



# THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello,

I was not able to make it to the Big Bird, but I hear it was a huge success. I was actually in a hobby shop a few days later and overheard others talking about it and what a great time they had. Congratulations to Keith and all involved for putting on a great event.

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. If you are able to come out

and see it, please do. Bring out a multi-rotor and join in the fun. My daughter is going to handle the kitchen and possible sign in but I'm sure she could use a bit of help during the lunch rush if you are able to lend a hand. Thanks.

I have discovered the world of podcasting, and it is a wonderful thing. If you don't know, as I did not, Podcasts are recorded radio shows that you can listen to on your computer with an internet connection, or download to a smart phone and listen to where ever you go. I download them and listen to them in my car. You can even set them up to automatically download when there is a new show, or listen to older shows you have missed. There is content on any subject you can imagine, and my obvious choice is RC. I listen to a show named RC Today Show which surprisingly is done out of Austin so there is allot of local references that are fun to pick out. Another is Flite Test which also has a Youtube video channel. I'm sure you have seen one of their 400+ videos. Check it out if you can its great content and interesting to listen to.

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 everyone,

Well we got through our Big Bird event and I think it went over well. We had 45 pilots and some good flying with some really good pilots. Everyone got to see some really good aerobatic and 3D flying also. I think everyone who attended had a good time and we had no safety issues so with that, I would say it was a success. Thanks to all of the pilots that came out to fly with us. We had a lot of outside the area visitors and they all have had good things to say about our club and the folks that were there and again we appreciated those guys.

Congratulations to Gabe for winning the Pilots Choice Award. Once again, well done.

I really want to say a BIG THANKS to the local Hobby Shops that sponsored our event:

NEW CREATION RC WILLIS TX

RANDY'S HOBBIES HOUSTON TX

RC HOBBY SHOP STAFFORD TX

REMOTE CONTROL HOBBIES WOODLANDS TX

These guys stepped up for us and we really need to think about these guys when you need something. Be sure to tell them thanks for their support when you stop by their shops. They were there for us and hopefully we can return the favor to them.

We had a lot of other sponsors that supported also:

ATLANTA HOBBY SHOP

FUELING SYSTEMS

APC PROPELLERS

J&J TAIL WHEELS

BAD BRAD GRAPHICS

PLANE WRAPPERS

BOB SMITH INDUSTRIES

PILOT RC

CALLIE GRAPHICS

RTL FASTENERS

GRAPH TECH

SULLIVAN PRODUCTS

HOBBICO

SERVO CITY

JERSEY MODELER

SMART-FLY

Say thanks to these guys too when you order from them or their products. The local hobby shops that supported us and the other shops and manufacturers did us a great service in their support and we really need to show them our appreciation if we have the opportunity. They just make it that much better for us.

I want to really thank all that lent a hand in the set up and preparation for the event. It really can't get done without you and I want to say we really appreciate it. Everything was set up nice and the grounds looked great. Thanks to those who volunteered their time to fulfill the many duties that it took to keep everything running smooth. Thank you to Michael Dolens for stepping up to the task of being our new Big Bird announcer too. Again, thanks to everyone for all the help.

The field is beginning to look a little dry and it looks like it is time to get the irrigation system rolling. I am up for a crash course from Max as soon as I get back in town. A little rain wouldn't hurt either.

We have an upcoming "Stingray" event at the end of the month and I think Kirk is still looking for some volunteers for that event. If anyone can help out, get in touch with Kirk Jensen.

We haven't yet scheduled a work day, although it is really needed, but hope to have a day scheduled by the next meeting.

I haven't been to the field since the big bird as I have been out of town a lot, but it looked great when we left and I know Max and Sam have mowed and hopefully we can keep it in the same shape we had it in for the BB event. Thanks again too, to Max and Sam for their efforts. It looked awesome and should be fairly easy to maintain if we stay on top of it. Sure is nice when you pull up to fly at a well groomed field.

Don't forget to look us up on our Facebook page, I will be posting some pics of the big bird as well as a list of our sponsors there too.

I will keep this one short and sweet and hope to see ya'll at the field.

Wish all Good flying and be safe.

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

1 May 2014

No visitors

New members voted in Darrell Jarvis (son of Keith) and Jared Douglas

Big Bird report, 45 registered pilots, good day but a bit windy. Had a few spectacular crashes one of a 26 year old PT-19 with 700+ flights

Passed motions for the mower \$3500, helping hands scholarship \$500, CAP scholarship \$500

Robert Minieri accepted the nomination from Gary B to be the new member coordinator

Still looking for help with the Stingray races, May 30, 31

No safety issues from Gary, new slogan of the month "think safety... it couldn't hurt"

Charlie Barrera suggested adding pattern box markings to the runway, he was granted permission

Sam Barrett is asking for help to select a new PA system. Dean Marcott will help as he has experience in the subject and will report at next meeting

Gary Baumgartner did a presentation on building with foam board

Model of the month was won by Dean Marcott with a Hitec P-51 Mustang

No winner for the attendance jackpot

Gary Baumgartner won the name tag drawing

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 and many went night flying at the field.

## Minutes (continued)

The For Sale page on the Web Site is blank

If you want to add something to it please send me pictures and a short description of the items you wish to sell and I will make sure I put it up there ASAP.

Speaking of pictures. If you have some pictures of the "Big Bird" and would like to share them with your fellow members please send them to me and I will place them on the site.

The Curtis Youngblood Stingray races are at the end of this month (May 30 and 31) I'm sure this will be a very interesting event.

This months meeting minutes were provided by Kirk Jensen. He had to cover for me while I was away on business. "Thanks Kirk"

Your loyal Secretary, Web master and Newsletter editor  
Larry Bonnette



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

Thanks to all the members who made the 2014 Big Bird a very successful event. We had 45 pilots registered for the event and many more who attended as spectators or our members, staffing the event. The only fly in the ointment was our sound system. We had bad speakers and wiring and a system that is a tribute to Rube Goldberg in its configuration. At our May meeting the members voted to research a replacement public address system that will be in operation before BEST 2014. Work at the field after Big Bird revealed bad wiring that was never meant to be buried or installed underwater in flooded conduits. This wiring will also be replaced and sealed against moisture so we won't have this problem in the foreseeable future.

The members also voted to approve \$500 each for the Helping Hands scholarship and the Civil Air Patrol donation. If you have a student who may qualify for the Helping Hands grant, please send your application. The form is on our web site. We are proud to support the Civil Air Patrol and we value their support at our events to run the concession and handle the Honor Guard detail in our opening ceremonies.

We had two new members join at our May meeting; Darrell Jarvis and Jared Douglas are now Tri-County Barnstormers. That brings us to 159 members and the club remains strong and active.

Thanks to the local hobby shops who provide those interested in our hobby with the models to pursue their interests and for their support of our club and its events. One of our other officers, who was involved in Big Bird, promised to name the local shops who supported our recent event with donations and spreading the word of our event to those frequenting their shops. Please keep these local merchants in mind when shopping for new models or supplies. You'll find them competitive with the mail order houses and their experience can be accessed face to face when you need help with picking a new model or fixing up an old one. Please support our local hobby shops to ensure we have local sources and supporter of our great club.

As always, never forget to show that AMA card when flying at the field; put it on the pin board so we don't have to wonder if you are protecting the club and flying covered. Also check out the AMA and field safety rules occasionally, which are posted at the field, to be sure you are courteous and safe when flying at Ray Brickhouse Field.

Just three more months before 2015 dues will be due on August 1<sup>st</sup>. How time flies when you're having fun!



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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 5th