



# THE PROP WASH

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Keith Jarvis

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers,

The middle of the year is here and we have made some great strides. We now have a new look at the field with new permanent tables, more covered area to work with, new charging station and soon to have a new look on the club house with the new metal siding. I want to say thanks to Tom Bufkin for doing the leg work of acquiring a contractor to do the siding. The siding should be done in the next couple of weeks but If you haven't had an opportunity to go fly and check out the "new look", you really should take a day and go enjoy some flying and check out the changes. Once again, the new tables look great thanks to a lot of long hours and hard work by Don Ramsey, Ed Newsome, Steve

Tinsley, Kris Jeffkote and Buddy Barnett. Many Thanks to these guys. While on the subject of appreciating people, I want to again say thanks to the folks that are joining the mowing teams each week and coming out and keeping the field looking great. There is still room for new faces too, if you aren't on board yet, we would love to have you. Just get in touch with a team leader or Buddy Barnett and schedule some time to come out and lend a hand. As always too, we appreciate the hard work of the executive board members, Buddy Barnett, Larry Bonnette and Sam Barrett. These guys deserve a ton of appreciation. They don't often get the recognition they deserve, but they are very essential to a well run organization and they do a superb job and I want to say THANKS guys for all you do for the club.

I want to say thanks to Steve Tinsley for his "tech session" presentation at the June meeting, we will try to do a Tech Session (time permitting) at each meeting. So, if you have an idea for one or would like to do a presentation, please get with Steve Tinsley and he will get you scheduled.

Some of the action items we have been working towards is pushing our maintenance budget to its limit and I have asked for a executive board meeting to look at our present status. We have tackled some things that haven't been addressed in a while and have accrued some expenses that might not normally hit us or we may need to look at our current budget and look at what budgetary expenses might be in the future. We don't want to run completely out of budgeted funds so we will need to look at a contingency plan if needed.

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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)

We will work at establishing a plan so we can continue to move forward in addressing some of the improvements we want to accomplish in the latter part of this quarter and what can be done in Q4. We still need to work at filling in some rough spots in the grass runway and Buddy is planning on doing some more fertilizing and seed planting along with killing weeds. There are several tasks that can be addressed that do not require an expense. We will be addressing the inside of the club house as well as the well house. If you have any thing you want to keep in either location, you might want to remove it. Again, if anyone knows of anything or sees anything that needs attention, or even a suggestion, don't hesitate to bring it to our attention.

We no longer have a working coke machine so we have adopted the policy of keeping cokes and water in the clubhouse frig that everyone can purchase for .50 cents. There is temporarily a cup in the frig to leave the money in for the interim but we will come up with a more unique way to collect the money.

We have replaced the water tank so water is good to go. Many thanks to Tom Bufkin for doing the switch out. Thanks to those who helped out with the task as well.

We had a donation from a member this past meeting of a "Cigar Box Plane" to auction off. I want to say Thanks to Lowell for the donation, we were able to auction it off for 205.00 to Larry Moore. I want to say thank you to Larry for his contribution also.

We got our final tally on our Big Bird, although we didn't have the best weather, we managed to make \$1,083.00 which was great considering the weather. We will schedule our fall Big Bird for November 11<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to, maybe, co-op an event for "Model Aviation Day" with some of the other local clubs and combine it with a charity, possibly something like "The Wounded Warrior Project" that we can donate the proceeds to. We are open to suggestions for this event if anyone has any. We would need to schedule this pretty quick as the date for Model Aviation Day is August 12<sup>th</sup>.

I delayed my input for the prop wash long enough so that we could report on the Cub Scouts outing with us at TCB. I would like to report, that I think it was a huge success. The scouts had a great time and the parents seem to enjoy it as well. I want to thank all of the members that contributed their time and efforts in helping to get all of the scouts some "air time". Thanks to all that were involved, I think we represented our club very well. We (including myself) were also able to destroy a few trainers to show everyone what you did not want to do along with what you did want to do, we kinda were able to show them all aspects of the hobby. I think we all had a lot of fun and I want to say thanks to Rob Decesari for his contribution to the scouts too. He did a great job of setting it up and all for a great cause.

