



# THE PROP WASH

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers,

Well, the weather is very hot, but we have had some fairly good flying weather. Hope everyone has had an opportunity to get out and do some flying. The facilities are looking great and we now can scratch another item from our "to do list" as the siding on the clubhouse is now finished. The metal siding is on and it really looks good. As soon as we get a day of relief from the hot and humid weather, we will get a coat of paint on the doors and the overhang that will put the final touches on it. The field is looking good too. I want to again say a very

special thanks to Ken Bill and Max Taylor for the many hours they put in to bush hogging the entire facility. It really looks great. I also want to say thank you to all those who continue to participate in the weekly maintenance of the field. The facilities really do continue to look great week after week and it is because of the dedication of many of our members. There is plenty of room for some new faces and it would really be helpful now in the hot months. Remember that its everyone's responsibility to help out and the more there is the easier it is on us all, especially in the hottest time of the year so get on board and get with a team leader to help out. We greatly appreciate all that do get involved.

We received many compliments on the Warbird event and received a lot of praise on the facility and the job that the club did putting on the event. A big Thanks and congratulations to Buddy Barnett for the job he did on organizing the event which was also his first event as a CD. He did an excellent job and my hats off to him. If you didn't get to come, we had a great bunch of planes and pilots come out for what turned out to be a totally dry day of flying. Thanks to all the pilots that participated and a special thanks to the Texas Thunder. They are a bunch of great guys with a ton of class and we enjoyed having them come out for our event.

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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 events, there are several clubs in the Houston area that are joining forces for a fly in to celebrate "NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY". The event has been sanctioned at "The Jetero RC club" on August 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be an open fly, "fly what you bring" event and will be in support of a good cause. All proceeds will go to THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT so come on out and lets support those who have fought and continue to fight to keep our country free. It is our opportunity as a brotherhood of modelers to show our support for our area. we will have a flyer out an up on the web and Facebook page very soon. If you haven't ever got to go fly at an event at another club, this would be a good opportunity to do so. Besides getting to enjoy some great flying, there are a lot of cool people in our hobby all over and this is also a great opportunity to meet some new friends that share our passion. If you have any questions or need any info, feel free to get in touch with me.

We have also got our sanction for a fall event, "THE DIXIE STORM" "3D AND BIG BIRD GATHERING". It will be our version of a "fall Big Bird". It is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. put it on your schedule and come on out and enjoy an awesome weekend of flying and fellowship.

I want to again say Thanks to Rob for his contribution to the kids at the scouts and a Big Thank You for the basket of goodies they presented to the club for the day at the field. It was definitely enjoyed by all who attended and it too was for a good cause. We have also got another troop scheduled for the 22nd of July at 4:00 PM. So, if you have a little time you can share, we can use all the help we can get. We also need some instructors with trainers too if available. I think electrics would be better, so if you have one, bring it out and help us out. Rob will be doing a tech session with the group and then we will give them all a little time on the sticks. This too is for a really good cause. Helping the youth in our area is a great way to better our society and it also gives our club and hobby the exposure of a great way to let the kids spend their free time.

I want to remind everyone too that we need to be proactive in making sure that we lock up the facilities when we leave. Even if you are not the last person out, it doesn't hurt to lock up for whoever may be last to assure we have secured the facility before we leave. We have had several recent incidents where the buildings have been left unlocked as well as the gate. Lets all work together to make sure we protect all of our investment in our flying field. We also do want to keep safety in mind when we are at the field using our equipment. It is very easy for all of us to become complacent and not always give enough attention to our safety and wellbeing. Please keep safety in mind while operating the equipment to assure we go home in the same shape we arrive. Also, keep in mind the condition of our equipment. Let's continue to take care of and maintain our equipment. If you see something is damaged or needs attention, please bring it to my or Buddy's attention so we can address it and get it corrected if need be.

In closing, I just want to ask that we keep Steve Sartor and his wife in our prayers as she has been in the hospital and we want to wish her a quick recovery and wish her and Steve the best.

