



THE PROP WASH

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Keith Jarvis

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers

Flying season is in full bloom and so is the field. Thanks to Buddy Barnett and all of those who are participating in the mowing crews each week, the field is continuously looking great. Once we get past Mothers Day Weekend, we will be fertilizing again and will spread another load of sand on the grass runway but again a Big Thanks to all for the great job in taking care of the field.

We have got the funds for the tables and will start work on them in the next week or so.

To date we are just waiting on the material list to get all the material and Buddy will schedule a work day to get them built. Hopefully we can get a good group of people together and we should be able to knock it out in a day.

We have a quote on re-siding the clubhouse with metal siding from a contractor for \$5,000.00 that includes material and labor. We will vote on approving the funds and installation at our June meeting so come out and cast your vote.

Although we had some very windy conditions, the Big Bird was a success. We managed to get 40 pilots to let it all hang out. That was very good considering we were flying in 35 MPH winds on Saturday and 25 MPH winds on Sunday, but we were flying! Other than the wind, it was beautiful weather. I want to thank all those who participated and those who came out and helped prep the field and set up for the event. We got many compliments on the facilities and it is all thanks to you guys who participated in the preparations and the continued work that has been put into the facilities week after week. I want to say thank you to those who also volunteered your time to work the event in the various functions.

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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)

The event went very smooth thanks to those who helped out. I also want to give a Big Thanks to Buddy's Wife Cherese and my wife Trisha for the superb job they did in the kitchen for the concessions. They worked really hard for a couple of days prior to the event to prepare some great food for us and our guest and I want to say how much we really appreciate them for it. I want to take this opportunity to also Thank all of our sponsors this year, especially our main supporters and local hobby shops, **NEW CREATIONS RC - RANDY'S HOBBIES - REMOTE CONTROL HOBBIES - and BOB HATAWAYS STATE FARM.**

These guys are what makes our event what it is. They are always there for us year after year even when times are tough like it is now. Be sure to tell these guys thanks and how much we appreciate them the next time you see them. Keep them in mind when you need something. They need us and we continually need them so be sure to support these guys.

All in all, I think we had a good event and we did make a little money. One other positive is we have pretty much covered a lot of the expense for our warbird event from some of our expenses for the Big Bird so that is a positive that came out of Big Bird and a good start to the Warbird.

On that note, remember we have our **1st Annual Warbird Event** scheduled for June 24th. let's get the word out and use another opportunity to show off our beautiful facilities to our fellow modelers. We are hoping to make this an annual event too so our first impression will be a lasting one. We already have some nice door prizes and some really nice raffle material so we should be able to make this another one of our great events. We will also need help with the Warbird event so if you will have some time for that weekend, get with Buddy Barnett and let him know you can help.

We will be teaming up with Houston Sport Flyers to have a booth at the Modaro Aviation Festival and Air Show at the North Houston Regional Airport (formally Lonestar Executive Airport) in Conroe on June 2nd thru the 4th. There will be something for the whole family. There will be full scale flying and some rc demos as well. So come on out and be sure to stop by the booth and say Hi !

Remember our next meeting is June 1st, come out and bring a friend or two.

Until next time, hope all are able to enjoy some good weather, and good flying.
Be safe and have a Blessed month.

**Buddy Barnett**

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Hi Barnstormers welcome to May. The field is looking good but as always there is more work to be done. I am currently investigating a way to kill all the clover with out hurting our grass. The little white flowers are about to drive me nuts. I plan to fertilize the grass again in a week or so as time allows. This will eventually kill all the clover but it takes time. Also I plan to put some more sand on the grass runway and get it back to perfectly smooth.

The field looked great at our big bird and a lot of compliments were received about our facilities. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped and Keith Jarvis for running the event for us. Even with the bad weather and high winds we had a good turn out. Thanks to Trisha Jarvis and Cherese Barnett for the delicious food they prepared and served for us. Also thanks to Roberta Wright for cooking and selling brownies and cookies for desert. I believe fun was had by everyone who attended. Thanks for all the pilots that voted for me to win the pilots choice award. There was a lot of beautiful planes to pick from and it's an honor to win that award.

