



# THE PROP WASH

## Club Officers

- *President* - Kirk Jensen
- *Vice President* - Keith Jarvis
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Sam Barrett
- *Editor/Webmaster* - Larry Bonnette



Kirk Jensen

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello,

I want to thank you for letting me be the president of the Barnstormers for the another year. I will try again, to do the best job possible. I want to thank Keith Jarvis for his role as VP, and welcome Robert Daffin as the new VP, and those that have stayed on for 2015.

Some discussion was raised at the November meeting about the club purchasing a basic laptop for the treasury duties. If you don't know, presently Sam works from his own personal laptop. When the day comes that Sam wishes to step down we would be in big trouble trying to get up to speed and convert all the data back to a manual system, or convert to a new platform. Being able to simply pass a laptop to the successor along with a few key notes and training will be a big plus. I hope you can support this as it sure is a club need.

2015 should be a great year at Barnstormers. Big Bird, BEST, and everyday flying. Hope to see you there.

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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,

First I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to everyone on the upcoming Holidays. It is that special time of the year for us all to give thanks for the many blessings we have, our families, our health, our freedom and our country to name a few, not to mention the ability to fly our Radio Control Aircraft. Hope everyone will take a minute out of our busy schedules and think about those who are on the front lines this Holiday season while we are enjoying our turkey day and getting a little flying time in. Remember the sacrifices they make so we can continue to do these things here while they are there and lets don't forget to say a prayer for their families.

Speaking of flying time.....haven't got much of that here lately but I sure think the weather is perfect for it. Great weather for BEST and kuddo's to Kirk for another great event. The facilities also looked absolutely great. Great job to those guys too.

I want to say a quick Thank You to all of the Executive board that I got to work with the past year and many Thanks to Max for all the help he gave me. Thanks to all who are staying on for the upcoming year and Welcome Robert Daffin to the board. He will make a great contribution to the club for the upcoming year.

Hope to continue to see everybody out at the field, try and get to the meetings and get out and get some flying in while the great weather is here.

Be safe and have fun flyin !

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

November 6 2014  
Members Present 26  
Meeting called to order at 7:30

President Kirk Jensen called the meeting to order.  
The club unanimously voted to accept the October minutes.  
There was 1 guest visiting the club meeting.

President Kirk Jensen reported that the BEST went very well. Everyone enjoyed themselves, there were no incidents, the weather was great, and more than 70 pilots showed up. The treasurer added that the club made money.

Gary announced that the Big Bird will be on April 25 and 26 2015.

Gary delivered the safety report. He told members that he read an article about using ammo cans as a safe means of storing LiPo batteries. The article mentioned that many felt that if the ammo box was used that a LiPo failure might cause an explosion. However if holes were drilled into the ammo can, the holes might allow pressure to release and an explosion would be avoided. That all sounded good but the article spoke of a pilot who used an ammo can with holes and found that the holes did not prevent his ammo can from exploding when he had a LiPo failure happen to him. The bottom line is that LiPos can cause injury if you don't handle them and store them correctly. Many members told us of their experience with LiPos and some told us how they even store them in a refrigerator.

Gary said that there is no safety slogan this month.

VP Keith Jarvis told members that the field looked immaculate for BEST and it continues to look good.

A member told us that the ground under the black mat seemed to be eroding away.

Sam Barrett told members that the club treasury was in good shape.

Sam told the club that there was only 1 applicant for the clubs "Helping Hands" award. The applicant was Megan Jensen. Sam told us all about Megan and the club then voted unanimously to award the "Helping Hands" grant to her.

## Minutes (continued)

Sam made a motion to set aside \$1000 to purchase a computer and software to be used by the treasure. After a short discussion the club voted unanimously to allocate the \$1000. The final vote on the expenditure will be at the December meeting.

Kirk informed the club that they could (for a \$50 fee) have anything they wanted for an AMA number. Kirk paid the fee and his new AMA number is now "none"

The club held its annual election. There were three members running for "President". The three presidential candidates were Jerome DeHann, Jared Douglas and Kirk Jensen. Larry Bonnette ran un-opposed for Secretary, Sam Barrett ran un-opposed for Treasurer and Robert Daffin ran un-opposed for Vice President. Members cast their ballots with a show of hands for the president. Kirk Jensen won the election with a 26 to nothing vote.

The 2015 club officers are:

President - Kirk Jensen AMA number none  
Vice President - Robert Daffin AMA number 927981  
Treasurer - Sam Barrett AMA number 600360  
Secretary - Larry Bonnette AMA number 416703

Gary told members that it was time to renew the meeting place and that he would take care of it.

A new member was voted unanimously into the club. His name is Russ Hauser. Welcome !

Model of the month was won by Sam Barrett

The name tag award was won by Gene Dobesh

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

Meeting adjourned 8:34



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

We are heading to our last meeting of the year next month and we can look back on another successful year of the Tri-County Barnstormers. We had two great events, Big Bird and BEST, at the field this year and our field has been in super shape for each. Thanks to all the members who have volunteered their time to help keep the field clear of debris and fix what needs fixing. We had lousy weather for the Stingray Races but, we might have another chance at this event as Kirk Jensen has held the president's office for another year. We made money on all our events and thanks to the contest directors and their assistants who organize and manage the events for the enjoyment of all. Thanks again to Dean Marcott and the volunteers who upgraded our sound system to support these events. We have a little more work to add the outlying speakers to the system but that is mostly a wiring project to put new buried

wire to the existing speaker locations at the north and south end of the field.

This month we file our second annual Form 990 with the IRS as a 501 (C), (7) non-profit. As an approved non-profit we will not owe any taxes on retained surplus and we can accumulate our surpluses to fund things like the smooth surface we installed two years ago or more improvements to the field and its facilities and of course, a new mower that we approved this year to replace "old reliable", the Craftsman riding mower that has been in service longer than many can remember. We had a number of new members join the club this year and the new products in the hobby market keep making it easier and more affordable to join the R/C flying hobby. Our success depends on operating the club in such a manner that it attracts our share of those new hobby entrants by enhancing their enjoyment and giving them a place to safely operate almost anything that will fly. So far, I'd say we are doing a good job of supporting our exempt purpose and our non-profit status should continue for as long as the IRS regulations recognize non-profit, social and hobby clubs like ours.

We received our Walker County Appraisal District property tax invoice and it will be paid before the penalty date. It's our last big bill for the year and the Treasury is in great shape to move into the New Year. At our November meeting the membership voted to fund the Helping Hands scholarship to Meagan Jensen and to approve a laptop PC for the Treasurer's use, which will belong to the club. When approved for funding in December, the new computer will be a tool for continuity when the time comes to pass the baton to a new Treasurer. While I am currently not thinking of throwing in the towel as Treasurer, I want to have all our club records summarized on the new PC to make transition to a new Treasurer as smooth as possible. In the coming year, I will be working to ensure my office is thoroughly documented on the new PC and could be run by a complete idiot. I am not surprised or offended, if someone thinks it already is. 😊

Don't forget, at the December meeting we will install the new slate of officers and have our annual swap meet. Bring any of those hobby items you'd like to sell or bring a big wad of cash to stock up on some real bargains.

Also, get those AMA memberships renewed if you plan to be one of the first to fly Ray Brickhouse Field on New Year's Day. No AMA means no flying, no exceptions, except those allowed by AMA rules and none of the exceptions apply to our current members.

Keep safe and happy landings!



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

December 4th