



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers.

The B.E.S.T. event is very close. It is happening this year on October 3,4 2015. Be sure to come on out and join in the fun. We can always use a bit of help and a bunch more registered pilots. Anything that is powered by an electric system is welcome. Fixed wing, Helicopter, Multi Copter, etc. We have a full contact flying wing competition each day with awards, as well as awards for largest flown, smallest, pilots choice, etc.

The following weekend after B.E.S.T. is the 2015 U.S. Scale Masters out at Bomber Field. This is a national event that has chosen Bomber Filed as its location for the 2015 season. All the scale birds and world famous builders and pilots you see in the magazines will be there competing for top honors. It's nice to have such an event so close this year. Be sure to make it out to see all the museum quality aircraft in static and flying action. It runs Thursday through Saturday October 8,9,10.

The concrete runway is scheduled for installation on October 19 I believe. The field will be a bit of a mess during the week prior to this with all the dirt work. We need helpers! both during that week and after the pour to move soil and level everything out. PLEASE lend a hand if you can, it's your field, please help out. Special thanks go to Steve Sartor and Robert Minieri for the work they have put in, and will put in, as well as to all who join in and lend a hand.

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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 it looks like October will be an exciting month. We have B.E.S.T. coming up the first weekend, and the new concrete runway starting about Oct. 19th. The field will be out of commission for a bit while the construction is going on. It should not be over a week though, barring any unforeseen problems.

As always we still need help with field maintenance. Everybody enjoys flying on a well manicured field. It does not do itself! I am getting bids to have the field taken care of by a professional service as well as looking into some ideas that other members have come up with. I will have the bids and a proposal or two at our next meeting.

As always have a safe flight and happy landings!

Until next month!

Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

September 3 2015

Present: 35

Start: 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by president Kirk Jensen

August minutes were accepted unanimously

1 visitor

Safety officer not present but Sam told members that there were no know safety issues in August.

The Treasurer reported that the bank account was in great shape. He is still collecting dues.

The Vice President reported that the field looked good and wanted to thank Max, Steve and Gene for the great job they have been doing. Robert said that he wanted to talk with the members about spreading the work around. He would bring it up later in the meeting.

Kirk said he spoke with Greg Guthrie about the sign and he is waiting for a price.

BEST is next month. Kirk needs help. Please volunteer. Max says that the concession people are all lined up. Robert Minieri said he will paint the lines.

Steve Sartor gave a runway report. Steve said that work on the new runway will begin on October 19. The runway will be a 450 X 35 foot concrete runway. The current fabric runway is 380 X 40. The concrete will be 3 inches thick with 3/8 inch re-bar and fabric reinforcement. The concrete will sit on 2 inches of sand and the surface will be even with the current grass runway. The grass runway will be five feet wider. Both helipads will be re-surfaced with concrete. The helipads will be 12 X 12 (current helipad size is 15 X 15). The helipads will be raised up a few inches above the current grass line. The main runway will have 1/8 inch expansion joints cut into it. Steve says he will need help during the installation to fill in a trench that needs to be filled by hand. Volunteers are asked to bring shovels.

Kirk thanked Steve, Robert and Jimmy for their valuable help in moving forward with the runway project.

Two new members were voted in unanimously. The members are John Sommer, and Robert Burns. Welcome! This brings our membership to approximately 183.

Tom Butler's wife said that she will donate a quilt to the club for the BEST event.

Kirk reminded the club that the "Helping Hands" nominations are still open.

Minutes (continued)

The Civil Air Patrol is looking for someone to donate a flight simulator to them. The club members made a motion to purchase one for them. After the club voted unanimously to buy one and donate it. Jimmy Moore volunteered to pick up the tab for it. Thanks Jimmy !

Kirk asked for volunteers to be on an officer's nomination committee. Dean and Michelle DeRimanoczy volunteered.

Vice President Robert Daffin began a discussion about obtaining help with the upkeep of the field. We desperately need people to volunteer to mow, clean and maintain the property. Many people made suggestions but in the end nothing was settled.

The club will have a night fly after the meeting.

Model of the month was won by Michelle DeRimanoczy

Attendance jackpot was not won so it rolls over to next month.

The name tag award went to Alton Simpson.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

BEST is coming up in the first week of October. In addition to our member dues, events like BEST help the club keep our treasury in good health with income from pilot registration fees. These events also are a lot of fun, especially for the new member who gets to see many experienced pilots and some advanced aircraft. For the club it means lots of work to prepare for visitors and to make the event enjoyable. If you want to help with the event and find out what it takes to put on such activities, please contact the Contest Director for BEST, or president Kirk Jensen. One of the things we can always use help on is field clean-up and "yard work" to make our field ready for visitors. Don't forget to put BEST on your personal calendar and sign up to participate, please.

Sometime after BEST we will begin work on the new hard surface runway voted on by the membership. The field will be out of service while the concrete sets up and cures. I'll send out a notice to the membership and a sign will be posted at the gate while the project is in progress. We are all excited about this improvement and the field being out of service for some period is a small price to pay for having a smooth take off and landing surface. We owe a great pat on the back to Steve Sartor and his project team for doing the work to put this project into motion. Our members are what make this project possible but someone has to lead the effort and we much appreciate Steve for stepping up.

Speaking of members, the October meeting is the last chance to pay dues without having to rejoin the club as a new member. The by-laws allow for a 60 day "grace " period and I count the October meeting as being the last day of that 60 day period. Of course if you can't make the meeting, you can still mail your dues in to our P.O. Box address, listed on the invoice you received. The gate combination will change on Friday, October 2nd, the day after our next meeting. Those members who have paid their dues will receive a mailed invoice with the gate combination "sticker" attached to it. If you received an invoice without the gate combination, please email me at treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com and I'll provide the combination to you.

How time flies and soon we will need to renew our AMA memberships. We are an AMA charter club and all flying members are required to maintain AMA membership to protect against financial loss to our members and the club should we experience an accident at the field. Along with that coverage come a set of AMA rules that promote safe participation in our flying activities. Please take time to read and adhere to those rules at our field and the field rules also posted on the old transmitter impound area wall. Rules can't save you and your fellow fliers if you don't know and follow them. Always have your AMA on the frequency board while flying and remember to renew that AMA membership before it expires at the end of December. Even better, you can usually save a few bucks if you renew for more than one year and avoid lapses in coverage. See you at the field!



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

October 1st