Everyone keep in mind that the scheduled War bird event is coming up on June 24. This event will be open to all size warbirds. If you would like to volunteer to help out just let me know. I need all the help I can get as this is the first event for me to cd. Thanks to Keith Jarvis for all he has done to help me and will do before it's over.

If you didn't attend Mays meeting a few things happened. The new tables are approved and in the works. Ed Newsome will have a purchase list to me shortly and work will begin. I will send out an email the week of the work day so no one will forget it. The new tables should be installed by our June meeting. Also it was decided to let a professional install new siding on our club house. There will be a final vote to approve funds for this at the June meeting. The total cost to us will be 5,000 and the siding and trim will match what is on our garage. Speaking of the garage I have noticed the door frames are in bad shape. This will not be a major expense but we need to also build new frames for the doors. I will work on getting the materials together to rebuild them and set a time to do the work.

Words from the VP

(Continued)

As always please come out and help with field maintenance. I send out weekly emails with the scheduled time for that week. If you have never mowed or helped we would love to see you out there. Remember, the equipment we use belongs to the club. When using it be mindful of the surroundings and take care of the equipment and facilities. If you Notice something wrong with any of it give me a call and I will see about getting it fixed. Please check them over each time before you mow. Sometimes accidents happen when least expected and can ruin a good mower quick. I only know of one problem with any of the equipment at this time. The deck in the zero turn is binding somewhere so the you have to add a little weight to get it down. I have looked at it a couple times and tried a few fixes but nothing has worked yet. It will not hurt the mower to operate like this just put your foot on when you let it down to mow until I get it figured out. I plan to call a tech at Kubota this week to see what there suggestion is to fix it.

One last thing. I would like to thanks to everyone for showing up and helping with mowing. This is the biggest chore we have to maintain the field. It is great to show up at a scheduled work day and see everyone working together to make this chore easy and enjoyable.

Editors Note:

Gary Baumgartner found an interesting story:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

May 4 2017

Present: 33

Start: 7:30

President Keith Jarvis called the meeting to order

The April minutes were accepted unanimously

There was 1 visitor.

Vice President Buddy Barnett reported that the field is in good condition and that the grass is growing. Buddy asks that everyone help with the mowing. The next mowing will be at 10:00 AM on Friday (5/5). Mowing is now delayed until 10:00 AM so that the grass has time to dry.

A new Member (Brandon Phillips) was voted in by all members except one. Welcome Brandon.

The club would like to thank Don Bonnette for using his pressure washer and washing the concrete in the pavilion. It looks great.

Max told members that the zero-turn mower has a problem with the hydraulics for the mower deck. Buddy will look into it.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the club finances are in good condition. The club might have made a small profit on "Big Bird" and he will know better when he examines the club finances. Sam also reported that the club has used about a third of the allotted field maintenance budget for the year.

There is an issue with the water at the field and it is being worked on. Members should not drink the water at the field until further notice.

Secretary Larry Bonnette told members that the weather station was down last week because of a faulty battery that was caused by a bad switch. Larry repaired the switch problem and charged the battery. All should be good now.

Safety Officer Kris Jeffcote reported that he observed some over flight of our neighbor's property. Members are asked to keep their aircraft over the field. Kris has been in contact with the neighbor. Kris also reported that the fire extinguishers have been checked and that the first aid kit will be replenished. He will also replace the pads on the de-fibular since they are now expired.

The club has a firm quote on the metal siding for the club house. The quote is \$5000 for the entire job (all materials and installation).

A motion was made and seconded to spend \$5000 on the metal siding. The motion passed with a vote of 32 to one. One member would rather see a new building. Keith agreed about the new building but the club can't afford that right now. Members should think about how they would like to see the club house improved in the future. Keith said we will re-visit this at a later meeting.

Minutes (continued)

Gary Baumgartner reported that he found all of the building unlocked when he arrived at the field on 5/4. Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that all club property is properly secured before leaving for the day. The last one out should always check that everything is locked.

