



THE PROP WASH

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Keith Jarvis

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello friends,

Well, I haven't much to report on yet as our December meeting was brief but it did bring some great food and fellowship as well as some good deals on some goodies. We did close out all business from 2016 and are ready to start 2017 in great shape. I would like to say thanks to all that participated in our supper and Thanks to those wives that helped out. We greatly appreciated the help.

We have come to the end of a chapter as we get ready to start another. First of all, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for the 2017 season. I look forward in taking us into the New Year as we continue to build and

move forward. It will be my first venture into this position and will need all the help I can get from everyone. I hope to carry on the success that my predecessors have had. I would also like to take a minute to recognize the outgoing President and Vice President. Kirk and Robert have done an outstanding job and I would like to say Thanks and we really appreciated the work they did. I would also like to say Thanks to Larry and Sam for the past service and definitely for serving again. I'm not sure we actually see all the hard work and dedication that they put into our club year after year and I would like to give them a Big Thanks also. A couple of things I would like to ask everyone, is to keep in mind we still have a couple of positions open that we will need to fill, so if anyone would like to put your name in the hat or know someone that may, be sure to let me know. We will also be updating our 2017 "Appointed Positions", so think about where you would like to fit in and contribute.

As our next meeting won't be until February, I would like to close by wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New year. Let's not forget the reason for the season and let's keep in mind our brothers and sisters that won't be home for Christmas as they provide us, the right, and the freedom so that we may be here and are able to enjoy the Holidays in a free country.

Till next year.....

God Bless and have a Safe Holidays.

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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.

**Buddy Barnett**

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Hello Fellow Barnstormers.

Winter is upon us so there is going to be less grass to mow. The field is really wet as I write this, receiving around 4" of rain the last 48 hours. This did not allow our Club Pattern contest to be held but hopefully will be re-scheduled soon. I will be getting in contact with Robert about the hay pastures find out what his plans are for cutting them down. If need be I will cut them down when the field dries out.

I would like thank all of you for allowing me to serve as Vice President and look forward to the year ahead. Also would like to thank Sam and Larry for staying on another year to serve our club. Another thanks to Max for all he does at our field and for bringing me up to speed on how everything is handled.

If there is any problems or concerns with field maintenance, please call or text me at 281-536-3407.

Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

December 1, 2016

Present: 43

Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order by Secretary Larry Bonnette

November meeting minutes were approved unanimously

There were many visitors (estimate 16)

1 new member Bill Swartz was voted in unanimously. Welcome Bill !

The members voted unanimously for Aaron Hopper to receive the "Helping Hands" award. Congratulations Aaron.

Larry Bonnette and Steve Tinsley conducted an audit of the treasurer in November. The audit was successful and the club finance records were found to be in good order.

Larry introduced the clubs new President (Keith Jarvis) and Vice President (Buddy Barnett) and turned the meeting over to Keith.

Keith thanked members for the opportunity to serve and asked Buddy if he wanted to say anything. Buddy declined.

Keith asked if there was any other business.

Kirk Massey introduced members of the Lone Star Multi-rotors club. One of the members of the Multi-rotors club told us about their club and provided us with information on a potential RC airpark that was being planned in Conroe. They asked if any members were interested in being a part of the planning of this new park or were interested in the Multirotor club, they should visit their web site (lonestarmultirotors.com) and contact one of the officers of the club. Additionally, if the Barnstormers as a club wish to participate, our club officers should discuss our potential role and initiate talks with the "Lone Star Multi Rotors" club officers.

Minutes (continued)

Don Ramsey told members that the "Club class" pattern event scheduled for 12/3 at the field was going forward at 10:00 am (rain or shine). He and Charlie are looking forward to seeing member at the event.

Keith told members that one of our neighbors from the west side of the flying field approached him to ask us to try and minimize the noise. Keith stressed that the neighbor was very nice about the request. Keith asked members to be sure that their engines comply with club (and AMA) rules.

Meeting adjourned 7:49

Members enjoyed food and swap.

Hello all

The new camera at the field is a success. How do I know ?

The web site typically encounters around 8,000 hits per month. This has been pretty steady for the last two years.

I installed the Camera at the end of October. I told a few people about it and the hits on the website for October went up to 23,000. Now some of this was due to increased traffic from BEST.

November however showed the hits on the web site to be 181,000 that is more than 22 times our normal hit rate. The top web page was the field camera web page with more that 500 views.

This is terrific news and I am glad to see that it is being used.

Here is my plan for the camera going forward.

I have paid for the data connection through February 2016. At \$25 per month it is not too expensive but I can't continue to finance this on my own.

At the February meeting I will ask the club to come up with a plan to pay for the data.

If you are interested in the technical side of the camera I have posted a technical paper in the articles section of the web site.

In the mean time please enjoy.

Larry



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's December, 2016 and we have made our 13th payment on the runway loan; only 47 more to go. The treasury remains sound and the major expenses for the year have been paid, with the exception of our property taxes, which I will pay this month.

We had a lovely Pot Luck supper at the December meeting, as those who attended would agree. Many members brought their spouses and lots of super dishes to share. The spouses were very helpful in setting up the serving area and even with the take down and tidying up when the party was over. Especially helpful were Betty Jo Dobesh and Darlene Sartor who took charge of the serving area setup and made sure we left the place clean. Many thanks to Betty Jo and Darlene and the other wives who pitched in to make the supper very nice and really saved us guys.

Congratulations to Aaron Hopper for being awarded our 2016 Helping Hands Scholarship. Aaron is attending Lone Star College and we wish him every success as he prepares for the future with his education.

If you are one of those folks whose AMA expires this month, please mark your calendar to get that renewal in and get covered for the coming year. I guess the same goes for anyone who has an expiration date before July 31st of 2017. With our membership year often spanning two AMA membership periods it can be easy to forget to renew the AMA when you still have months left on club membership. Don't be disappointed when you pull out the AMA card to put it on the pin board and see that it has expired. No flying without that current AMA; it's like having your car insurance expire and discovering it when you are pulled over in a traffic stop. Having a property damage or bodily injury accident while flying without AMA coverage might leave you in a terrible financial condition. Let's check that expiration date and make sure. Then we are ready to go fly and have a Merry Christmas!



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

February 2nd