



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers club members.

The B.E.S.T. event will be here shortly! If you don't know, B.E.S.T. stands for Best Electrics in South Texas.

This is a big event for our club and we are in our 12th year. We allow anything to fly no matter what it is, as long as it is electric powered. Micro to giant scale, Helicopter to fixed wing. There is a lot of innovation of pilots and you will see some pretty cool stuff.

This year the folks from RC Today Show will be attending and doing interviews, etc. for their Podcast. Look for them and give them a listen, they produce a great weekly show. We also have one heck of a raffle. Come out and join in the fun.

Another event that will be the next weekend after B.E.S.T. is the 'Ice House Fly In' as it is now called, at Apache Pass event field in Downtown Texas October 11,12. This is west of College Station near Rockdale. As I hear, it is causing a lot of attention and is currently the number one event on RC Flight Deck. I really hope it takes off and becomes the 'Joe Nall' event for us in Texas. I think it will.

See you at the field.

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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

September 4 2014
Members Present 38
Meeting called to order at 7:30

The club unanimously voted to accept the August minutes.

There were 2 guests visiting the club meeting.

The Treasurer reported that the treasury is in good shape. He said that it was time for his annual audit. He will report the results.

Gary reported no safety issues. Said that the new safety slogan is "BEST" "Be Safe Today". He also said he would encourage club members to read the AMA safety code as well as the club rules.

The FAA deadline will expire in 30 days. The club would like all members to visit the AMA web site and follow the links to the FAA site and make comments about the proposed FAA rules regarding our hobby.

The BEST will occur in just 1 month from now right after October's meeting.

Kirk needs volunteers for a committee to find new officers for the club. Larry and Sam will provide the club with their expertise for another year but we will need a new president and vice president.

Gene Dobesh gave a presentation about flying model aircraft in the 1970's

Someone reported that the gate was left unlocked again. Please make sure all buildings and gates are locked if you are the last to leave the field.

Keith said that he was unable to look at the gate problem reported at the last meeting but he will try to get to it this month.

Minutes (continued)

Gary reported that someone had started a glow engine and it ran backwards which resulted in a cut that required stitches. Gary reminded the members that such an incident requires an accident report be filled out and presented to the safety officer. The report can be found on the web site at:

<http://tri-countybarnstormers.com/Documents/AccidentReport.PDF>.

A new member was unanimously voted in. Welcome Riley Radford !

No night flying tonight.

The club was asked if a night fly was planned for a Saturday night would anyone be interested.

Model of the month was won by Gene Dobesh

The name tag award was won by Bradley Payne

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

Meeting adjourned 8:34



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We are into budget year 2015 already and I am hoping for another great year for our treasury. It's back to school time and the milder temps will make for better flying weather and ease up on the expense of mowing and running the irrigation system and air conditioning by the end of the month. Of course we have the Walker County property taxes and Germania Insurance bills coming up but those are provisioned for, as well as the \$3,500 for our riding mower replacement. The start of a new membership year has added resources to the club which will adequately see us through fiscal year 2015. As I write this post, we have about 25 members yet to pay their dues but, the grace period of 60 days, still has some time for those who will be staying with us to get those dues

in. As always, we accept dues through the October meeting before dropping members who have not paid. A reminder that those who lapse the grace period and have not paid may be required to re-join as a new member and pay the initiation fee as well, so get those dues in quickly to avoid the extra expense and, of course, gate combos are provided only to dues paid members.

Speaking of club money, BEST 2014 will be October 4th and 5th. BEST continues to be the event which earns the most money for our club, other than dues. Kirk Jensen is the CD again this year. The local hobby shops that support BEST will have the flyer and information on BEST if you need more details. If you plan to attend BEST 2014, get your pilot fee into Kirk before September 15th and save \$5; see you there!

When you look at our field and the 40 acres it occupies on a mild sunny day in autumn, you might want to say thanks to the members who came before us and paid the dues and assessments and labored hard to make it all a reality. It almost reminds me of the "Greatest Generation" presentations about the World War II veterans when I think of the members who got this club off the ground and flying. Many of those who started the Barnstormers club have moved on as careers required or have passed on as the years overtook them but some are still around and you can see some of them on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, after coffee at the Waverly House, squinting into the sun and watching their planes or their buddies' planes fly in the morning air. Many mornings, they are content to just watch and appreciate the place they labored on and enjoyed for many years, being enjoyed and appreciated by the other pilots and spectators at Ray Brickhouse Field. Please think about that the next time you man a pilot station and run up the throttle for takeoff, or you attend an event like BEST. Our field is not some municipal field paid for by tax payers; it is the creation of people just like you that made the significant effort and financial commitment to have a great place to enjoy the hobby they loved. Fly safe; take care of and enjoy what those members have provided for us.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

October 2nd