Gary volunteered to collect old hobby magazines at our club meetings to distribute to Jr high schools, and Libraries. If you would like to donate your old magazines bring them to the meeting and hand them to Gary.

Someone asked if the Club Class Pattern event was going to occur in May. No one knew. So, we will assume it is canceled.

The club will host a group of approximately 15 Cub Scouts at the field on Saturday June 10 at 4:30 PM. Club volunteers will provide aircraft and expertise to allow the scouts a chance to fly. If members would like to help out please show up with any aircraft you own that can be used. Rain date for the event will be Sunday June 11.

The club has been asked to participate at the Madero Air Show at the Conroe Airport on June 2,3 and 4. Keith Jarvis will be our representative.

Gary Baumgartner told the club that he participated in an event called "Challenge Air" and it was very well attended. Challenge Air was created to change the perception of children with special needs through the gift flight.

Aron Hopper sent the club a thank you card for the funds he received from the clubs helping hands donation.

A reminder that the first annual "War Birds" event will be on June 24 See Buddy for details. Buddy will send Larry a PDF to post on the web site.

Keith asked for members to volunteer for the open committee positions. Don Ramsey volunteered to be the Grievance committee chairman. Kirk Jensen and Buddy Barnett volunteered to be members of the Grievance committee.

Big Bird was successful even with the high winds. Buddy Barnett's wife Cherese and Keith Jarvis's wife Trisha did a great job managing the kitchen and providing great tasting food and drink. The club thanks them. The club also thanks all the members who helped to make the event a successful one.

Club members discussed the construction of the tables in the pavilion. Herbert Newsom explained the diagram that he drew up. The plan is to remove $\frac{1}{2}$ of the radio impound and bolt tables permanently to the floor. The work will begin shortly. Club members are asked to help out. For more information contact Don Ramsey or Herbert Newsom.

Model of the month was won by Dean Marcot

Name tag award was won by Herbert Newsom

The attendance award would have been won by Russ Hauser but he wasn't at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It is May 2017 and we have made our 18th payment on the runway; only 42 more to go. The treasury is in good shape as we enter the warmer weather, and the field maintenance picks up, to cover all our normal maintenance expenses. We also have several maintenance or capital projects proposed or approved which will require thousands in funding; as previously reported, I do not see any problem at this point in supporting those recently proposed.

Despite some really unkind weather and an even worse weather forecast, Big Bird 2017 turned out surprisingly well. In the face of winds in excess of 20 mph and some gusts of 30+, Scotty Harris was the first pilot in official event time to hit the air and amaze the crowd with flying that defied the winds. Our VP, Buddy Barnett followed close behind with his big bi-plane with smoke trails to match those of Scotty and the event

was well underway. As much as we could complain, we had better than forecast weather and our club members really put in the effort to make the event an enjoyable success. Much of the enjoyment thanks to the great concession service provided by Trisha Jarvis, Cherese Barnett and their children. The assortment of food and drink options was very nice and service with a smile; you couldn't get any better. This kind of support from member families really helps our club events and we owe the ladies and their families a big, Thank You!

As we get into the warmer weather we need to remember that any air conditioners, chargers and lights used at the field should be checked and turned off when locking up and leaving the field. Also remember to spin those lock dials after opening the gate and clubhouse so the combination is not displayed to non-members. Doing these simple things will save us utility expense and protect us from theft or unauthorized use of our field by non-members. Lastly when leaving the field, cleanup trash or food items you brought to the field and take them with you. Not much of the trash to be found at the field got there by itself. In addition to being unsightly and making extra work for our mowing crews, the debris can attract scavengers looking for food, along with their droppings and digging. Leave the field at least as clean as you found it and report to a club officer any condition you feel is not up to our expectations.

As ever, we have paid-up members who need to renew their AMA and should not be flying until they do. Please take time to check your AMA member status and do not fly until you have a current AMA card or evidence on you that confirms your AMA coverage is current. Fly safe and fly AMA covered and we will all be happier.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 1st