



# THE PROP WASH

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy Barnstormers.

We have the 14<sup>th</sup> annual B.E.S.T. event at our field in just a couple weeks. October 1,2. Please make time to come out and see the show, participate or lend a hand with a few small chores related to the event. Special thanks go out to all those who have worked already to make this event happen. The field is looking great and reflects the hard work that has gone into it with all the mowing, edging etc. Thanks again to those who helped out.

At the event we want to get as many flyers involved as possible, to fly in the combat and the warbird flight. Last year we had 20+ warbirds in the air at the same time and it was awesome. Come join in!

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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,

August has come and gone and September is half over, it's been hot! As always we still need help with field maintenance. Please get with me or Max about helping out. Max told me that we have two more members checked out on the mowers. Also, Max has informed me that most of the maintenance is done but there are still some items that need attention. For all those that have helped and are helping thank you very much! Please be careful when at the field and be sure to stay hydrated.

BEST will be here before you know it! I'm sure Kirk Jensen still has room for more helpers. BEST is one of the biggest events the club has, so even if you don't have an electric aircraft come out and join the fun!

Hope everyone has a great month. Have safe flights and happy landings!  
Till next month,

Robert Daffin

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

September 1, 2016

Present: 38

Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order by President Kirk Jensen

July meeting minutes were approved unanimously

1 Visitor

Minutes were approved with an exception by Gary Baumgartner about spiders in the frequency pins. August minutes will be amended to remove the spider exception.

Safety officer Gary Baumgartner reminded members that they should "Announce" and "Acknowledge" intentions when flying.

Max reported that he needs help with the work at the field. Max said that if you see that the grass needs mowing then please mow it. Members discussed different methods of mowing enticements. In the end Robert Minieri and Tom Bufkin said they would come up with a plan and share it at the next meeting.

Robert Minieri said that he would fix the entry road for free if the club would buy the materials. Robert said that he needed at least 3 loads of material to do the job. A motion was made to allow the purchase of material to fix the road. This purchase will not exceed \$2000. The motion passed.

Sam Barrett provided the treasurers report. He said that we only have 50 more payments until the runway is paid for. Sam reminded members that dues were due on August 1. Members have until the October meeting to pay their dues and then they will have to pay the initiation fee again if they want to re-join the club.

Gary said that when we host the "BEST" we will have to watch for people that catch aircraft in their hands. He also asked us to watch for FPV pilots who are flying without a spotter. Both of these are violations of AMA rules and are also dangerous.

## Minutes (continued)

Tim Bryan inspected the lighting in the pavilion and suggested that we add at least 4 LED tube lights. The members present agreed and Tim was told he could purchase the lights and the club would reimburse him. Someone suggested that we could reposition the current lights instead of spending money on new lights. Tim will look into that suggestion and will (at his digression) fix or replace.

Steve Tinsley provided the club with a recap of the "Power Line" meeting he attended. It is still uncertain as to which route the lines will take but the club needs to continue to be vigilant.

Don Ramsey told the club that the AMA was thinking about adding a new "Simplified Pattern" competition. He asked if any members would be interested in participating. About 6 people raised their hands. Don will get more information and present it to the club. Max asked if Don would be willing to demonstrate what "Pattern" is and he said he would.

Members were informed that Floyd Littlefield had passed away.

Members were informed that Jack Young had a stroke.

Kirk Massey gave an interesting account on what not to do at an AMA sanctioned flying field.

President Kirk Jensen appointed Tom Bufkin and Steve Sartor to the nominating committee.

The President is looking for members with financial experience to be a part of the treasurers auditing committee. If anyone is interested, please contact Kirk Jensen.

No night flying tonight.

Model of the month was won by Dean Marcott.

Tom Bufkin would have won the attendance jackpot. But he didn't put a dollar in the pot.

Tom Butler won the name tag award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It is already September 2016 and we have made payment number ten on the runway loan; only 50 more to go. The Treasury remains strong and with the dues collection currently underway, we will be essentially default proof on our loan, barring a catastrophic storm, fire or theft. Remember to keep our facilities locked when not in use to protect against theft or misuse of our property.

If you are one of those Barnstormers who want to remain a member but, have forgotten to pay your dues, you have until our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to have mailed in or pay in person at the meeting. After the meeting ends on October 6<sup>th</sup>, non-paying members will be dropped from the member rolls and will have to pay the initiation fee to re-join. Dues

were actually due August 1<sup>st</sup> but our by-laws allow a 60 day grace period before members are dropped for non-payment. So, don't forget to get those dues in if you want to keep your membership costs low.

In sending out paid invoices, I enclose two membership stickers and the gate code for 2017. This gate code will be changed on October 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the BEST event. We never close the gate during BEST so when it closes Sunday after BEST, you will need the new code to re-open it. If you think I forgot to include the gate code or your member stickers, send me an email at [treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com](mailto:treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com) and I will handle these requests as I receive them. If you are at the gate and have forgotten the code, please understand I don't sit by the PC all day and wait for one of these opportunities to assist you. ;-)

Members whose AMA membership expires on December 31, 2016 have just over three months to renew if they want to fly in 2017. No AMA, no fly, no exceptions at our field. If the New Year's Day weather permits, it is fun to be the first or among the first in the year to fly our field. Get those AMA renewals done and be ready.



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

October 6th