



# THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Wow! We had some great changes at the June meeting.

There has always been question as to taking a pin if you are flying a modern 2.4 radio. The purpose for the frequency pins as I'm sure you know is to prevent 2 radios on with the same frequency and causing a shot down model.

Well, as you also know, this issue does not exist with 2.4 radios as they each pair with a different I.D. So, taking a pin for frequency control is pointless. In the end the club voted to do away with the need to take a pin for 2.4 use. The need for displaying ones AMA card with a membership sticker was still needed so a rule was passed that all pilots at the field must display their current AMA card either in a slot by the pins, on their person or on their equipment. For myself, I have attached both my AMA card and my FAA card to my transmitter box which is in view for all when I am flying. Thanks to all who helped make this great change to the club rules!

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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 comes to pass, and growing season is upon us! With this we also get better flying weather, longer days, and yes, grass to mow. As always I would like to ask any and every one to step up and help out with the maintenance at the field. We all like the way it looks when it is mowed, so let's all help to keep it looking good.

I hope that everyone has a safe and prosperous month! May you all have safe flights and happy landings!

Till next month!

Robert Daffin

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



**Larry Bonnette**

June 9, 2016

Present: 33

Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order by President Kirk Jensen

Kirk welcomed members to the postponed June meeting. The meeting was postponed due to heavy rains and flooding.

May meeting minutes were approved unanimously

1 visitor

2 new members were unanimously voted into the club. Jim McWilliams and Frank Kern. Welcome !

Safety officer Gary asked if members knew where the defibrillator was kept. Gary said that he needed someone to make a sign that can direct people to it. Bruce Bordman volunteered to make one. Gary also asked if members read the rules. He suggests that we all read and adhere to them. The conversation turned to FAA numbers on aircraft and that morphed into a conversation about our trainer aircraft and how they are old and need to be replaced and that the club should buy a couple of "Apprentice Aircraft" This whole discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Vice President Robert Daffin reported that the field is finally dry enough to mow and that Max was able to cut some grass. He also said that dogs got into the trash. He also asked if someone would remove the trash that was there since we don't have any trash pickup. Kirk Massy said that if you want to bring the trash to his store you can use his dumpster.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the treasury is in good condition. The club received a letter from "Entergy" that informed us of potential high voltage lines going in near our property. There is a hearing on June 15 (or 21). One of the members volunteered to attend.

Kirk told members that Mark Mullins had lost his house and all of his RC gear in the flood last week. If anyone wants to help please see Kirk Massey.

Keith Jarvis reported that the "Big Bird" went very well with 34 pilots attending. Keith thanked all who helped and especially thanked all of the local hobby shops for their support as well as "State Farm" who provided gift certificates.

Larry Bonnette started a conversation on a potential rule change that would allow pilots who use 2.4 GHz radios to forgo the use of frequency control methods. He told members that they would need to modify rule #8 of the clubs "Flying Field Rules" to add a sentence at the end of rule #8 that said "This rule does not apply to 2.4 GHz radio systems" Many people chimed in on this and we discovered that the issue was that although many people wanted to make the rule modification. They did not want to do it and lose the ability to be able to ensure that people who were flying were also members.

A motion was made to add the sentence "This rule does not apply to 2.4 GHz radio systems" to the end of Rule #8 of the "flying Field Rules". This motion was seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 19 for and 6 against. Max immediately made a motion to have everyone place their AMA cards in the slots on the frequency control board regardless of the type of radio used. This motion was seconded but the motion failed 10 for and 21 against.

## Minutes (continued)

The members continued to discuss the problem of how to maintain a method to ensure membership in order to fly. The members finally agreed to add an additional rule to the "Flying Field Rules" that stated that "All members are required to display their AMA card (with the Tri-County sticker) when flying at the field. The AMA card can be "Worn as a badge", Placed on a piece of equipment or placed in the frequency control board. As long as the card can be easily viewed by a casual observer.

Larry will work out the wording and make the changes to the appropriate documents and the club will approve the words at the next meeting.

There will be night flying tonight.

Model of the month was won by Dean Marcott.

John Eberle would have won the attendance jackpot. But.....

Gary Baumgartner won the name tag award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

# A Word from Keith Jarvis

## 2016 BIG BIRD FLY IN

Wanted to take a minute to reflect on our Big Bird Event. We finally got it in on May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> after several days of rain and flooding, and a prior cancellation, we were blessed with two beautiful days of flying. Although the field was just a bit soggy for the first part of Saturday, it dried up quick and we were able to enjoy some awesome flying weather. I must say too, it is nice to have a hard, dry, concrete runway!

