



# THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello,

At the July meeting the members present approved purchasing a new speaker system for the PA. this system will eliminate the need to have the remote speakers as it directs the sound in specific directions and we can 'aim' it at the ends of the field. should be very nice for our events.

We are getting closer to the BEST event, which is October 4-5 this year. as usual we will be asking for help for this event. sign in, raf-fle, flight line and parking lot staff are needed. if you have never been to this event it is

alot of fun. we typically have around 75 registered pilots and a couple hundred airplanes. there is also some special features run during the event like combat, mass warbird fly and sailplane towing that are fun to join in and also watch.

Be sure to visit the AMA website, [WWW.Modelaircraft.org](http://WWW.Modelaircraft.org) and read the recent FAA ruling regarding model flight, FPV flight and demonstration flight. it is definitely not in our favor. there are links and other information to sign a petition and where to send e-mails and letters to voice our concern as a group. the more people we get on this the better. we do not need the FAA to regulate our hobby!

Thanks as always to all those who work at the field, it is looking 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 everybody,

Hope everyone had a great and safe Fourth of July. There wasn't as many pilots out at the field over the holiday weekend as I might have expected but it was my first opportunity to fly since the Big Bird. We were also able to do some work on the field since we had all the rain and we were able to get pretty well caught up on the mowing anyway. We will try and get back out and take care of the weeds in the parking area as there were cars there and we could not get to it. I would like to say a big "Thank You" to those who came out to help with the mowing and trimming and to those who participate on a regular basis that most of us don't even realize. We always have room for help from anyone who is willing, and do appreciate the help.

The field looks great when it is groomed but is in need of consistent maintenance. We still need to test the roller on the fabric runway to see what the results are and try to get the runway smoothed out before BEST. It is beginning to get a little rough in places as well as the grass runway. It is a little too wet under the fabric to try the roller right now but maybe if it dries up a little we can give it a go. We are also ready to put out some chemicals to get rid of the weeds and hay too.

I know I mentioned it at the meeting, but do take a look at the proposed rules and regulations that the FAA is looking at introducing to our sport / hobby. I really feel we need to be proactive and address this with our feelings before it goes too far the wrong way. Let your state representatives know how you feel. I will have to say, that the state of Texas reps, have listened and acted on some of these proposals already in the recent past and hopefully they will continue if we make them aware.

Let's gather some ideas on having some other events in the upcoming months and try to nail down a plan on what we would like to do in the August meeting.

We are in the hot months of the year so remember to stay hydrated when out flying and especially if you are mowing, weed eating, or doing maintenance at the field. Take breaks and cool down from time to time so we don't get overheated. Remember there is A/C in the club house that we can use to cool down also. Just remember that we need to shut it off before leaving the field.

If you haven't had a chance to visit our facebook page, be sure to do so. Jump in and say hello. It is a good way to chat and communicate with each other. You can find some interesting things and discussions from time to time. Post some of your favorite pics or discussions or questions that you may have too. It can be a good tool and be a useful tool if we will use it.

Don't forget that the AMA is giving 25% off to new members. So let all your friends know. It is also a good time to get the kids or grandkids on board.

One last thing before closing, there are a couple of events at some of the other local clubs this month if anyone is interested.

July 19<sup>th</sup>, Texas City RC Club is having a fun fly and swap meet.

July 26<sup>th</sup>, Brazos Valley RC Modelers are having their Big Bird event in Bryan

If you haven't ever been to another club to fly, you really should try it. It is a boatload of fun and a good way to meet new friends, and great fellowship as well and you get to fly with some different folks. Try it sometime, it is a lot of fun.

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

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

July 3 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:35  
Had 4 visitors which all became new members.

New members:

- Scott Harris
- Chris Giles
- Kevin Rutledge
- Vance Daffin (son of member Robert Daffin)

Gary gave a successful safety report and reported no new incidents. Gary pointed out that new member Chris Giles has the new safety slogan printed on the back of his tee shirt. "Making Safety A Priority"

Old business:

Club PA system was voted on and approved. We approved no more than \$1,700 to spend. Dean Marcott had a list of items and parts to purchase to make it function.

New Business:

We need a new air compressor. Sam advises that we can purchase out of our annual field maintenance budget as we have not used it yet. Keith Jarvis advises he may have one to donate.

Mike Dollens wants to have a club only fun fly and BBQ event.

The Apache Pass event was brought up and discussed. Should be a large event for all planes, Helis, 3D and become a Texas version of Joe Nall.

Keith Jarvis brought up the FAA decision on FPV flying and urged all to respond to the FAA via the AMA e-mail and guidelines.

Robert Daffin brought up the lack of hay cutting at the field. He and Monte West offered to cut it for cost and give the profit to the club. It was brought up that we possibly have a 10 year contract with the present hay cutter, Jeff McDonald who is behind on his duties. Sam will contact Bear to get the details as Bear knows Jeff McDonald.

Ken Bauske gave a seminar on transmitter modes and their origins. He had examples of older transmitters to show the lineage of operation and design.

## Minutes (continued)

Model of the month was won by Vance Daffin

Nametag drawing was won by John Luedke

Attendance jackpot was not won.

The raffle was presented and won by various members.

Meeting ended at 8:55. There was no night flying after the meeting due to rain.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed into meaningful text by Kirk Jensen.

Thank you Kirk for filling in for me while I was away

Larry



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

At our July meeting, the members voted to fund the requested upgrades to our sound system at the field. Most of the system components have been received as I write this and we will soon have the system that we need to support our special events. Thanks go to Dean Marcott for evaluating our current system and making cost effective use of our equipment in his recommendations. Once more our members save the club money by using their special skills or knowledge to meet club objectives. Thanks to all who helped get this project near completion.

Three more new regular members and one youth member joined the club at the July meeting. We welcome the new members, whose names appear in our minutes. We are over the 160 mark in current members at this time and dues invoices for 2015 membership year go out this month; our membership year runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. I am currently very busy making those invoices and I'm sure all members are anxious to get them. Our dues pay for all the field upkeep and improvements like the sound system and replacing our old compressor, which finally died. The treasury is currently in good shape as property taxes, property insurance and summer field maintenance loom ahead of us. Prompt payment of club dues is appreciated and dues are payable August 1<sup>st</sup>, with a grace period of 60 days for those who need the extra time.

It has come to my attention that our DBA (Doing Business As) as Tri-County Barnstormers has expired; they are only good for ten years and who knows when that ended. (Smiley face) I need to file at a minimum in Montgomery County since we hold our meetings here and Walker County as the field is located in Walker County. It won't cost us an arm or leg but just some more busy work that keeps the Treasurer on his toes so our club complies with the requirements of being a corporation with an assumed name other than our incorporated title name, with the state of Texas. And here I thought a flying club was all about flying model planes!

Speaking of flying, make sure you post that AMA card when flying at our field. Our club's AMA insurance protects only the club from liability claims and our Germania coverage is only property insurance. All members need to keep a current AMA membership for their own protection. July and August are hot enough without being the defendant in a liability claim, without an insurance carrier standing behind you! Fly covered and fly happy!



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

August 7th