



# THE PROP WASH

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- **Secretary** - Larry Bonnette
- **Treasurer** - Sam Barrett
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**Keith Jarvis**

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Fellow Barnstormers,

I really don't have just a whole lot to report on this month, so I'll make it short and sweet. We are hopefully getting closer to a little cooler weather in the near future. It has been pretty hot and the humidity has been even worse. The heat has slowed our progression down on some of the agenda we have been set out to accomplish but we are still in motion to get it done as soon as we get a little break from the heat. The field is looking really good from week to week and many thanks to several of our dedicated members for their efforts in putting forth the effort to keep it that way. The many hours of hard work you have contributed, especially in the heat is really appreciated. I know

too that we all would appreciate even more new faces to come out and spell off some of these guys putting in a lot of time in the heat. Please keep in mind guys, that it is all of our responsibility to contribute to the club in the maintaining of our facilities. Having said that too, we are not expecting those who are not able but there is plenty of us who are capable and it would really make it easier on those of us who continue to carry that load, so guys, if you can, please get on board and lend a hand.

I do want to say Thank You to our board members, Buddy, Sam and Larry. They do a lot of work for the club that is not on the forefront and don't get a lot of recognition for it but I do want to recognize them and say thanks for all your efforts and work you do.

Thanks to Gary Baumgartner, the club was able to make \$500.00 from the 1/3 scale Spacewalker that he donated to the club to be auctioned off. Thank You Mark Whitley for winning that auction, we greatly appreciate it.

We had a "National Model Aviation Day" event that we teamed up with Jetero RC Club on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Very nice facility. Turned out to be an absolutely gorgeous, sunny and hot day of flying with very minimal winds. Lots of nice planes and good company. We did have a few mishaps on the TCB side of the pits though, but all in all, we had a nice day and were able to raise a little money for the "Wounded Warrior Project" too. I want to say "Thanks" to Kirk Massey and New Creations RC for the help on the raffle prize too. Once again, one of our local hobby shops helping us out.

A couple of things I want to mention to remind everyone for some discussion at our next meeting. We want to discuss some rules and regulations that will apply to drones and the addition of a float plane pond.

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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)

A couple of things I do want to mention:

Dues are due, don't forget to get your payments in if you haven't already done so.

Let's remember to be sure to lock up the entire facility before we all get out of there and please remember if you are the last one, check everything to make sure everything is all locked up and the combination is not showing.

Don't forget too, your AMA membership. They are no longer all due at the end of the year so check them every once in a while to make sure you are current.

We have our B.E.S.T. event coming up in a couple of months, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> so mark it on your calendars. We can always use volunteers to help, if you can lend a hand for the event, please get in touch with Kirk Jensen.

We also have our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Dixie Storm" event. It will be our version of a fall Big Bird coming up on November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and will be here before you know it so pencil it in on your calendar.

I have a tree guy coming out to look at the leaning tree at the entrance. It has become a serious point of interest to get taken care of as it is leaning really bad.

As always.....don't forget our local hobby shops. Please support them as much as possible, they always support us !!!

Last but not least, don't forget to contact our Senators, Congressmen and state reps to voice your opinion on the new legislature that will be hitting the Senate. It is very important that our voice be heard.

Until next month.....Be safe, enjoy our fine facilities and get some stick time in !!!

Hope everyone has a Blessed month! !

**Buddy Barnett**

## Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Welcome to August Barnstormers. I don't know about y'all but this year is flying by. Before we know it will be cooling off again. Be sure to drink plenty of water if your out at the field for a day of flying.

We just got finished attending our joint event with Jetero. While it was way to hot and humid we still all had fun. We had an ok turnout from our membership. I believe we could have had a few more out there but it was extremely hot. Keep in mind there are events happening every weekend. If we expect other club members to come to ours then we need to show our support and visit theirs. If you have never been to an event out of town they are a blast but you will never know if you don't go.

On field maintenance, thanks to all you guys coming out in the heat and helping keep the field mowed. It is all our responsibility to keep the field maintained. If you haven't found time to come out yet this year we are looking forward to seeing you out there. Keep in mind while mowing to take care of the equipment. Any repairs that have to be done take away from other stuff the club could be spending money on. The club owns all the equipment and should be treated like you treat yours.

Also keep safety in mind guys. These planes, helicopters, or what ever you fly have dangers associated with them. Make sure everyone around is aware and in a safe place when your going to start a motor. Also a good idea to range check your models before you fly them for the day. It never hurts to have a good preflight inspection prior to taking off. I personally found the engine loose on one of my planes doing just that. Who knows what would have happened had I had flown it. I have also found burned out servos and other loose stuff over the years. We haul these planes around, bang them into stuff, and sometimes stuff just breaks for no reason. So, never assume it's all good because it was last time. Don't become complacent and get hurt. Enjoying this hobby.

Till next month guys take care and be safe.

