



THE PROP WASH

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Fellow Barnstormers,

We have finally got under way with the 2017 season at TCB. I got through my first meeting as President at the February meeting with only minor flaws and thanks to all for your patience with me. One thing I did learn from the meeting was not to drag your feet as you will surely run short of time if you do. We were able to get a lot of the agenda for the year out on the table during the meeting but again, we did run short on time and we will try and get to the agenda again in the March meeting. We were able to get rid of all of the donated material at the meeting, hopefully some of us will be able to use it for projects for the upcoming season. We added another member to the club, join me in

welcoming him aboard. One thing we were not able to get to due to time at the meeting, was we will be implementing a tech/info session at our meetings this year. The program is being hosted by Steve Sartor and he has some openings for some of the upcoming meetings. Get with Steve and grab you a spot to provide some "tech info" at one of upcoming meetings. These will provide us with some interesting and educational topics and tips. Our first session will be provided by Kirk Massey and the topic will be _____ you'll have to come to the meeting to find out. It will be very informative.

We were able to get started with some of our projects to maintain/update the field and facilities by scheduling a few work days and the first was February 11th. Many thanks to Buddy Barnett for organizing and scheduling the work. We were able to get all of the barrier fences rewired and leveled. All that is left is the pilot stations and Gary Baumgartner has volunteered to take care of them. We were able to get rid of the old frequency eye sore that was rotted away pretty bad and we have added a smaller frequency board at the impound area under cover. We also repaired the fence at the entry way. The shed, clubhouse and the covered area behind the shed is also coming around. I want to give a huge Shout Out and Thank You to all who participated in the work day on the 11th, and Thanks to those who have participated in the cleaning of the shed and clubhouse. It has enabled us to complete all that we were planning to get done and then some up to this point. We have recruited a gentleman to take care of the hay and maintain the hay field and fence line and we will furnish him with our agreement in writing. Again, thanks to our VP for scheduling and organizing the work day. It is looking good in the neighborhood fellas !!

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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)

Buddy has been working very hard scheduling some work days as well as a mowing schedule and trying to establish mowing crews to maintain our facilities and keep them in good shape . Let's all help him out by getting with him as soon as we can and get on the schedule so he can get the schedule completed. I don't know how many of us have had an opportunity to visit other clubs in our area, but those who have can tell you we have one of, if not the finest facility around. It does take a lot of effort from each one of us contributing to maintain that stature of our facility and continue to keep it on top. We are off to a great start in 2017 and again thanks to all who came out on our first work day and participated through the first month and a half and "got r dun".

Keep in mind, we still have vacancies in our appointed positions so if you are interested or know someone who might fit the bill, let me know. We are getting closer to Big Bird and still need some volunteers for that event and keep in mind our very first Annual War Bird Event coming up on June 24th.

One other thing I would like to mention is, don't forget to keep the pressure on our state and federal representatives. The final rulings on what will govern our hobby is do this year. We need to make sure they are aware of our position and make them aware of how the decisions that they make will affect us and our hobby.

I could go on, but again, I think I have run out of time (lol). Hope everyone can come out and enjoy our beautiful facility and enjoy some good flying, hopefully we will have some good flying weather. Be sure to check out the work that has been done so far and if anyone has any ideas or sees something that needs to be done, please give me a call or shoot me an email.

Be safe and enjoy, have a blessed month. See yawl at the March meeting !!

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)



Buddy Barnett

Welcome to 2017 fellow Barnstormer members. This winter has been a crazy one with one day in the twenties and the next back in the 80's. Hopefully all of you are getting planes ready for spring time and good flying weather. I am personally looking forward to spring when grass turns green and these cold fronts stop coming through.

I have plans this year to do quite a bit of maintenance around the field. Some of this will be started on the 11th of this month with our scheduled work day. I believe it's going to take a few more work days throughout the year to get everything back in tip top shape. I am currently working on getting estimates together to add metal siding to the club house instead of re-painting the old siding that is in bad shape. This should be done by our March Meeting so we can vote on it and try to get it done before our Big Bird Event. Some of the other plans are a little less involved and include replacing barrier post on north side of club house, realigning and installing new stops on the pipes in the parking area, removing the old hay bales around the field, removing the fallen tree on the north fence line, installing some more lighting in the pits and a few more things. Also, Max, Sam, and myself have been cleaning out the garage and club house. Anything you see on the picnic tables or around them is free for the taking. These items will be removed before the March Meeting and hauled to dump if no one wants them. We would also like to sell the big red fertilizer spreader for the tractor if you know anyone who might be interested in it have them contact me or one of the other officers. Special thanks to Max Taylor and Sam Barrett for helping me get the garage in usable condition again.

With the growing season getting nearer watch your emails for scheduled mowing days. I plan to have Sam send out emails each week with a time and day the team leader for that week wants to mow. This approach will hopefully make it a little easier to know when field maintenance is being performed. There will be no set mowing teams just team leaders as I feel everyone in the club should take their turn mowing. The team leader for each week will be there to lead and guide members to get it all mowed. With this there is no reason for you to need to be checked out before you arrive. If you can help just show up at the scheduled time someone will be there to show you the way and get you mowing. If you have been checked out on the mowers and know the combinations don't hesitate to mow if it looks like it needs it during the week. Most our scheduled mowing days will be either Friday or Saturday. Remember while the field is being mowed it is closed for flying until the mowers get done with everything east of the barrier fence.

