



THE PROP WASH

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- *Vice President* - Robert Daffin
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Sam Barrett
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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers,

This is the last installment I will make as president of the club. I wish to give a big thank you to everyone in the club for allowing me to serve these last 3 years as president. There is a ton of work that gets done every year with weekly up-keep and other special projects such as the runway. I truly appreciate all those who have lent a hand in all the work that goes on at the field. We would not have the best flying field in the area without your help. Also thanks to the other officers who served with me over the last 3 years. I look forward to the future of the club. See you at the flight line!

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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 year has passed. I'm proud to welcome our new VP, Buddy. I'm sure he is more than up for the job and will do a fantastic job. Life has gotten in the way of my hobby as of right now. I apologize for the missed meetings and other items that have missed my attention.

The new camera at the field is a pretty neat feature for the website, thank you Larry for getting that set-up. Now if we could get a weather station linked to the website from the field that would be awesome as well.

From the pictures on Facebook and some updates from Buddy it seems like the field is in good shape.

As always, have safe flights and happy landings. Till next time,

Robert Daffin.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

November 3, 2016
Present: 32
Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order by President Kirk Jensen

October meeting minutes were approved unanimously

1 Visitor

Three new members were unanimously voted into the club. Joe Doherty, Royce Colbaugh, and Dick Jones. Welcome!

The progress of the installation of the LED lights in the pavilion is unknown.

Our Treasurer, Sam Barrett, reported that the treasury is in good condition. He asked for volunteers for an audit committee. Steve Tinsley and Larry Bonnette volunteered.

The Vice president was not present but members reported that the field was in good condition. One of the members asked if anyone filled the gas cans for the trimmers.

Safety officer Gary Baumgartner had no safety issues to report.

Mike Mathina, an official representing a local cub scout group asked the club for permission to have a group of scouts launch small rockets from the field. A motion was made to approve the use of our field for this onetime event. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. This will take place in November and the field will be closed for flying while the scouting event is in progress. Mike will contact Kirk with the details.

November is new officer election month. Kirk asked the election committee to restate the recommended officers. The committee told members that they recommend Keith Jarvis to be the President and Buddy Barnett to be the Vice president. All other current officers (with the exception of the Safety Officer) volunteered to remain in place. Kirk asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. The members unanimously voted into office the following members:

Keith Jarvis - President
Buddy Barnett - Vice president
Sam Barrett - Treasurer
Larry Bonnette - Secretary

Minutes (continued)

Charlie Barrera and Don Ramsey gave a presentation on pattern flying. They explained that the NSRCA (National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics) has extended an invitation to local clubs to be a part of pattern flying by participating in a "Club" class pattern event at their local field using local club member judges. The local club would follow a set of rules and flight sequences defined by the NSRCA. This would be a non-turnaround "old-school" type of sequence that any club flyer could do and yet still be challenged by it.

The club decided to go ahead with a "Club class" pattern event in December. It will be a half day event and any fixed wing aircraft with landing and take-off capabilities will be welcome. The date will be December 3 starting at 10 AM. The field will be closed to other flying while the event is in progress. Watch the web site for details.

Larry Bonnette announced that there is now a camera at the field.

The purpose of the camera is to provide members with the ability to see if there are people at the field.

The camera is mounted on the impound area facing south into the pavilion.

The photo on the web site is updated every 10 minutes from the hours of 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

It can be accessed by going to the Tri-countybarnstormer.com web site. Click on the "Additional Features" drop down menu and select "Field Camera". Larry will provide cell service for the camera for the first 4 months (\$25 per month). At the February meeting, we can decide if the membership wants to keep it.

No night flying tonight.

Model of the month was won by Kirk Massey.

Terry George won the attendance jackpot.

Kirk Jensen won the name tag award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Dear members

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your secretary in 2017. I took over as secretary in September of 2009. So, this will be my 8th year. Although I don't mind serving I don't want to be a hog. If at any time someone else feels that they want to take a shot at the job. I am willing to give up the office at the next election. In the mean time I look forward to serving.

Thank you

Larry Bonnette



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's November 2016 and we've made our 12th runway payment, only 48 more to go. We have made our Germania insurance premium payment and only have our property taxes left to finish out the year's major expenses, with our treasury still in excellent shape. Thanks to Gary Baumgartner for arranging our meeting room reservation with the City of Conroe for the coming year and making sure we have a familiar place for our club meeting.

The membership owes many thanks to Steve Tinsley and Larry Bonnette for volunteering to comprise the audit committee for FY2016 and for their time and efforts to sample our revenues and expenses to provide an oversight of my handling of the club's Treasury position. The audit was conducted on November 10th and no exceptions were noted during their review. We will present the audit report at our December meeting.

Now that our audit has been performed, I can file our Form 990 with the IRS. The same fiscal year will be reported to the state next May, when we file our Texas Franchise Tax return. I am happy that we are current and in compliance with all of our reporting requirements for the IRS and the state of Texas.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to all those who volunteer their time and skills to maintain our field and keep our expenses to a minimum. The value of their time and skills is what allowed us to pave the runway, improve our entry road surface (Thank you Robert Minieri) and many other things we do with money saved by our hard working membership. When you arrive at a freshly mowed field, ready for you to fly and enjoy, you can thank people like Max Taylor and the members he has checked out on our field equipment. As Treasurer, I really see the saving add up and it has been another great year because of those guys mentioned and many that I haven't mentioned but, are thoroughly appreciated.

While saving money is great, it is also great to have money coming in, to save. Thanks to Kirk Jensen and Keith Jarvis /Max Taylor for acting as Contest Directors for BEST and Big Bird, respectively as they brought in a nice addition to our bank account. Thanks also to those who helped support those events.

Our next meeting will be the last of this calendar year and we won't meet again until next regular monthly meeting in February. Our December meeting is typically one in which we conclude any old business, install the slate of elected officers and adjourn to a Swap Meet and Pot Luck supper. Our president, Kirk Jensen, has volunteered to arrange for the club's main course of Bar-B-Que or other such meat dish as he may acquire for the meeting and others are encouraged to bring their favorite sides. I'll be sending out a meeting notice or two to announce this meeting and invite spouses to attend. If there are updates to the main dish or other information, those email notices will have the latest news.

Most of us have AMA memberships which expire at the year's end, maybe this year's end, some have other dates during the year. Take a look at your card and make sure you get those renewals in early if this yearend, is your expiration date. I like to fly on January 1st, if the weather permits but, if my AMA is expired I'll have a problem. No current AMA means No-fly at our field. So, make sure you check that expiration date and we might see each other at the field on January 1st, weather permitting.



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

December 1st