field or cleaning services. If you bring trash or eating materials to the field, take the surplus with you when you leave and please clean up counters or club kitchen items used while at the field. Our mower volunteers should not have to remove trash before being able to mow. We have volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol of Huntsville or Conroe who run concession services from our club house kitchen during special events. Keeping food stuffs and trash cleaned away keeps our facility fit for food service and reduces pest intrusion. Your courtesy is appreciated by all members who use the facility and is especially important when we have guests.

As usual, I can't stress enough the requirement that all flying members of the club be current AMA members. Put your 2015 Tri-County Barnstormer member sticker on your AMA card and always display it on the frequency board, even for 2.4 GHz, to let others know you are a member and you are safety minded. If an accident does happen, AMA members have someone standing behind them and not just coming at them! Read the field and AMA safety rules posted at the field and if you have a safety related issue or question, see Gary Baumgartner, our Safety Officer.



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TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

September 4th