Don't forget to bring your older magazines to the next meeting for Gary. Remember and try not to go back more than 2 years for your contributions.

In closing, I want to say remember to contact your state and federal representatives on the FAA / governmental issues. It is very important that our voice be heard. And last but not least.....keep our local hobby shops in mind guys. They really need our help and we really need them.

Until next month.....be safe, get out and have some fun flyin.

Hope everyone has a blessed month !

**Buddy Barnett**

## Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Welcome to June Barnstormers. This year is flying right on by. We have been making some nice changes to the facilities with more planned or already starting. This month looks to be busy one at the field. We have the Boy Scouts coming out to fly with us June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. If you have a trainer and buddy box it would be greatly appreciated if you came and lend a hand. I will be there if I don't attend marshalls big bird event. We also have our war bird event coming up at the end of the month. Some where in there I would like to have a work day but more will come on that later as plans become clearer.

If you were not at the June meeting the funds to install metal siding on the club house have been approved. This work should start shortly hopefully be finished before our war bird event. Thanks Tom Bufkin for taking the lead on this. Adding this siding will eliminate the need to continually paint the club house and should make it look nice for years to come. Once the outside is done I would like to clean the inside and organize it where it would be usable a place to enjoy lunch out of the Texas heat. Steve Tinsley is building us a bench box to store the canopy in that will be inside the club house. Thanks Steve. I think with addition on some shelving and cabinets we could easily clean it up and make it look better.

If you haven't been to the field the tables approved at the may meeting have been installed. The pits have a lot more room now and nice level tables to work on. If you see these guys around give them a big thank you. Don Ramsey, Steve Tinsley, Ed Newsome, Keith Jarvis, and Chris Jeffcoat. It took about 18 hours to complete the tear down and rebuild of the tables. These guys put in a lot of work to make it happen. There is still a few little loose end to tie up and should be done by the time you read this.

On to our warbird event on June 24<sup>th</sup>. I will take all the volunteers we can get to help with setup and various jobs during the event. I plan to set up everything on June 23<sup>rd</sup> starting about 8:00 in the morning. This will include mowing the facilities, hanging banners, setting up the canopy, and hooking up our PA systems. I have been getting a lot of response to the flyers going around. It sounds like we will be having an awesome turn out. We have a lot of door prizes and raffle items for the event. Remember to support our sponsors as they make these events possible and supply all the door and raffle prizes. Sponsor currently with hope to add a few more are: New Creations Hobby, All Temp of Huntsville (thanks Brandon Phillips), Bob Hathaway State Farm, Randies Hobbies, Master Airscrew, Rapid Tac, Tru-Turn, Jersey Modeler, Great Planes, RTL Fasteners, Bob Smith Industries, Callie Graphics, and Tower Hobbies.

# Words from the VP

(Continued)

The field continues to look better. Thanks to all our mowing team leaders Keith Jarvis, Steve Sartor, Ed Newsome, Dick Jones, and all of the support they are receiving. We have been seeing a few new faces joining us for the weekly maintenance. It takes all is us to maintain a great flying field. All your support is greatly appreciated and makes my job a whole lot easier. Nothing is better than showing up to a nice manicured field to fly at. Again thanks everyone coming out and helping.

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

June 1 2017  
Present: 29  
Start: 7:28

President Keith Jarvis called the meeting to order.

The meeting was in the Conroe Recreation Center while the Conroe Friendship center is being painted.

The May minutes were accepted unanimously.

At the May meeting the club voted to spend \$5000 on metal siding for the club house. Keith called for a final vote on the expenditure. Members voted unanimously to go ahead and spend the money. Tom Bufkin is the project leader.

On June 10, the cub scouts will be at the field starting at 4:00 PM. Members who can help are asked to attend. Steve Tinsley, Michael Henry and a few other people said they would be there.

Keith told members that the new tables were designed, built and installed in the pavilion. They look great and are very sturdy. Keith asked members to thank Don Ramsey, Steve Tinsley, Buddy Barnett, Kris Jeffcote and Keith Jarvis for their help.

Keith will see about getting the tables wired with electricity.

Our neighbor to the south of the field (across Trafelski rd. near our main gate) asked the club to consider allowing him to clear part of our property so that he could use it as a full-scale air field.