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



**Larry Bonnette**

August 3 2017

Present: 41

Start: 7:29

President Keith Jarvis called the meeting to order.

The July minutes were unanimously approved

Keith told members that the club hosted another Scout event at the field. All went very well and the boys had a good time. Keith thanked Kirk Jensen for providing trainers for the event.

Vice President Buddy Barnett reported that the field was in good shape and that it was very hot. However, because of the recent rains the grass was still growing and the club still needs volunteers to come out and mow. Members are asked to please help. Buddy also told us that the hay would be cut in the next week or so.

Keith thanked members who have been helping with the field maintenance but noted that the faces always seemed to be the same ones. He asked that members who have not helped in the past please make an effort to help now.

The club Treasurer reported that he was wore out from collecting dues. But that means that the treasury was in good condition.

The Safety Officer reported that there was nothing to report. He said that he was replacing items in the first aid kit.

New members, Marvin Doyal, Steven Hollied, Martin Langley, and Josh Nielson were voted into the club with a unanimous vote. Welcome !!

Larry reported that the field weather station had a bad sensor in it that was reporting the wrong humidity. He replaced it but the new sensor died after about 12 hours. Larry ordered a new sensor and it should be fixed again before the next meeting.

A member reported that there is a large oak tree leaning towards the road and that the club should consider cutting it down. Keith said he would look into it.

Kirk Jensen told members that the BEST event was on track for October. He said that he is having problems getting donations from sponsors.

Keith told us that the club is involved in the "National Model Aviation" event along with the Jetero club. The event will take place at the Jetero club field on August 12. A number of clubs are participating with proceeds from the \$20 landing fee going to Wounded Warriors. Club members are asked to support them.

## Minutes (continued)

Keith asked members to consider adding a 200 X 50-foot water runway (he provided a field map with the proposed locations). Many questions were asked and answered. There was also a discussion on a "Drone FPV course" The club currently has one located near an Oak tree on the property.

Keith reminded members that Congress was preparing a bill that could affect our hobby. He asked members to be pro-active and contact their congressmen and let them know how they feel about any aspects of the bill that may intrude on our hobby. Keith will provide Larry with a web link with a form letter and addresses.

Gary Baumgartner donated a large "Space Walker" aircraft with a 2-cylinder 4 stroke engine. Keith acted as "auctioneer" and auctioned off the aircraft for \$500 to Mark Whitley. The proceeds went to the club.

Gary reminded members to donate old magazines that he re-distributes to interested organizations.

Model of the month was won by Brandon Phillips

The Attendance jackpot would have been won by Justin Keyser (that's right...He also won it in June) but he was not at the meeting either time.

The Name tag award went to David McMartin

Meeting Adjourned 8:55



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It is August already and we have made our 21<sup>st</sup> payment on the runway loan and only 39 more to go. Still going strong in the financial position of the club and the membership remains healthy as well. Only the first week of August and we have over a hundred members paid up for FY2018. I think our members are really getting a great deal for their membership and the field is in great shape to handle Sunday fliers or host a special event. We have every reason to be proud of our club and our field is the best evidence of that. Thanks to all that respond to the field mowing and work crew requests to keep our field in top condition for our hobby.

While being proud, we also need to be attentive when we lock up the field before leaving. If you are the last vehicle on the property, please check the clubhouse and its restrooms and the mower shed to ensure they are securely locked. If you arrive at the field and find it un-locked but nobody at the field, please check to be sure we have not had a break-in. Report all un-locked doors and gates to a club officer so we can respond to a break-in or we can post reminders that the club belongs to its members and we should treat it as if we had paid for the forty acres and improvements ourselves, because members have, since the 1980's. We members have a very valuable asset in our field and equipment and need to take every reasonable effort to ensure it is there for us to use. One of those reasonable efforts is to spin the lock dials after opening the gate or clubhouse to ensure our combo is not left showing on the lock; please do it.

Our field is an AMA Chartered field. This means that all flying members need to have a current AMA membership prior to flying at our field. I send out reminders when we have AMA memberships expiring during the year because it is so easy to forget those dates. Every month now we have members who have expiration dates that will end their flying privileges, if not timely renewed. This is a terrible time of year to have your AMA expire and miss prime flying days. Check those AMA cards now and make a note of when your annual membership expires. Also, check the AMA and Field flying rules at the field every so often to make sure you are flying safe and playing by the same rules as the rest of our members.

We received many member's dues at the August meeting and I will also be accepting dues at the September and October meetings. Members who have not paid dues for 2018 by the end of the October meeting will be dropped from the club and may have to re-join as new member and pay the initiation fee again as required by our by-laws. So, please get those dues in as early as possible to avoid last minute events which might cost you another initiation fee.

After you've paid your dues, pat yourself on the back for the smartest move in the Tri-County area; being an RC pilot with a membership at the area's best club!



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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

September 7th