Until next month.....be safe, enjoy some good flying, some really nice facilities and hope you all have a blessed month.



Buddy Barnett

## Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Welcome to July. This year is flying by almost as fast as Jimmy's Habu. With summer time here to stay be mindful of the heat while at the field. Dehydration and overheating will both sneak up on you while you're having fun.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> annual warbird has come and gone. What a great event it was. We had 36 registered pilots who braved through the flooding rain all around the field. Although it was raining everywhere else we didn't have any at the field. Fun was had by all who attended. We also received many compliments on our facilities. There were only 2 complaints made to me during the event. Our landing fee was too cheap and it should be a Friday and Saturday event. I believe for our first warbird it couldn't have gotten any better. I have already started planning our second warbird for next year. I would like to thank all the guys who helped get the field ready and volunteered during the event.

On field maintenance, I have noticed a lot of the same faces every week. While these guys are doing a good job mowing and taking care of the facilities, it is every members responsibility to help. This time of year it more important than any other to help. It is really hot and easy to get burned out mowing our field every week. With 176 members, we should easily be able to get different guys out at the field every week. If you haven't been out to help maybe now is your time. We have 3 mowers and 3 weed-eaters. If you get all the equipment going it only takes a couple hours to knock it out. With it being hot it never hurts to relieve someone on one of the mowers or weed-eaters if we get more people then equipment. So, everyone come out and let's keep our field the best in the area.

On another note for field maintenance. Many of you know Steve Sartor's wife is having a couple major surgeries in the near future. He has asked to be relieved from leading a mowing crew as he may not be able get away very much. I am looking for someone to replace him on our schedule until then. I will personally take his spots along with mine until we find someone willing to volunteer.

If you haven't been to the field in the last few weeks the clubhouse siding is complete. While we still need to paint the patio cover and doors it looks 100 times better. With the metal siding, it will virtually now be maintenance free for years to come. When the temps start cooling off we will address the painting the doors and patio along with a few other projects that need attention. While it is hot outside I plan to start cleaning out the clubhouse and getting it ready to repaint and reorganize inside. If you have anything that belongs to you personally in the club house you might want to get it out or label it as yours so it doesn't get trashed by mistake. In the next couple months, I will go through the stuff in there and see what is important and what can be gotten rid of.

Until next month everyone stay cool and be safe while out having fun enjoying summer time.

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)

## July Meeting Minutes

(Larry Bonnette, the Tri County Barnstormers Secretary, is on vacation. Having fun I'd bet. This month's minutes were written by R. S. "Steve" Tinsley. So it's not Larry's fault. Whatever "It" may be.)

President Keith Jarvis called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.m. July 6, 2017.



Larry Bonnette

For those who don't know, Keith's the middle guy in the white shirt. If you came to the meetings you'd know this. If you aren't, you know who you are.

To his left is V.P Buddy Barnett and to his right is Treasurer Sam Barrett.



Other members (one who preferred to be incognito, Kirk), guests and folks were there too. If you weren't, and you know who you are, we hope to see you in August.

The previous month's minutes were approved in a unanimous Vote. Larry did good!

### Old Business

Buddy was first up with a report on the Warbird Meet: 36 registered pilots flew, socialized and had fun. The rain stayed away even though there was some in most other parts of the area. The finances were

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not yet calculated but it's thought the club did well considering the conditions. Our wonderful flying facility garnered many compliments from nearly everybody there. To those who worked on making this happen, "EXCELLENT WORK y'all!!!!" Special thanks to Max Taylor and Ken Bill for haying and brushhogging the ENTIRE field!! To those who were there enjoying the day, "Hope you enjoyed it and next time bring your friends." To those who weren't there, and you know who you are, "See you next time."

I was at the meet. It was a good day for a lot of guys and a bad one for a particular Bearcat pilot.

The clubhouse metal siding, ramrodded by Tim Bufkin, has been done. If you haven't been out to the field, and you know who you are, to see it, fly and enjoy then what are you waiting for?

