



THE PROP WASH

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Keith Jarvis

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello fellow Barnstormers,

As the flying season begins to take hold in full force, we are in pretty good shape. Many Thanks to Buddy Barnett for his hard work and to all those who have been coming out to participate in the maintenance of the facilities. Thanks to all of our mowing crew leaders and the volunteers who help support the effort. The turnout has been great.

There is lots of room for some new faces to get on board and it would be a big relief those who volunteer week after week. Just get in touch with Buddy or myself, or one of the mowing team leaders and come on out. It is only a couple of hours and it has been paying off as the field and facilities are looking great.

I am proud to invite friends from other clubs to come and fly with us and show off our facilities. We still have lots of work ahead of us but we are making a lot of headway. Let's all keep up the good work.

We still have lots of openings on our "appointed positions" roster. Please take a minute and look to see where you could help out.

Thanks to Tom Bufkin, he noticed that there is a problem with our water tank and it could be leaking stagnant water out of the tank into the water supply. In conjunction with a problem with the Water Cooler, we have shut off the water cooler and will be addressing the two issues during the next couple of weeks. We are OK on the supply of water other than we could get a bad taste from the water fountain so we will be without the cooler for a couple of weeks.

Our defib is coming up on renewal of the pads. I will get them replaced before Big Bird so we will be in compliance.

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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.

President (continued)

Speaking of Big Bird, it is here. It will be on the 29th & 30th of April so come on out and join in or come visit the event. If you haven't ever attended one it will be an experience. This one should be another great event for the Tri County Barnstormers. I will be at the field on Thursday the 27th when preparations begin, so if anyone has some spare time and want to lend a hand, feel free to come out. Keep in mind we will be doing maintenance and preparation Thursday and Friday so the field could be shut down periodically on those days.

Lots of flying and events going on in our area. if you have an opportunity, go support one of the other local clubs by attending one of their events. If you haven't ever gone to another club to fly, you should try it. its great fun and you can really meet some great people that share our passion. Congratulations to Buddy Barnett who went to the "Holiday in Dixie" fly in at SHARKS in Shreveport and took Best of Show awards with his awesome new 50% Pitts. It will also be at Big Bird and if you haven't seen it yet, come out and check it out. It is an awesome bird flown by an awesome pilot. Lots of fun events coming up so check out the calendar on the AMA website and check out some of the other clubs. It helps our hobby to support other clubs and helps encourage them to come and support ours.

Don't forget to keep our local hobby shops in mind for your needs. They need our support as the economy has not yet rebounded to their favor. We do want to keep them around !

Keep the pressure on our state reps as the deadline for the final rulings draws closer. We want to keep our voice heard and our representatives are our best source.

We have approved the funds to build the permanent tables and will have our proposed set up at the May meeting so come out and see what's going on at the club. We will try and start work on this project in May so sharpen your saws and get ready.

We have been spreading sand on the runway to fill some of the holes and rough spots and have fertilized and planted seed and it is really looking good. We will continue to spread sand until we get the runway really smoothed out but it is all coming together really well.

Again, the "wish list" of things to do is still pretty long but we got plenty of time.

Come out and enjoy our beautiful facilities and have some fun flying. Be safe and have a blessed month.

Till next time

**Buddy Barnett**

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Welcome to April Barnstormers. This year is moving right along. Flying season is in full swing now and in my opinion the best part of the year. The temps are not too hot and not so cold your hands are shaking too much to fly. Along with all the flying comes event season as well. Our 33rd Big Bird will be in a few short weeks and lots of other clubs in the area are having events. Hunter and I attended our first event of the season at SHARKS in Shreveport Louisiana on the 7th and 8th. It was a good event and a lot of fun to attend. If you have never been to another clubs event check one out sometime. It's always fun to meet new friends and enjoy flying at a new field. We all have to support each other. If we don't travel to their events there is not much reason for them to come to ours.

There is a few more items that need some attention at our field to get it ready for Big Bird. Saturday April 22 will be a workday to get the field ready. Starting work at 08:00 with pressure washing, lining all the pipes back up in the parking lot and painting them back to yellow. We also need to clean the impound and club house. Everyone come out and lets knock it all out so we can get back to flying.