Want to give a big "THANKS" to all who contributed in the preparations. The field looked great thanks to some great thought in mowing the morning before the rains hit, it made the difference. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help before, during and after the event too. Want to say a special Thanks to Rosie Daffin, Phyllis Butler and my wife for saving us on concessions and stepping right in and providing lunch and concessions for us all, and this is the second time they have done it as they did it during the cancelled Big Bird also after (for the second time) CAP cancelled on us. Thanks Ladies, we greatly appreciate it. And, Thanks to Rosie for providing breakfast tacos both mornings too. While we are giving out "kudos", I have an Honorable Mention for a very super and special gesture by Tom Butler, (and I hope he doesn't mind me calling him out personally) but after winning BOTH raffles, he gave up one of his winnings to a young man, Vance Daffin, for the Flyzone Beaver. Vance wanted that plane desperately and spent a lot of his own, hard earned money buying quite a few tickets to win it (probably against moms advice), but was very disappointed when he didn't win. But Tom came to his rescue by giving Vance the plane he won and it absolutely made one young man, extremely happy, and was in my book a highlight of the event. Thanks so much for that Tom, that just goes to show what a great bunch of guys are in our community, and Tom ranks among the top in my book. It is things like that, that really make the events a huge hit. The kids are a big part of what these events are all about.

Considering that a lot of people were not able to travel due to flooding, and lots of folks endured hardships due to the rain and flooding, we had a decent turnout and everyone had a lot of fun. We had several new pilots and some awesome flying and some great fellowship amongst friends.

We had great sponsorship for the event and lots of door prizes were giving both days, all day long. I would like to say a big Thank You to all of our sponsors. I would also like to say THANKS to those who supported us in confidence and didn't want any recognition, you are recognized and appreciated. I have made a list at the end of my post for all to know who is supporting us. Please keep these guys in mind when you go to your local hobby shop to purchase planes and accessories. This also will keep them in business, and keep a local shop nearby when you need them. Keep in mind too, that our biggest supporters were three of our local Hobby Shops, and a local insurance agency. I want to give a big Thanks to:

**NEW CREATIONS R/C Willis 936-856-4630**

**RANDY'S HOBBIES North Houston 281-469-7000**

**REMOTE CONTROL HOBBIES Woodlands 281-292-5552**

**COREY LeJUNES STATE FARM AGENCY Woodlands 281-466-3668** (remember, you can now insure your planes thru State Farm)

These guys were instrumental in us being able to give out some nice door prizes as well as our Pilots Choice Awards. We were able to give a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place to our participants for Pilots Choice. By the way, those winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Butch McEarchern**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - John Hlozek**

Both of these guys displayed awesome planes and awesome flying, and we appreciate you guys participating and Congrats on the wins.

To sum it up, all things considered, we had a good Event with good participation. Thanks again to all who came out and who helped out to make it a success and we hope you had a good time and were shown a touch of personal hospitality, and hope you will come again so we can continue to have such great events. Till the next time, hope all are blessed and wish all Great and Safe Flying.

List of our supporters for our 2016 Big Bird Event

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Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

We have made our seventh payment on the new runway and only 53 more to go. The Treasury remains strong and our outlook for 2016 is very solid. We have an ample "rainy day" reserve so as long as the "rain" isn't as bad as we are currently getting in the New Waverly area, the club should be fine.

The club received a notice from Entergy that a transmission line project may impact or run near our field. We will have an opportunity to find out more about this project and how it will affect us at a meeting scheduled by Entergy. We will update this topic when we have more information.

Invoices for 2017 membership year will go out in early July, payable August 1<sup>st</sup> with grace period per the club by-laws. The normal annual dues are \$100. Look for your invoice sometime after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and please help me get this task completed by giving it your prompt attention.

As always, keep your AMA current and have that card with you while at the field. We post our AMA club Charter certificate on the bulletin board and we keep it current to ensure our club is protected. Please keep your AMA up to date and if you see someone you don't recognize who is not displaying his AMA at the field, bring it to their attention. Just checking may give you an opportunity to meet someone who was unaware his AMA was expired or just meet a new friend to safely share the field with.



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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

July 7th