



THE PROP WASH

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- **Vice President** - Buddy Barnett
- **Secretary** - Larry Bonnette
- **Treasurer** - Sam Barrett
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Keith Jarvis

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Fellow Barnstormers,

Another flying season is winding down and so is my term as President for the club. It has been an enjoyable year and I think we have accomplished a great deal for the club. It has been very educational in that I have seen firsthand the work that is put forth by several of our Executive committee members. It is a lot of time and dedication that most of us do not see or notice but I have experienced it and want to say a Big Thank You to Sam, Larry, and Buddy for the leadership, dedication and the hard work that they put into our club this past year. Again, I just want to say thanks to the executive board for a great year and want to say a special thanks to Buddy Barnett for the tremendous job he did this year on our facilities and the maintenance to all of the equipment. He spent a lot of his personal time at the field and I want to say a personal Thank You. It was greatly appreciated!! I would also like to Thank the membership for their support they have given me and the club during my time. It too has been greatly appreciated. It is now time to pass the baton to our incoming President, Corey Lazrine. I know he will continue to take care of our club, and carry it into the future and I know we will support him as you have supported me. Not only do we have a new President, but we also have a new VP, Joseph Gerbino. I would like to say congratulations to both of these guys and Thank You for stepping up to the plate. They will be challenged right out of the box as they will be tasked with having to fill the CD positions for the Big Bird Event, The Warbird Event and also The B.E.S.T. event as all of the current CD's are stepping down this year. If anyone is interested in being the CD for any of these events, please get with Corey and let him know, I'm sure he would appreciate the support.

Our BEST event this year again was a big success and many thanks to Kirk Jensen for all the years he has CD'd the event and made it the huge success it has been. Hopefully, someone will step up and continue the trend.

Don't forget our last event of the season, "THE DIXIE STORM" which will be our fall Big Bird and 3D event that will be on November 10th and 11th. Come out and enjoy a day of Big Bird flying and fellowship. If you haven't made it out to a Big Bird Event, come on out and check it out, you will be impressed.

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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)

Don't forget, our December meeting. It will be the traditional dinner and swap meet. So bring some good food and lots of goodies you are ready to get rid of and a pocket full of cash to take advantage of the great deals you might find from your fellow Barnstormers. The club will furnish the main course, which will be Ham, and everyone bring your favorite side dish to go along with it. We will chow down for sure.

I want to just remind everyone of the importance to support our hobby on a local level. Keep our local hobby shops in mind. It is so important right now to give them as much support as we possibly can. They are all struggling and we are loosing them on a regular basis. Support our hobby shops, support our club and the surrounding clubs in our area. they could use our support and we can also use theirs. Visit another club and participate in their events and encourage them to come to ours. We can help each other and grow with each other.

Again, I want to say Thanks for the opportunity to serve the club. I thoroughly enjoyed it and now look forward to doing some well needed flying. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Have a great Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas. Lets not forget those on the front lines that give us the opportunity to enjoy not only these Holidays, but the Freedom we have and take for granted sometimes. Many thanks to our members that do and that have served our country, may God Bless You guys and lets always keep these men and women in our prayers. Lets also not forget the "Reason for the Season" . Thanksgiving and Christmas represent some very important times, lets all be thankful for the friends and family we have on these special occasions.

Lets all enjoy some Good Fall Weather Flying for the next few weeks. Have fun, be safe and enjoy our great club. Hope all have a Very Blessed remainder of the year and a Blessed and prosperous 2018 !!

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)



Buddy Barnett

Welcome to November Barnstormers. Sorry for missing the meeting this month but work got in the way. I would have much rather been at the meeting then out running the roads working out of town. However, I am glad the cooler weather is finally making it far enough south that we have more fall temps in the forecast. Along with the cooler weather comes an end to weekly mowing. I think the rest of this year we will be fine with mowing every other week or maybe a little less.

This will be my last month to contribute to prop wash. I would like to thank my fellow board members for an outstanding year. Until you are on the board you will never know the amount of time that is poured into our club by board members. I would like to thank Keith Jarvis for a very successful year as our President and leading this club to a new level. Sam Barrett thank you for all you do. I in no way shape or form would enjoy or do the job you do for us year after year. Larry Bonnette you do an outstanding job keeping our website up to date and also keeping all our minutes of our meetings. Again another task I would rather not have to figure how to do. Thanks Larry Bonnette for all you do for us.

With that said I am looking forward to our newly elected President Corey Lazine and Vice President Joe Gerbino taking the helm and guiding us in the future. I hope your time on the board serves you well. I know all the members will show the same support Keith and I received during our time as President and Vice President.

