



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

We have A bunch of great events in the Houston area this year! Be sure to make it to as many as you can, or that interest you. June 6 is the Warbird Event at Bomber, June 18-20 Is a Jet event at Bomber, 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 those who made it out to the meeting in May. We voted in a very important change to our clubs constitution which changes the amount of members required at a meeting

from 20% down to 10% to properly vote and conduct business. We typically only get 12-15 % of the membership at any meeting so this was an important change. There were a few with genuine concerns about this change, stating that now fewer members could affect important change with regards to sensitive issues. I would suggest that if there is a specific issue you are concerned with such as membership dues or member fees for example, please discuss this at the meeting. Possibly a motion can be made and voted on to address specific concerns.

The club field is looking great, weather seems to be drying out. Get out and do some flying and have a good time.

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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 passed us by! The weather has not been very conducive to flying, but, a lot of us have had a chance to get in a few flights. Hopefully we will get a break in the wind and rain so that more of us can enjoy our field.

Speaking of, it looks really good right now. This is due mostly to Max Taylor and the others who have been mowing when there is a sufficient enough dry spell for it to happen. A big thanks to ALL who have been helping out.

There is a good portion of the equipment that is now due for service. Anyone who has the time and/or mechanical skills to help out would be greatly appreciated. Just contact me at rdaffin3@yahoo.com. I will get with you or get you with the appropriate person to get it taken care of. Once again, any and all help is appreciated. We have a current club roster of 176 members with only about 8 who are handling the upkeep of the field. More helpers would mean less work for everyone!

Y'all have a great month. Fly safe and happy landings!

Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

May 7 2015

40 members present for the meeting

We had one guest, Bob Brubaker a member of Bomber Field

April minutes accepted unanimously.

Gary Baumgartner gave a safety report with no issues. Kirk Jensen commented that he was hit by a prop while setting a throttle hold and the hold value in the transmitter was too high. No real harm, just a nice whack.

One new member John McCrary was voted in unanimously.

Robert Daffin provided the field report. No real issues were noted. He thanked Max and crew for mowing and cleaning up.

Max gave a report on the big bird stating that there were 40 registered pilots and a good time was had by all. The kitchen crew made a bit of money and seems to be happy to do it again.

A vote was taken to amend the constitution. The amendment changes the number of members present for a quorum from 20% to 10%. The amendment that was voted on at the April meeting passed 31 to 6 with a few members not voting.

A few members were concerned with the low percentage required for a quorum, and were advised that they were welcome to make a motion to address specific needs in the future if they wanted too.

Kirk Massey advised that there is an electric event at Prop Nuts in the future. He will get a flyer to Sam for a mass e-mail.

A war bird and Jet event were announced at Bomber in June. It was advised to check Bombers web site for dates.

The US Scale Masters competition is at Bomber October 7,8,9,10

Robert Daffin announced there is an RC app for the iPhone that gives FAA warnings and allowable flight areas based on your GPS position.

Adam asked if there is a way for members to have direct access to the for sale section of the club site. He was told of the Facebook page where you can post.

Model of the month was won by Steve Sartor

Nametag award was won by Kirk Jensen

There was no winner for the attendance jackpot.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Thanks to Kirk Jensen for recording the minutes while I worked.

Max Comments

Hello All,

Thanks to all the Barnstormers that helped with the Big Bird event and a special thanks to Ken Bauske and Gary Baumgartner for taking care of the pilot registration. In spite of the wet rainy weather, we had 44 registered pilots.

The Pilots Choice Award, a \$100 gift Certificate donated by New Creations, went to Craig Dobesh.

Craig flew his Christian Eagle and put on an outstanding aerobatic demonstration with his fathers Lawn Mower.

Max



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We had great support on the Constitution and By-Laws amendment vote at our May get together. Thank you to all who could make it and help make it practical for the club to work within its organizing documents. The officers are all "volunteers" and it doesn't help if our constitution makes the job of being a club officer too difficult to get good folks to step forward. The approved changes will help greatly. Those changes will be posted to the official documents on our web site very soon.

Big Bird, organized by Max Taylor, was an excellent event to start the flying season. Thanks to all the Barnstormers that helped with the event and a special thanks to Ken Bauske and Gary Baumgartner for taking care of the pilot registration. In spite of the wet rainy weather, we had 44 registered pilots. We took in \$440 in pilot registrations; sold 15 Barnstormer hats at \$10 each (thanks Gary Baumgartner) and we received a \$20 donation from one of the impressed spectators for a total of \$610 to the treasury.

The Pilots Choice Award, a \$100 gift Certificate donated by New Creations, went to Craig Dobesh. Craig flew his Christian Eagle and put on an outstanding aerobatic demonstration with his father's flying Lawn Mower. Next time you need hobby supplies, don't forget our Barnstormer events are supported by the local hobby shops like New Creations!

If the rain ever quits long enough, we will be in the "mowing season" as well as the flying season. As a club, we have invested a significant amount of money in field equipment. Every member has a responsibility to help maintain the field. When you use the club equipment, be sure you are checked out on the proper use and after-use maintenance. Don't put away equipment dirty or wet with debris clinging to it. Check for proper lubrication before use and also check whether the blades and belts are in working order. As the club Treasurer I want our investment to pay off and not be lost or degraded through improper or careless care of our field equipment. Our club AMA coverage protects you and us when you use the equipment under the direction of the club. If you are not on the Vice President's mower crew list, you might put us at risk if you have an accident. So see the VP and get your name on his list for familiarization with field mowing patterns and field equipment; the field will be better taken care of and our equipment will be, as well.

I can never stress enough the importance of all members having current AMA; always show your card when flying. This hobby can be dangerous and we need to be covered for possible accidents. Read the field rules and the AMA rules and keep them in mind when flying this season, then we might never have to use that AMA coverage.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 4th