



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers.
We have a new runway!

Many thanks to all who came out and worked either before or after the concrete pour. There have been a couple work days filled with scrubbing off the cuttings from the concrete surface, moving dirt and placing 2 full pallets of sod. Also I know there has been some work done during the week by the M-F guys. Again, thanks to all who have lent a hand.

We need to give a special thanks to Steve Sartor and to Robert Minieri, Robert Daffin and Sam Barrett. Steve was the project manager for the runway and it went off without a hitch, great planning and execution. Robert Minieri spent nearly 30 hours in the seat of his tractor prepping the dirt over a 2 day period. And Robert Daffin has been picking up sod, using his equipment at every turn to finish off the project. Sam as treasurer has kept the numbers in line and watches over the funding. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

We have just a little bit of work left with filling in and sod then it's done! come out and lend a hand, and more importantly come fly on the new runway!

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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,

Another year has passed since I was elected into this position. I would like to thank everybody for their help this past season, and with all the help we have received on the final touches on the runway.

As most of you may know we now have a completed concrete runway. It is 440'x35' in size. We also have both helipads concreted at 12'x12'. I would ask that anyone who goes out to mow please keep all equipment off the concrete surfaces. We have had a mower on the runway to move some sod, but, I would like to try to keep any machines off the surfaces. We have laid two pallets of sod around the edges and I will be brining another out hopefully Monday the 16th. It will be at the field and available for anyone who wants to help to put some down. Just follow the general pattern of what has been added.

We will also be painting "X's" on the ends of the runway as mandated by the FAA. These are to help full scale pilots to identify open vs. closed runways. There will also be lines painted for pattern flying.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving, and as always have a safe flight and happy landings.

Till next month!

Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

November 5 2015

Present: 28

Start: 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by president Kirk Jensen

October minutes were accepted unanimously

2 visitors

One new member, Helcio Trindade, was voted into the club unanimously. Welcome Helcio !

Safety officer had nothing to report.

Gary Baumgartner told members that he and Ken Bauske audited the clubs books and found them to be in good shape.

Gary also asked for a check so that he could pay for the next year's rental of our meeting facility at the Conroe Friendship Center.

The Treasurer reported that the bank account was in good shape. He informed members that the cost of the new runway was under budget at approximately \$53,000.

The Vice President reported that the new runway looks great and that people were still needed to help this Saturday (rain or shine) to complete the final tasks needed to complete the runway. If you can help please bring shovels and report to the field on November 7th at 8.

Someone mentioned that no one should ever drive on the new concrete.

Kirk told members that the BEST went off great. He said that the weather was perfect, and the club made about \$1,300 on the event.

Kirk said he is still waiting for Greg Guthrie to get back to him on the club sign repair.

The club thanks Steve Sartor, Robert Minieri and all who participated in the installation of the new runway. The members really appreciate the work that you have done.

Minutes (continued)

Kirk Jensen asked if there were any nominations for any of the officer positions. There were no other nominations so Kirk asked for a vote on the following positions:

President: Kirk Jensen
Vice President: Robert Daffin
Treasurer: Sam Barrett
Secretary: Larry Bonnette

The members voted unanimously to elect all of them.

This year's Tri-County Barnstormers helping hands award goes to: Ryan Butler, Ryan is attending Texas State University

Two more new members were unanimously voted into the club. Jordan Webb, and Chris McMartin. Welcome!

Model of the month was won by Steve Sartor

Attendance jackpot would have been won by Robert Burns but he was not at the meeting, so it rolls over to next month.

The name tag award went to Larry Bonnette.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40

Thank You for re-electing me as your 2016 Secretary.

Larry



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

How time flies when you are having a good time; it's already November and only one more club meeting to go before 2015 is gone. It's been a great year and made even more enjoyable by two successful events with visitors at the field. The next time we have visitors they will be seeing our new runway surface for the first time. Many thanks to Steve Sartor and all those who worked so hard to get this latest improvement installed and for under our authorized funding cap. Also thanks to Don Ramsey for making a loan to the club at lower than bank rates for the balance of the funding for the new runway. Our members have really saved the club a ton on spending for maintenance at the field; making our dollars go further toward improvements. Great job by the membership.

Being Treasurer, I am constantly aware of how much stuff costs for our club and we try to keep our energy and maintenance costs under control. We have gotten through the summer with really reasonable energy bills. Keeping costs low will help as we begin our payback on the runway loan. Our first payment is due December 1st and will continue for 60 months. At our current membership level and dues rates we should be in great financial shape to operate the field as usual as well as pay off the runway loan. I'll report our progress at each monthly meeting.

At our November meeting, the officers announced Ryan Butler as our Helping Hands scholarship awardee. Best wishes for Ryan as he begins his studies at Sam Houston.

Our next meeting in December has traditionally included a pot luck supper and a member swap meet, where members can turn excess models and supplies into cash or pick up someone else's stuff at a bargain. We will announce the scheduled activities in our next Barnstormer meeting notice.

At the end of December many AMA memberships expire. If one of those memberships is yours, remember that you can't fly at our field in January until you have renewed your AMA. If you are one of those who wants to be among the first to fly in 2016, please check your AMA expiration date and make sure you have the coverage to fly!

Next meeting is December 3rd, see you there!



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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December 3rd