If you did not attend the April meeting the funds to build new tables was approved. Ed Newsome is heading a committee to come up with final design to be voted on at the May meeting. There was also a bit of talk of doing away with the radio impound as it is an out dated area. I am all for removing the impound and giving us that room back to use for everyday flying. Myself and Tom Bufkin are still working on getting quotes together for putting siding on the club house. I have obtained a few estimates in the area of 5,500 to do the job for us. I feel this is a little to expensive when all the materials cost less than 2,000 dollars. If you have any suggestions or ideas come to the May meeting and bring them up.

Thanks to all the mowing team leaders and members that have come out to mow with them. The field looks better every time I go out there. This great effort is really making the field look great. Nothing beats showing up to fly at well groomed field.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

April 6 2017
Start: 7:30
Present: 24

Meeting called to order by President Keith Jarvis

March minutes approved unanimously

The "Club class" pattern event was held on March 3. Six members were present. The group held a briefing but when it was time to fly it began to rain. Members would like to re-schedule the event for some time in May.

Vice President Buddy Barnett reported that the filed looks good and that the grass is growing. He asked that members please volunteer to help out with the mowing and field maintenance. Buddy also told members that he has been spreading sand on the grass runway to take care of the low spots. The VP told members that there will be a work day on April 22 starting at 8:00 at the field. Buddy asked if anyone uses the desks in the club house. If not, we should get rid of them. Someone asked if we could install cabinets in the club house to add more storage space for things that are on the desks.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the club finances are in good shape.

During the March meeting, members voted to spend \$1500 on new tables in the pavilion. Keith asked the club to vote a final time. But before the vote was called Keith asked members what they thought about removing the "Impound" area. He went on to say that the impound is very seldom used and that removing it would free up space for more tables. There was quite a bit of discussion on the subject. Nothing was settled. Keith asked for a motion to spend the \$1500 on the tables the motion was seconded and the membership voted unanimously to ok the spending. In the meantime, a committee headed by Ed Newsom will look into the exact configuration of the tables and the potential removal of the "Impound" area.

Keith asked members to volunteer for committees. We still need grievance committee members, Safety officers, and a community relations director.

Keith reminded members that it is everyone's duty to help out the club by volunteering. He suggested a tier program where "volunteering" earns member's points. These points can be used to decrease the amount of a "field maintenance" fee (of say \$75 per year) that would be levied against all members. Members who refuse to volunteer (or pay the fee) would be denied membership the following year.

Minutes (continued)

Big Bird is coming up (April 29 and 30) We need volunteers.

Buddy told members that steel siding for the club house can be installed professionally for around \$6000 (including materials) He will get more estimates.

BEST will be October 7 and 8

Keith would like to set the date for the "Fun Fly" (or Fly-In) and swap meet by the next meeting.

d Newsom volunteered to be one of the safety officers. Kris Jeffcoat volunteered to be the head Safety officer.

Gene Dobesh won the model of the month.

Don Hirt won the nametag award.

Bruce Bordman would have won the attendance Jackpot but he was not at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:55



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We have made our 17th runway payment; only 43 more to go. Lucky for us our treasury is still in good shape as we head into the home stretch of the membership year. The current membership year ends on July 31st. That will be here before we know it.

Another one of our membership expirations is upon us for many new members. Most AMA memberships used to expire at December 31st but, now we have members with expiring AMA coverage, every month. I will try to help with a reminder email but, take time to look at you AMA card and check that expiration date. Don't be caught flying without AMA and hope you don't discover yours is expired after an accident, when it would be an important coverage to save you from possible financial ruin.

Big Bird is coming up this month and we have another opportunity to earn a little special event income for the club. Attend as a pilot or volunteer to assist with the event and help with field preparations. We really have a lot of fun when we have a big crowd at the field and we need to thank our members who take time to make each event a success. If you want to help, contact Keith Jarvis and I am sure he will be able to put you to work on the event.

Keep an eye out for safety and if you see a dangerous or unsafe condition or activity bring it to the attention of our Safety Officer or any of the club officers. Our field rules and of course the AMA rules posted at the field should be observed by all of our members and visitors. If you need to use a fire extinguisher, please let the Safety Officer know so we can get it recharged and ready for its next use. Also, make note of the location of a safety first aid kit and defibrillator located in the well house or impound area. If you use any of these items let the Safety Officer know so we can get replacement supplies. Fly safe and you'll have fun most every time.



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

May 4th