Buddy's field report commented on the rapid growing of the field flora and the help needed to keep it cut, trimmed and generally manicured. It's hot! The more folks who show up the less time it takes. To those who lend their hands many thanks. To those who haven't yet, and you know who you are, come on out and join in. Some of those mowers are pretty quick and go-kart fun to operate. Hanging the tail out on damp grass is fun!

Max Taylor reminded us that all that fun can have its dangers. So be sure to strap in and be extra sure the roll structure is up and locked. Then give it the gas and cut stuff!

If you are tractor qualified remember the CG is pretty high. Upsetting the tractor under certain conditions can happen fast. So **THINK** about what you're doing and be safe out there!! Max, or someone else, is usually available to advise on the best, safest, methods to use. These guys know so listen, learn and go home like you got here.

Scoutmaster Rob Deceseri and the troop of Cub Scouts were very grateful for their time at the field. Despite the carnage of three trainers crashing (mine was one of them although I'd swear that tree reached up and grabbed it) the fun of having the scouts there was an absolute delight.



Showing their gratitude, the Scouts presented the club with a goodie basket and some "Adult" beverages. I have it on good authority no fake ID's were involved.

### New business

Keith has had an inquiry from a Cub Scout Den Mother to hold a similar gathering although no details have been set.

If you weren't at the Cub Scout day, and you know who you are, come out for the next one. I'm sure our Pres will keep us informed.

Paul Johnson, who lives in Imperial Oaks was visiting. He's considering joining and was doing recon on our club. That's okay Paul, we were reconning you too. Nice guy.

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Three new members were voted in:

Scott Walters has been enjoying the hobby for 5 to 6 years.

Jerry Laird of Montgomery is a past B-52 pilot and general BUFF enthusiast who's new on our kind of sticks. Our kind of guy.

Anthony Evans has been doing this stuff for about 10 years after being inactive for a decade or two.

When you see these guys, and maybe their families, at the field say "Howdy". Or some other form of greeting. Whatever you're comfortable with. Just don't get too P.C

National Model Aviation Day will be held as a joint event at the Jetero Club, <http://www.jetero.com/>, field on August 12. A number of clubs are participating with proceeds from the \$20 landing fee going to **Wounded Warriors**. Come out and support these guys. If you aren't there, and we'll know who you are, we'll miss you. And you may never know who we talked about. Or what we said.

Kirk Jensen said the BEST meet is sanctioned for October 7 and 8. Plenty of time to get ready to be there. Remember, if you aren't there we'll know who you are.

Keith Jarvis, president and CD extraordinaire, has sanctioned "Dixie Storm", the fall Big Bird, for November 11. Be there or, well, you know.

The water fountain has a water leak in the refrigeration coil area. Previous coolers have had this problem. The solution then, and now, is to plumb into the fountain near the valve as refrigeration isn't needed with cool, filtered, well water.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported we will double the treasury IF everybody reups for next year. Paying off the runway balance of about \$20,000 won't be feasible but paying down the note is a possibility. Membership renewals will be mailed out the week of July 10. If you don't renew we WILL know who you are.

### Tech Session

There wasn't a tech session this month. Modelers are always looking for better ways to do stuff. If you have one, or several, contact me, Steve Tinsley, at 936-828-2618 or [twotins@consolidated.net](mailto:twotins@consolidated.net). We'll get you up front so you can amaze the members.

# Minutes (continued)

## Model of the Month



Kirk Massey, surprisingly not incognito anymore, showed Horizon Hobby's new XVERT VTOL twin electric tail sitter. The stability in hover has to be seen to be believed. Reported to cost about \$149

Gary Baumgartner, this month's winner, showed his Bruce Tharp Flyin' King. Electrically powered using a 6 cell 5000mah lipo with an 81" span. The Flyin' King weighs about 10 pounds. It was patriotically covered in red, white and blue complete with many stars. (Sorry for the lack of a picture Gary)



In an upcoming meeting Gary will be supplying a 1/3 scale Spacewalker to be auctioned. It has a twin cylinder 4 stroke for power and is quite HUGE-ISH!! So save your dollars and support the club. If you aren't at that meeting you can't win it! (unless you make other arrangements)

The Name Tag drawing was won by Dean Marcott. He got a gift certificate supplied by New Creations RC.

