



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Happy New Year Barnstormers!
Welcome to 2016.

I thought this month I would touch on a needed subject, housekeeping.

Lately myself and others have noticed quite a bit of garbage and things left at the field. Please do your part to make sure that you take what you bring. The bathrooms need special attention. When you use them please take a minute to make sure that you leave the area better than when you entered it. It only takes a quick

second to make sure the sink is cleaned up and your paper towels actually make it to the garbage can. Thanks for your help in this matter. Remember that we do not have a cleaning service, everyone is responsible for their own actions and messes. As the old and worn out saying goes, 'Your mother does not work here.... Clean up your own mess'.

There is also a few items at the field that are a mystery. There is a walker in the impound along with other items. Not sure if this is used at the field by someone or not? If not we need to find it a good home.

Thanks as always, and see you at the field!

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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! I hope the New Year is treating everyone well so far. We have had a lot of new members join in the past few months so there will be some new faces at the field. With new people come some growing pains we all have to deal with. Make sure if someone is flying for the first time that they understand all the rules and follow them. Some clubs have different set-ups and different rules. This is not a bad thing, just make sure to politely steer our new members in the right direction.

Also, along the lines of new members, Larry has posted an updated list of trainer pilots with contact info. Any training is at the sole discretion of the trainer as to date and time. I would like to say thank you to all who have volunteered for this position. It will be a great help to further our sport and make sure it is done safely.

The field looks good at this time. There have been members doing some routine maintenance and general repairs. Thank you to all who participate. Mowing season is fast approaching and it would be great if we can get some more people checked out on the equipment to help spread the work load around.

Big Bird is coming up at the end of April. If you are able to help with the event please contact Keith Jarvis. He will be running the show this year and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Hope everyone has safe flights and happy landings!

Till next month,
Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

February 4, 2016

Present 49

Start 7:32 PM

Meeting called to order by President Kirk Jensen

December minutes approved unanimously

8 visitors

Safety officer Gary Baumgartner reports that there are no issues to report.

Gary said that he will no longer be selling hats for the club. The Club needs a volunteer to take charge of the hats and sell them.

The Treasurer reported that we have made 3 payments on the new runway and that the club is not having any trouble meeting its commitments.

7 New members:

Rex Brough, Larry Hultman, Donald Hirt, Michael (Andy) Burkhalter, Michael Henry, Michael Burkhalter, and Bruce Bordman.

Were all unanimously voted into the club as new members. Welcome !

The club will host its annual "Big Bird" event on April 30 through May 1. Please send Keith Jarvis email if you would like to volunteer to help.

Kirk said he is still waiting for answers on the entrance sign repairs.

The Vice President Robert Daffin said the field looks good. No mowing necessary. Someone fixed the toilet. Thank You.

Kirk Jensen told members that the BEST will be held October 1st and 2nd. Max said he will make arrangements with the food providers. Gary said that the grill needs to be replaced. Gary volunteered to pick a new one up.

Minutes (continued)

Keith ask for a show of hands from members who have registered with the FAA. Most have already done so. There was quite a bit of discussion on the subject. Kirk told club members that the club will comply with any decision that the AMA makes on the subject.

Kirk asked club members to think about a way that the club can remove the requirement for having to carry around a frequency pin for 2.4 GHZ transmitters. Members discussed the pros and cons. Members seemed to agree that there needs to be a way to determine membership of fliers at the field. Someone suggested that all members still place their cards on the frequency board but ONLY 72 MHZ users would have to carry a pin. No decision was made.

Robert Daffin asked for volunteers to be instructors for the club.

The following members volunteered:

Ray Haley
Tom Butler
Keith Jarvis (Intro Pilot)
Kirk Massey (Intro Pilot)
Robert Daffin
Steve Tinsley

Please thank these members for volunteering to be instructors for the club. Members with "Intro Pilot" next to their name means that they are registered with the AMA as pilots who may allow non-AMA members to fly with them under their direct supervision. Any member can apply to be an intro pilot and the club will even pay for it.

The Secretary/Webmaster will modify the documents on the web site to inform members of these new instructors.

Model of the month was won by Steve Tinsley.

Rick Rees would have won the attendance jackpot but he wasn't at the meeting.

Floyd Littlefield won the name tag award.

Night flying tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

The first TRI-county Barnstormer meeting of 2016 was well attended and we had a good enrollment of new members. I guess our new runway is helping bring not only new members but, also bring back some old members who want to be able to use the upgraded facilities. We have made 3 payments on the new runway, and that leaves only 57 more payments to go!

The good news is our bank account remains strong and we are ready for a season of mowing and maintenance expenses. Remember to help keep our operating expenses as low as possible by shutting off any club house air conditioners, lights, power supplies and water when leaving the field. Also lock up the club house and bath-

rooms to help keep intruders from using or vandalizing club assets when the field is not being used. Be careful to spin the lock dials when leaving the locks open or after closing them to keep our combo reasonably "secret". We have been lucky to experience only one incident of burglary and theft in recent years. Keep an eye out for visitors that seem more interested in our field assets than our hobby.

It is also a new year for AMA coverage that started January 1st and our AMA website roster lists over twenty of our members as having expired memberships. Do not fly if your AMA is not current as you will be personally responsible for any property damage or bodily injuries caused by your presence at the field. We are an AMA chartered field and you must have current AMA coverage to fly ANYTHING at our field. Being sued by an injured party is doubly disastrous if you do not have adequate insurance; get that AMA and keep it current.

Check out our website for the upcoming Big Bird and plan on pitching in to prepare the field for visitors. Our Vice President can use all the support he can get in helping maintain the field. Contact Robert Daffin to offer your help and get any familiarization you might need for our field equipment. The field is everybody's to use and everybody is needed to keep it mowed, edged and picked up. Please do your part.



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TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

March 3rd