



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers.

We have had a very eventful year at Tri-County Barnstormers! Just take a look around at the field at all the improvements and check the event threads on the internet. Thanks again to all who served and helped out during 2015. B.E.S.T. was a big success again, and folks also enjoyed the big bird. Next year will be great for events with our new runway!

Looking forward to 2016 there is a few items I would like to see take place. Keith

Jarvis is going to head up the Big Bird, and he needs some help with planning and working at the actual event. We need to turn this event into a really nice local draw.

I think we will need some road work this year. The entrance road is getting pretty bad in a few spots. A few loads of road base and some John Deere time should fix that up, and hold for a another couple years.

Another item I would like to change is doing away with the need to take a pin for 2.4 users. I know this is currently the only method we have for checking membership, but that is a pretty poor argument. Anybody with an AMA can place their card in the slot and take a pin for flying. The little sticker could simply be on the other side. or not applied. Other clubs I have been to require name tags, or use other methods. I don't know the answer, but I hope we can come up with one. there is no need for frequency pin control with 2.4.

Thanks to all who participated in the December meeting / pot luck supper. It was a lot of fun. And thanks again to all those who have put so much time and effort into the club over the past year.

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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.



Robert Daffin

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Howdy fellow Barnstormers,

Please have a happy holiday

Till next month!

Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

December 3 2015

Present: XX

Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order

Minutes approved

No visitors

Club members thanked for helping out with the grass and dirt efforts at the site.

Club received a nice letter from the scholarship recipient, Tom Butlers grandson.

3 new club members were voted in:

1. Gabriel Virene, AMA 763370
2. Derek Buster, AMA 1060229
3. Avery Buster, AMA 1060240 (Family member)

Max Taylor brought up that he has secured the sanction for the big bird. Keith Jarvis will be running it

and asked for help at the event.

No raffle

No nametag contest

Attendance jackpot was not won and rolls to next month

Meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed the pot luck dinner.

Minutes provided by Kirk Jensen.

Minutes (continued)

Thank you Kirk for compiling the minutes while I was away

To all of my fellow club members,

Please have a happy and safe holiday

Larry Bonnette

Your Humble Secretary

(And that's Humble with an "H" not a "U". pronounced Humble, not UMBLE)



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We had a great December meeting with a very nice Pot Luck supper and also had three new members join; two regular members and a son of a regular member joining as a family member. That brings us to 163 members as the calendar year comes to a close.

Calendar year 2015 has been a milestone year for the Tri-County Barnstormers. We upgraded the runway facilities and have already made our first loan payment on the new runway. The club has been making improvements since the 1980's when the original members scratched out a field with a grass runway and eventually a tin roofed cover to shade the pilots from sun while taking a break. The membership has come a long way since then but many of those core members who created our field and paid for it back in the 1980's are still with us. While you are enjoy-

ing the new runway remember to thank not only those fine gentlemen and current members that gave of their time to get the runway planned and installed but, also those long time members that provided a place for the runway to be. The field is named after one of those early members; Ray Brickhouse. I'm sure he would be proud to see how the field has been taken care of and improved over the years.

Many of those old members have also been past club officers. Some of them continue to support the club year after year and in particular two, Max Taylor and Gary Baumgartner, have been unremitting in giving of their time and efforts at the field and our events. At most any event you will see those two and others like Ken Bauske, who has been relied upon to run the impound with Melvin Lindsay, John Luedke and others on the mowing crew making sure the field is ready for visitors at our event. Thanks to these guys for always being there when the club needs it. This is not to say that there are no others that support the club but, I didn't want to expand the list other than to say, it is actually a pretty small group of core club leadership and we should be especially thankful for their efforts. Even some of the more recent officers, like Robert Minieri have made great contributions to the progress of the club as Robert worked hard to get our first smooth runway and had substantial involvement in our current runway project. As Treasurer, I see the benefits to the club from those volunteers who make things happen at our club for far less money than if we relied on contracting alone for our projects. A big thanks to all of our active club membership who made 2015 a milestone year for Tri-County Barnstormers!

On the Treasury side, as a Texas Non-profit Corporation and an Exempt Organization under IRS Code 501 ,C,7, we have to file our Form 990 with the IRS before the month end. We also have pay our Walker County property taxes for the tax year 2015. The club is current on all expenses and should be able to meet known future obligations.

As usual, the end of the year means the end of many AMA memberships. If you want to fly on January 1st, be sure you have a 2016 AMA card to put on the frequency board. No exceptions as flying without AMA is like driving without liability insurance. It puts you at risk of significant financial exposure if you cause property or bodily injury damage due to an accident while flying at the field. It's simple to renew so if you are one of those with 12/31/2015 expiration date on your AMA, please do it now!

Have a great Holidays break and a Happy New Year! We meet again on February 4th, 2016, see you there.



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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

February 4th