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The Attendance Jackpot would have been won by Brandy Dougherty. But Brandy wasn't present so the cash rolled over to next meeting. If you aren't here you can't win. And we know who you are. The fix for that is: BE HERE! And enter.

New member Jerry Laird won 2 New Creations RC gift certificates as did Mark Whitney. Keith Lucas won one as did perennial winner Richard McCants. If you aren't here, and you know who you are (but you don't know what's being said about you or if anybody cares enough to say anything), you can't win. You know how to fix that don't you?

Keith informed us the Feds in the Senate are formulating a bill to re-institute registration and require modelers to take an online test to be in or continue in the hobby. Check the Flying Giants Facebook page and/or the AMA website for further information. Then contact EVERY representative you can to get this reconsidered. In its present form the damage to our hobby would very likely be egregious in the extreme. DO something!!!

Before the meeting ended it was noted by the pres and others the clubhouse is frequently being left unlocked and the gate's combination is being left as opened. If the combination on the gate's lock is left visible then getting in will be easy for unauthorized trespassers. And if the clubhouse is left open the aforementioned trespassers can take whatever strikes their fancy. So, last person out

**LOCK THE BUILDING DOORS AND CLOSE AND LOCK THE \*^#%#%# GATE!!!**

(It cannot be emphasized enough the danger in keeping our stuff if this isn't done!)

The vote to adjourn was accomplished at 8:43 P.M.

I would like to take a minute to thank Larry for the opportunity to be your very temporary secretary for the July meeting. I hadn't enjoyed doing this for about two decades. Thanks Larry.

After this the club will probably pass a measure to make you never take another vacation.

Robert S. "Steve" Tinsley



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It is July already and we have mailed our 20<sup>th</sup> runway payment, only 40 more to go before we own the runway outright. The Treasury is in good shape after many projects and catching up on spending for deferred maintenance. The clubhouse has a new metal exterior and the benches under the covered areas are in place. Lots of extra work from a great membership and the field looks really great.

Another thing about July is that it is a very busy time of year for the Treasurer. The annual dues for Fiscal Year 2018 membership have been sent out, starting the two month or more period of receiving, posting and depositing our club dues. I have my coffee cup from my days as an auditor which says, "It's a dirty job, and I get to do it!" With our current membership right at 180 members that means 180, at a minimum of invoices, to prepare, print, fold, stick in envelopes, put stamps on and mail and repeat when dues are received to return the paid invoice with member stickers and gate code. Tedious work but, it is what gives us the funds to keep flying so, I don't think we can get around it.

August 1<sup>st</sup> is the first day of our new membership year and dues are payable on that day and up to 60 days thereafter, during the "grace" period. Most people pay dues promptly but it seems there are always those who put away the email or mailed invoice and don't remember until they get the notice they are dropped from the member rolls. Members can pay in person at the August, September or October meeting and be within the grace period. After that, if you want to renew membership, the by-laws provide that you may have to re-join as a new member and pay another initiation fee, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. If you aren't paying in person, you can mail check or money order to, Tri-County Barnstormers, P.O. Box 916, New Waverly, TX 77358. Please mark the payment memo on check or money order with your dues invoice number to assure your payment is not applied to someone else's' dues.

Along with dues, remember you are required to maintain a current AMA membership to fly at our field. AMA memberships now expire at the end of the month a year from when you first joined AMA. Every month we have to send out notices to members whose AMA has expired. Check yours and put a calendar reminder down to be sure you don't fly un-covered by AMA as it could spell financial ruin for you or the party you might injure with an out of control model. Our AMA coverage even covers accidents that might happen while participating on a mowing party to maintain the field. Don't fly without knowing your AMA is current. Check It now, why don't you, or at the field to make sure you have it and it is current, before flying.



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

August 3rd