



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Thank you to all those who helped or participated in the 2014 B.E.S.T. event! We had a great 2-day event again with near perfect weather both days.

Lots of flying of every sort of airplane you can imagine. we organized a couple mass warbird flights that were something to witness. the first flight on Saturday had 21 warbirds in the air at once flying racetrack pattern. It looked like a swarm of birds were at the field.

Amazingly there was only one mid-air collision on the second flight when there were 19 planes up at once. We also had the usual flying wing combat each day at noon with a spectacular hit on Saturday that near destroyed both planes. The pilots searched for parts for about 10 minutes before finding them. The hitter of the two was declared the winner.

Lots of raffle prizes, good food served by the Air Corps Cadets, and fun for all. Again, thank you to those that prepped the field, set up signs, organized sign-in, ran the pilot registration, ran the raffle, set up the food service, set up the P.A. system, hauled trash, etc. etc. etc.

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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)

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

Tri-County Barnstormer Radio Control Club

Meeting at Friendship Center,

October 2, 2014

Meeting convened at 7:35 PM

The Treasurer, Sam, announced that all other officers were absent due to work commitments and asked for HELP! Robert Minieri, a past president, volunteered to help with the agenda and took notes for the minutes.

Sam announced he had an application for membership from Mr. John Swonke, accompanied by the required fee and dues. The new member could not attend the meeting but, Sam made a motion to approve the new member and vote him in. All approved.

As our Vice President was absent, the Field Conditions Report was given by Max Taylor; he reported that due to the continuing efforts of our volunteer members, the field was in great shape for the upcoming BEST 2014 event. The field had been finish mowed and trimmed earlier in the day and the facilities were clean and ready for our visitors.

The Safety Report was given by our Safety Officer, Gary Baumgartner.

- Gary followed up on a reported safety problem with a 2 stroke engine starting backwards and even a spontaneous starting of a glow engine with excessive glow igniter power applied to the glow plug. Safety warning - Be careful with aircraft restraints and starting procedures for gas or glow engines for these hazards.
- Prompted by recent activity at the field, Gary reminded us that our field rules prohibit flying while the field is being mowed. Gary further explained we might not mean no flying if mowing is west of the spectator fence but more coordination is recommended to alert pilots when mowing in and adjacent to the areas that planes are normally flown on or above and stop all flying while such mowing is in progress.
- Gary also reported on an incident at Flying Giants involving the tuning of a powerful 123 CC gasoline engine on an Edge 300. The incident was caused by the very powerful engine (approx 13 HP!) overcoming an inadequate restraint and subsequent injury of an assistant who was in front of the plane at the time it was under high rpm. A four inch nail had been used to secure the plane's restraint in the ground instead of the expected substantial pipes in ground blocking the main wing or additional human restraint behind, holding the aircraft being ground tested or tuned. The injuries were very severe and could have been fatal if medical experienced personnel were not at the field to tourniquet the bleeding prior to the arrival of Life Flight.
- Kirk Massey gave some hints on safety with electric planes and to make sure you bind with throttle and trim, all the way down to avoid unexpected throttle events.
- Safety Slogan, reminded by Gary - B.E.S.T. - BE Safe Today!

Minutes (continued)

Sam inquired about the upgrades to the sound system recently installed at the field. Dean Marcott replied that the system had been checked and was ready for BEST this weekend. A current schematic of the system hook up will be sent to Sam.

It was reported from the members that the timer for the main charging station was sticking and not going off. If it is on when you are finished with it; please turn it off before leaving. Sam made a note to replace the timer.

Sam announced nominations were requested for new officers for 2015. Sam and Larry had offered to serve another year, at the pleasure of the membership. The president and vice president would rather pass the reins of power to other capable and willing replacements, if they be found. If members do not feel qualified to serve, they might have someone they would think ideal that only needs some encouragement to step forward. Nominations are needed as the vote for 2015 officers will be taken in November and confirmed in December. Only two more meetings! Sam explained the general duties of the officer positions to further clarify that the responsibilities are not overwhelming and these positions have the help of the entire membership to help them and the club, succeed.

The meeting took a short break at 8:02 PM

Andrew Tanner won model of the month with an impressive 1/3 scale Gee Bee; so impressive that Andrew is tentatively pondering its maiden flight.

The attendance jack pot was won by Chris Giles. The pot was over \$280 as it has been building since February!

See you all at BEST this weekend!

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

The meeting minutes were recorded and prepared by Sam Barrett and Robert Minieri.

I would like to thank them for assuming this duty while I was away on business.

Larry



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

The October meeting was a real challenge but with the help of Robert Minieri, one of our past presidents, we managed to get through a meeting at which most of our officers were unable to be present due to work commitments. Of course the club jobs don't put food on the table or a roof over your head and we understand that our real jobs and family come first; followed closely behind by our beloved hobby and our club. 😊 (BTW - there will be more parenthetical comments which do not actually have images, only comments.) 😊

Our officers don't get much more than a thank you for our jobs so, please remember that those who serve are adding more to the club than their annual dues and our club needs officers to keep the club working and supporting our pursuit of the hobby. Our constitution and by-laws give brief descriptions of the officer duties and those who serve are actually officers of a non-profit corporation formed under the laws of the state of Texas. The club is also an "exempt organization" under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(C)(7). This means we don't pay taxes on our collected dues as long as we don't run the club as a for-profit business but, the dues our members pay aren't deductible by them for federal tax purposes like donations to religious or some other exempt organizations. Maybe we need to start all meetings with a sermon? 😊

If it hasn't occurred to you, being an officer of Tri-County Barnstormers is a privilege that also has some class! At parties, to impress the opposite sex, you can casually let it slip that you are an officer of a corporation formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code and that you preside over monthly meetings with associates to discuss topics of importance; setting the direction of the entire undertaking. You don't have to elaborate that the "undertaking" involves how do we pay the bills, get the grass mowed or fix the prop cuts in our smooth landing surface and so forth. 😊 But, there is some personal satisfaction to the officers when the club pulls together under the executive direction and has a great event, like we did the first week in October at BEST 2014. Our field looked great and we entertained visitors coming from many locations way out of town. We owe our thanks to those who support the club in such events; many of whom are past Barnstormer officers.

Our next Tri-County Barnstormer meeting is a critical one, for it is the meeting in the year at which we determine who our club's officers for the coming year will be. We will vote to accept nominees and to elect officers which will be confirmed or "installed" at our December meeting. Please consider those who you feel would make good officer material, yourself included, and come to the meeting ready to make nominations for any of the four officer positions. Although two of the officer positions have expressed a willingness to continue service, we serve at the pleasure of the membership. The nominations and voting at the next meeting are therefore important to members and officers alike. Make every effort to attend!

By the way, we have paid our Germania Insurance premium this month and are awaiting our property tax bill from Walker County. The worst of the summer maintenance expense has abated and the treasury in good shape for its fiscal year 2015. BEST 2014 added to our bottom line and many thanks to our president, Kirk Jensen who served as contest director for the event. The lighter winds and mild weather continue to make the flying great and I hope to see you at the field.

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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

November 6th