Tom Bufkin and Max Taylor fixed our water tank in the pump house to make the water drinkable again.

The Vice President reported that he will be fertilizing the grass right after the "War Bird" event on June 24. He also asked for more people to take part in the mowing of the grass. Also, someone left the main gate open. Please check to make sure that you locked the gate.

The Treasurer reported that he made the 19<sup>th</sup> payment on the runway. He reported that the cost for the construction of the tables came in under budget. Sam also said that the insurance and taxes will need to be paid shortly. But the club is solvent and we should be able to meet all of our obligations.

The War Bird event will be held on June 24. Buddy is asking for help. He needs help on the day before to get the field ready, and during the event.

There was 1 guest at the meeting.

## Minutes (continued)

There is a red "Book Bucket" at the front of the room during the meetings. You can donate your older (less than 2 years) magazines. Gary Baumgartner will distribute them to hospitals and libraries. Sam will E-Mail everyone to remind them.

The Club Class Pattern event will be postponed until the fall.

August 12, is "National Model Aviation Day" Keith would like to celebrate the event by having a "Fun Fly" at the field. We would like to invite the public as well as other clubs to take part in the event. The club will impose a landing fee that will be donated to a charity.

Three weeks after "BEST" Keith suggested that the club host a "Fall Big Bird"

The Coke machine at the field is broken. The club discussed putting drinks in the refrigerator in the club house. There would be a collection box nearby so that members could pay \$0.50 for each beverage consumed.

A Cigar Box airplane was designed and built by Lowell Babb and the electronics and motor were donated by New Creations. Kirk of "New Creations Hobbies" auctioned it off to benefit the club. It was won by Larry Moore for \$205. The club thanks them.

Steve Tinsley provided club members with an interesting "Tech Talk" about bending brass tubing and also removing and obscuring labels from old boxes.

The Big Bird event made a small profit.

Model of the month was won by Michael Henry

The Attendance jackpot would have been won by Justin Keyser but he was not at the meeting.

The Name tag award went to Kirk Massey

Meeting Adjourned 8:53



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

My, how time flies, and, it's June already. We have made our 19<sup>th</sup> runway payment and only 41 more to go. Lucky for us, we are still financially sound and have only two whole months left on our fiscal year with a decent bank balance and dues to be collected soon. I will be sending out dues invoices for FY2018 near the end of this month.

Some of our money is now visible at the field in the form of new tables and soon our club house will be all spiffed up with a new metal exterior and trim. The new President and Vice President are doing a great job and the field shows the result of a lot of membership effort under effective leadership. It's also time to recognize the members that came before us and some of them that still can be counted on to lend their hard work and experience to the younger and eager, to get the jobs done. We can be proud of what this membership has cre-

ated and it really shows when we have visitors at our scheduled events. Big Bird was very successful and we have War Bird coming up in the near future. Here's hoping for great weather to bless us as I think we deserve it!

Now before we get all comfy and teary eyed, we need to remember to keep our field secure. We only have three combo locks at the field, so it should be easy to remember to see that all three are locked before leaving the field. The two restrooms should be locked as well and usually only one of those has been opened and needs to be checked before leaving. It was reported to me earlier today (Jun 6) that the mower shed was left unlocked! The mower shed is the only locked building that has ever suffered a break-in, losing many dollars of tools and fuel in the process. For God's sake, let's don't make it that easy. I don't want the have to file a theft complaint again with our insurance and especially if I have to tell the adjuster that we just left the place wide open. Remember, just three locks help keep our stuff, ours. So lock them and remember to spin those dials after opening them so someone can't just look at our combination and be able take advantage of our carelessness.

On the topic of insurance, we always remind our members that we are an AMA Chartered Club and all of our flying members are required to have current AMA to engage in any flight activities at the field. That includes charging your batteries. Any accident at the field is covered by the club's and the member's AMA coverage. If you start a fire at the field because you charged a Lipo too aggressively, it is just the same as if you flew your plane in property or person and caused damage. Don't be caught uncovered; check your AMA expiration date and make sure you renew on time or early to prevent lapses in coverage. Other than that, have a great time at what I think is the best RC club to be a member of.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

July 6th