As far as the hay cutting goes we are currently looking for someone to cut it this year. Robert Daffin has said he will mow it down for us one more time this year. He has declined to continue cutting the hay as it is too much work for just himself. Along with his other family obligations he just doesn't have the time to do it properly. I want to personally thank him for his service. It is a lot of work to cut hay and something I personally would not enjoy doing. There is couple people that are interested in looking at the field and possibly cutting the hay for us. If anyone knows someone who is in the hay business and would like to look at the field give them my phone number and I will see they get a chance to look at it.

On a better note, we have 2 events already sanctioned this year. Keith Jarvis will be running our 33rd big bird this year. I will be heading up our 1st annual warbird event. This year I will be learning as I go. This is the first event I have tried to coordinate on my own. Hopefully Max and Keith don't get to tired of me asking them questions. I would Like to thank both of them for all the help I have already received and I know I will need much more before it's over.

Until next month's edition may the winds be light and airplane gods smile on us. Y'all be safe and keep the wheels on the bottom for landings.

Buddy Barnett

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

February 2 2017

Present: 24

Start: 7:33

Meeting called to order by president Keith Jarvis

December minutes accepted unanimously

The club class pattern event that was rained out in December has been re-scheduled to March 4 2017 at 10:00 AM. There will be a pilots meeting followed by a judging seminar. Then flying will begin. Any type of winged aircraft with wheels can be used.

New member Corey Blazrine was unanimously voted into the club. Welcome Corey !

Someone asked about the cub scouts rocket event. Someone said that they showed up at the field but no one was there. However, Robert Daffin's wife was somehow contacted and they were let onto the property to complete their event.

Someone asked. Anyone know what is going on with the power lines? No one knows. But the consensus is that if we are affected by it we will be notified.

Buddy Barnett reported on the condition of the field. He said nothing is growing so nothing needs to be mowed. At some point in the near future, we will need to apply fertilizer.

Buddy would like to have a work day on February 11. Anyone wishing to help please show up on February 11 at around 7 am. Buddy is also looking for 4 guys to head up 4 mowing teams.

Buddy mentioned painting and or replacing the siding on the club house. He got pricing for new material for the siding but it may be too expensive. Buddy will double check on the prices.

Buddy and Max have been cleaning the shed. Anything that the club will be getting rid of has been moved to the deck area. If members want this stuff, please help yourself to it. If you want to give a donation for it, please do. Any item left on the deck in two weeks will be hauled off to the dump.

Treasurer, Sam Barrett reported on the treasury. He told members that the treasury is in good shape. He told members what the current balance was.

Larry Bonnette made a motion to have the club pay \$25 per month for internet access used to provide members with a camera at the field. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Larry will provide the treasurer with the information needed to pay the bill.

Larry explained the new weather station that will be installed at the field in the near future. This inspired many questions and suggestions. Larry will provide more detail at the next meeting.

Minutes (continued)

Keith reminded members about the FPV club that visited our meeting in December. During that meeting the club was told about a potential flying field that may be constructed in Conroe. Keith attended the meeting in Conroe and reported that the plan is to convert an existing soccer field to something that can be used by FPV pilots and maybe park flyers. The location will be at the Carl Barton jr park in Conroe.

Keith went over the list of duties posted on the website. Keith will provide Larry with a corrected list so he can post it on the website.

Keith told members that there will be three events this year.

Big Bird April 29 and 30

BEST (Date to be determined).

War Bird June 24

and maybe a fun fly/swap meet of some type.

There will be night flying tonight.

Steve Tinsley won the model of the month

Gene Edwards would have won the attendance jackpot but he was not there.

Steve Tinsley won the name tag award.

An airplane was auctioned off for \$40 and a Fox 78 engine was auctioned off for \$30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57

The weather button on our website now indicates information coming from our new weather station that is located on the east side of the pavilion near the impound area. Also the weather at the bottom of the web cam page also uses the weather data from the new weather station.

I have written a technical paper the weather station and it is located in the "Articles" button on the website.



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We have made our 15th payment on the runway; only 45 more to go. The treasury is in good shape as we approach the warmer weather and the field maintenance picks up, to cover all our normal maintenance expenses.

This is the time of year we spend the most on parts, fuel and supplies at the field. The utilities get used more and members should be careful to shut off all lights and equipment, such as air conditioners and charging supplies when leaving the field. If you are the last person leaving the field, please be sure to take care to shut down and lock up. Also, if you are the first to arrive, please spin the lock dials after opening the lock

so that the combination is not displayed all day to unauthorized persons. We usually only have to change the combination once a year, unless we have a theft or known breach of our facilities by someone who is not supposed to have our combination. Please be alert to keep us safe.

We currently have over a dozen members whose AMA is expired as of February 10th. Check your AMA status and make sure you don't fly until you get a current AMA membership. Flying without AMA is like driving without liability and can get you and anyone you may injure in a flying accident in dire financial trouble. Many members now have expiration dates other than year end, so it's easy to forget. Check that card if you are not sure and always place it on the pin board while flying. Flying weather is getting very good, so don't be grounded for not having valid AMA. Fly safe and fly AMA covered.



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

March 2nd