



THE PROP WASH

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi Barnstormers!

With your help we are about to hit a major milestone with our club facilities! As you know We had a very good discussion at the last meeting regarding the condition of the runway. This followed June's meeting where Steve Sartor brought up that there seems to be erosion going on under the runway causing hollow spots underneath. We were given some options from Steve and others that range from do nothing, pull it up and fill in, to put down asphalt. Larry Bonnette made a motion at the

last meeting to allow spending an amount on a "Hard Surface Runway", which was seconded almost immediately. Another round of good discussion ensued, followed by a vote on the motion that passed 100%! We will make a final vote on this at the August meeting. Please make it out if you can. If passed, this will really finish off our first class facility! The motion Larry put forward simply said 'Hard Surface' which will allow for approval of funding, and allow us to have our ducks in a row as we talk to contractors. virtually everyone at the meeting agreed that Asphalt is the best vs. concrete. We can repair it in the future if needed, and also it has a bit of give with ground movement, both require a proper stabilized base.

A reminder of upcoming events in our area: US Scale Masters is October 7-11 at Bomber. Our club is hosting the (13th I believe) B.E.S.T. Event on October 3-4, 2015.

Thank you to all the officers and positions held within the club. you truly make a difference, and make it enjoyable to be at the meetings. And thank you to all the membership, our common interest keeps Barnstormers a great club!

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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!

Well another month has come and gone. It seems this time of year to move really fast for me, due to my chosen profession as a marine tech. It is my busy season and things are in full swing. The field looks good but a lack of help is causing the person who usually spearheads the mowing to become overwhelmed. I will be proposing new ways to set up a mowing schedule so that all active members can share the load more equally.

On another note, the heat is really getting up there! I urge everyone who goes to the field to drink plenty of water, there is a water fountain at the corner of the well house, and stay hydrated! If you feel like your getting too hot, STOP, there is not a hobby in the world worth having a heat stroke!

Everyone be safe and have great flights and picture perfect landings!

Till next month,
Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

July 2, 2015

Present: 26

Start: 7:30 PM

June minutes accepted unanimously

2 visitors

New member, Nick Marson was voted into the club unanimously. Welcome Nick!

Gary Baumgartner reported no safety issues. Gary pointed out that there were articles on batteries in the "Model Aviation" magazine.

The Treasurer reported that the club finances are doing fairly well. He will be sending out invoices to members soon.

The Vice president was not present but he sent word that he will be haying the field on Sunday and bailing it on Monday.

Larry Bonnette spoke to members about the previous month's discussion regarding the condition of the fabric runway. He reminded members that at last month's meeting Steve Sartor described the deteriorating condition of the fabric runway and told members that it was just a matter of time before something needed to be done in order to prevent further damage to it.

Larry made a motion:

"Replace the current fabric runway with a hard surface runway. The treasurer may use his judgment to determine how to best pay for the project and has the clubs permission to borrow the needed funds to finance the project. The cost of the runway shall not exceed \$60,000."

The motion was seconded. The members discussed the motion. Repairs were discussed. Fabric replacement was discussed. Payment was discussed. Types and thickness of the runway material was discussed. Some members thought that we needed some way to raise money to pay for the project but were reassured that the club can afford it without any kind of fund raising effort. One of the members present volunteered to finance the project.

Minutes (continued)

President Kirk Jensen called for a vote on the motion and members voted 25 to 0 in favor of installing a hard surfaced runway. Kirk reminded members that this was the first of 2 votes and that we will need to vote one more time at the August meeting.

Model of the month was won by Tom Butler

Attendance jackpot would have been won by Mike Wood

Name tag award was won by Max Taylor

Night flying tonight.

Meet adjourned at 8:34 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

At our July meeting the club came one step closer to deciding on making improvements to the smooth surface runway at Ray Brickhouse Field. At our next meeting we will vote on moving forward with a project to put some kind of hard surface, most likely asphalt, on the runway or at least some part of the runway for a cost not to exceed \$60,000. We have some of the money in our current reserves and one member has indicated a willingness to make the club a loan for the remainder. Assuming the meeting attendees satisfy the quorum and vote in favor of moving forward on this project, we still have to determine what the \$60,000 will provide in the way of runway improvements and what the initial size of the finished project will be. Volunteers are looking into the most cost effective way to get what we need and sources for the materials and labor to get it done. This will be a major step for the club and when finished, should attract even more membership from those in the area that drive to places, like Bomber Field, where a hard surface runway is currently in place. Please come to the August meeting and add your support or input to the process to make sure we have as much of the talents in our club involved and make this undertaking a success.

Speaking of August, the dues invoices for Fiscal Year 2016 go out mid-month and are due August 1st. Members have as long as 60 days after the due date to get their dues in but, after that they may be treated as new members joining the club. So be looking for that dues invoice in the mail and in your email inbox. If you have an address change or have changed your email names or service provider, please send me a notice at treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com so I can update your membership data.

As always, please display your AMA card on the frequency pin board when flying at our field. Maintaining your AMA coverage protects us all if the unexpected happens and it also supports our hobby at the national level. Fly safe and leave the field as clean or more so, than when you arrived. Our volunteer field maintenance members will appreciate your courtesy and your help.

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 6th; hope to see you there.



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August 6th