



# THE PROP WASH

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- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
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Kirk Jensen

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello,

The Tri-County Barnstormers hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop of the Curtis Youngblood Stingray Races the last weekend in May. The weather really did not cooperate with us at all. On day one we were completely rained out and hit with strong winds that knocked down tents. Day two was better but with rain all around us and in the forecast; it kept many pilots and spectators away. In the end the club made a little money. I sincerely hope Mr. Youngblood keeps having these events around the country and they continue to grow. I would love for our club to be a regular favorite stop for the series. THANK

YOU to the few people who helped prepare for the event, and helped at the event.

We have had an issue lately with the club facilities being left open or unlocked at the end of the day. It is discovered by members the next day that show up to find the main gate open, or the club house open, or the bathrooms open..... Or everything open. Please, Please, Please 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. We have allot of money and time invested in the facility to have an incident due to a door or gate being left open. Please make sure they are all locked.

Thanks again 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,

This will be short and sweet this month as work has had me very busy for the last several weeks. I have been out of town a lot and working a lot of late hours as well as weekends. I actually have not been to a flying field in 6 weeks as well as got stuck at the office on the night of the meeting.

Excuses to the side, I did drop by late one evening and as always, it looks as though at least Sam and Max have been busy at the field keeping it maintained and many thanks to them and any other help with the up keep.

My original plan of having a work day before the weather got really hot has pretty much gone by the wayside but it still will be necessary to get our runway back up to speed. Please be thinking of a good weekend that is not occupied and we can set it up at the July meeting.

Sorry for my lack of participation this month, but it has been totally out of my control. Hope to get out and see everybody at the field. Also, take a look every once in awhile at the website for other clubs events. Our presence at other clubs events helps bring them to ours.

Till next month, hope to see you at the field and don't forget:

"Think Safety,.. It couldn't hurt"

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

5 June 2014  
Members present: 24  
Start Time: 7:30

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

May Minutes were approved

The club voted in a new member Joey Robertson and his sons AJ, Thomas and Michael. Welcome!

Kirk reported that the sting ray races were fun but the attendance was light (probably because of the weather). He thanked all of the members for their help at the event. There were no safety issues.

Gary Baumgartner reminded members that all FPV (First Person View) flights must have a spotter (someone who can see the aircraft and has the ability to fly the aircraft in case of an emergency). This is not just a smart thing to do but is an AMA rule.

Gary also reported that a member left LIPO batteries in his car and they caught fire. This incident reminds us all to respect these batteries and possibly re-think the way you handle them. Gary said that he now keeps his batteries in a covered metal ammunition box. He also reminded us to never leave the batteries un-attended during a charge.

Gary reported that he was contacted by someone who is affiliated with a local Cub Scout troop and that they were interested in bringing the scouts to the field to watch us fly. Gary mentioned that if this gets approved by all parties that he would like the club to buy all of the scouts who attend a small aircraft that they can have. He said that the cost could be about \$20 per scout. Kirk Massey said he would give them to the club at cost so the price may be less. Gary said he volunteered to go to the school or one of their meetings to do a presentation about flying models.

Gary said that this month's safety slogan is the same as last months. "Think Safety... It couldn't hurt"

Kirk asked club members to refrain from driving on the grassy areas at the field. He said that someone drove on a portion of the grass and created large ruts that now needs to be fixed. He also reported that members have not been checking that everything is locked before leaving the grounds. He reported that the club house and the rest rooms have been found unlocked.

If you are the last one to leave the field please take a walk around to be sure that everything is secure and locked.

## Minutes (continued)

Dean Marcott researched and reported on different methods that the club could employ to fix the issues that we have been having with our existing PA system. He explained three different scenarios. The one that the club liked best was the \$1700 option that keeps the existing Yamaha mixer/amp and adds components and new column speakers. The members voted on and approved the expenditure of \$1700 for the PA system and the final vote will take place at the July meeting.

Kirk talked about repairs that need to be done on the runway. Max will get the materials needed.

A member wanted to know how we could have more events at the field. Kirk told members that if they have an interest in more events that they should simply look into what was needed for the event. Then come up with a plan. Then present and propose the event at the next meeting and be prepared to be the owner and organizer of that event.

Max Taylor and Sam Barrett did a very interesting presentation on 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum radio systems. Sam talked about the Spread Spectrum technologies and Max elaborated with information on radio manufacturers of those technologies.

Model of the month was won by Steve Sartor  
Attendance award would have been won by Richard Montman but he wasn't there.  
Name Tag award was won by Jake Lewis

Meeting adjourned at 8:50



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

Some good news from our June meeting. The members voted to make improvements to our sound system, which has been increasingly troublesome to set up for events and to maintain. The final vote to approve the funds for the improvements will take place at our July meeting.

Our membership continues to grow with the addition of Joey Robertson and his three sons at the June meeting. I am sure the Barnstormer membership will be a great way to enjoy the family experience and we welcome the Robertsons to the club.

The Stingray races event was treated horribly by the torrential rains and unsettled weather but the event still managed to add to the treasury. Thanks to Kirk Jensen and his volunteers for bringing this event to Ray Brickhouse Field and for all their hard work, despite the discouraging

weather. Sometimes, it just seems that our outdoor events attract wind or rain. We hope to have the Stingray event again in the future and can only hope that the weather is more accommodating.

For those of you who didn't attend the meeting or want a better explanation of how the spread spectrum systems avoid interfering with each other or why 2.4GHz receivers need to be "paired" or "Bind" to the compatible transmitter, check out this youtube video on the topic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZGcyuezMik>

The invoices for Barnstormer membership 2015 go out at the end of the month! Yes, it is closing in on July, when we normally send out the member dues invoices and dues are payable August 1<sup>st</sup>. Invoices will go out by mail and email so you should keep an eye out for the mailing near the end of June or in early July.

We have had reports from members arriving at the field to find the club house, or restrooms and even the front gate being left unlocked. Members are reminded that our insurance and even the use of the field may be impacted by intruders taking advantage of easy access to our assets. Please be sure to lock up when leaving and don't assume that the club house and mower shed are locked, please ensure they are before leaving.

As usual, we need to protect each other by making sure only AMA members fly at the field. We have a few members who have not renewed their AMA and the member list posted at the field identifies those who may not fly until their AMA is verified by a club officer. Post your AMA card on the pin board, even if flying 2.4GHz. Flying without a current AMA membership is like driving your car without liability coverage; you may wish you hadn't taken the risk. Fly covered and fly safe!



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

July 3rd