Although I will miss half of our last event its not something you want to do unless you have to. We will be having our Dixie Storm big bird event this weekend 11/10 - 11/11. I know Keith is needing some help for this event and this may just be your time to step up and help our club. I am also sure there will be lots of awesome flying and fun to be had. Don't forget to bring the family out to enjoy all the flying. This is the only way we will keep our hobby going.

A really big THANKS to all the members that helped to maintain our facilities this year. I know it was a long hot summer but in my opinion the field has never looked better. It takes everyone in our club to maintain the facilities throughout the year and y'all have been giving me the support in doing so. Again guys thanks for everything. I am looking forward to many more great years at the Ray Brickhouse Flying Field.

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

November 2 2017

Present 30

Start 7:28

President Keith Jarvis called the meeting to order.

The October minutes were unanimously approved.

The Vice President was not present but. The field is in good condition. Needs more help with mowing.

The Treasurer reported. The finances are in good condition. The Treasurer was Audited on October 25, 2017 by Larry Bonnette and Steve Tinsley. The books were found to be in very good condition. Steve Tinsley spoke for the audit team. He said that the team found no discrepancies. The audit team further recommended that the club begin to ease up on spending. He also asked club members to consider a dues increase in order to keep ahead of higher costs and shrinking membership. The audit team also asked event CD's to help the Treasurer by documenting income and spending and providing any receipts with a brief description of the expenditure. Sam made some clarification statements and the club members discussed the audit findings.

Kirk Jensen reported that the BEST went well. We had 57 pilots. The club made some money and the attendees had some fun.

Charlie Barrera told members that the "Club Class Pattern" event will be held at the field on November 18th at 10:00 AM. He told members what to expect and encouraged them to look at our web site for more information.

Keith reminded members that the Scouts will be at the field on November 4th from 10-12 in order to fly rockets.

Dixey Storm (our fall big bird) will be held on November 10th and 11th

Our President asked members if there were any other nominations for club officer positions. There were none. The club then unanimously voted in Corey Lazrine as President and Joe Gerbino as Vice President. The current Treasurer, Sam Barrett and the current Secretary, Larry Bonnette were also unanimously voted in. Kirk will turn over the responsibilities of President and Vice president at the December meeting.

There were four new members voted unanimously into the club. Ronnie Watson, Michael Spurlock, Scott McGowan and Bernard L. Bouy. Welcome !!!

Kirk told members that the gentleman who is currently cutting our hay will be spending more than 20 thousand dollars on improvements to the soil at our field. Because of this expenditure he will be delivering a contract to the club. The President will look it over and then sign it if it looks OK.

Gary Baumgartner reminded members to donate old magazines to him so he can re-distribute them to libraries.

Model of Month: won by Lowell Babb

Name Tag drawing: won by Dean Marcott

Attendance Prize: would have been won by Mike Spurlock (but he wasn't there)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

November already and the year has flown by. We have made our 24th runway payment and only 36 more to go. The treasury is currently in solid shape as we will be entering the least expensive part of the year in about a month when we pay our property taxes, insurance and the mowing trails off as the grasses go dormant. The club membership is currently 161 members.

We just elected new officers for the President and Vice President positions of the Tri-County Barnstormers. The weekend flier who has never served in club leadership might not have an appreciation for all that the officers do to keep the club operating and the field ready for the enjoyment of our membership. The outgoing President, Keith Jarvis and

Vice President, Buddy Barnett have done a very excellent job for the members and accomplished a number of improvements at the field. The two officers were very involved in generating participation in events and even their families pitched in to help in running the concession for events like Big Bird. Next time you see one of the two at the field you might want to say thanks for their service.

We have a number of new members join the club since the end of our FY2018 dues collection process. I want to remind the new members and actually, all members that Tri-County Barnstormers is an AMA Chartered Club and as such only AMA members and AMA recognized fellow organization members are allowed to fly at our field.

When participating in flying or pre-flight activities at the field, you are required to display your current AMA card and have the Barnstormer Member sticker attached to the AMA card as per Rule 2 of the Flying Field Rules. Also, as a flying member you should familiarize yourself with both the Flying Field Rules and the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code. If you are involved in an incident at the field which causes property damage or bodily injury, your AMA membership provides liability coverage that could save you from financial ruin. Please check the expiration on your AMA and put a reminder on your calendar to make sure you never fly un-covered at our field.

The last meeting of the year in December includes a Pot Luck Supper and Swap Meet. Bring your excess hobby items and turn them into cash and bring cash to take advantage of some real bargains. Watch for more about the Pot Luck in our meeting notices. Hope to see many of you there!



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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

December 7th