



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi Barnstormer members,

We are very fortunate to not have any flooding at our field with the major flooding in the area. Hopefully all the members are dry. I see that Scobee field was hit pretty bad. Our former treasurer Dick Pursley posted that they are going to be holding a fund raiser for a new club house as theirs was completely flooded out. I will let everybody know if it is a fly-in or something that the members can attend and have fun / help out.

The big bird was re-scheduled to May 28-29 after being cancelled due to the bad weather. As it worked out it ended up being a pretty nice day. We will sort of get 1-1/2 big birds out of the deal. Be sure to come out and attend, or come out and support.

We are going to be discussing a rule change at the next meeting that will involve how we handle the 2.4 pins. Be sure to come on out and join in the discussion. As there is no need for frequency control with 2.4, we need to make an adjustment to the current system to keep it in line with what other clubs are doing.

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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 come 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.

We also have Big Bird coming at the end of the month. Everyone needs to get out their big planes (mono 80+ and biplane 60+) dust them off and come out to fly, hangout, and have fun! Big Bird is a great way to meet fellow flyers and maybe even learn a thing or two.

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

May 5, 2016
Present: 28
Start: 7:30 PM

The following members were certified as having the skills to safely fly at our field: Jay Wright, Ken Bill and Don Hirt.

Meeting called to order by President Kirk Jensen

April meeting minutes were approved unanimously

3 visitors

4 new members were unanimously voted into the club. Jay Wright, Ken Bill, Michael Henry and Timothy Bryan. Welcome !

Safety officer Gary Baumgartner reported that the gate to the field was found open on April 10. Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure that the field is secure. Gary also reported that our new runway is great but when it is wet it is very slick. Please be careful. Gary also asked members to inform him if any fire extinguishers are used so that he can get them serviced.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the treasury is in excellent condition.

Vice President Robert Daffin reported that the field is soggy but looks good. He said that it needs mowing and that if you are checked out on the mowers and notice that the grass is getting long. Please mow it. You don't have to ask permission. Mowing doesn't have to happen on a certain day. If you are checked out on the use of our mowers, just mow it. Also please clean the mower after you use it.

Kirk told members that the new entrance sign is up. Someone reported that there was a gouge in it. Max said he can probably fix it with some left over vinyl.

Keith Jarvis told members that the "Big Bird" was cancelled due to concerns about weather. However, many people showed up anyway and they had a very nice time. Keith said that the Big Bird has been re-scheduled for May 28 and 29. If you are willing to help please contact Keith.

Minutes (continued)

Kirk Jensen said that there is pylon racing in Austin this weekend.

Kirk asked if members would be interested in FPV racing at the field. Discussions followed the inquiry and members seemed interested

Keith Jarvis asked if we could support a "War Birds" event at the field. Or, maybe a "Fall Big Bird" or maybe "Jets". Members discussed how many members were qualified AMA CD's and members seemed interested in the ideas.

There will be night flying tonight.

Model of the month was won by Russ Hauser.

Don Hirt won the attendance jackpot of over \$391

Larry Bonnette won the name tag award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

Steve Tinsley took some photos at the meeting:





Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

The Treasury is still in good shape and we have made our 6th payment on the runway improvements and only 54 left to make. So far the runway has been a hit and a real important investment to our club and its membership.

We are still awaiting the proposed 2016 appraisal from the Walker County appraisal district to determine how much the property taxes have increased as a result of our improvements but, I don't anticipate it will be substantial. Let's hope my assumptions are not overly optimistic.

While we are in the mowing season now, I want to ask those who help with field mowing and upkeep to take care with our equipment. Not only from a safety standpoint but also from the Treasurer's perspective, not to damage the equipment or fail to maintain it in use and stowing it properly. I noticed the Husqvarna mower was put away last month with a drink cup still in the holder and a heavy mat of grass still on the mower deck. When treated this way, equipment rusts or degrades from neglect. It also is likely that equipment oil or grease needs are not checked before or after use, which could result in expensive damage during operation. Blades need to be frequently checked for sharpness for efficient mowing. Also, rock damage to blades can cause unbalanced condition and damaging vibration to blade spindles and shafts. Please take the time to ensure the fuel you put in trimmers and blowers has oil mixture as required and not straight raw fuel. While we are paying on the runway it is all the more important to keep from having unnecessary equipment expense caused by operational neglect. Ask Robert Daffin or Max Taylor if you are unsure what service checks are needed on our equipment and when.

After all the preparation on the field for Big Bird, we were knocked out by the weather. Don't forget that Big Bird has been rescheduled for May 28th and 29th. Put that on your calendar and come support the club for this special event.

We still have a few members who have not renewed their AMA for 2016 and I want to remind them not to fly at the field until their AMA is current.

Invoices for 2017 membership dues will be going out around July 1st so you have some time to think about dues. We have a 30 day grace period to pay dues which starts August 1st, when dues are due, and members are removed from the roster after 90 days for non-payment. The gate combo will change after the 90 day period and only paid members will receive the new number. As Treasurer it is part of my job to ensure only members with current AMA and club membership fly at our facilities. Please help me in that responsibility by paying dues promptly and keeping your AMA renewed while a Tri-County Barnstormer. Thanks!



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 2nd