



# THE PROP WASH

## Club Officers

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



Keith Jarvis

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Fellow Barnstormers,

Finally the weather is getting around to "Great Flying Weather" and maybe a little less will be required to maintain the landscaping. Drier and cooler weather is finally here and it makes for great times to get out and enjoy the field and some great flying. Again, I want to say thanks to those who have come out and continue to come out and give their time in mowing and keeping up with the field. There is still a lot of us who have not participated and there is always room for new faces. Remember that it is all of our responsibility as members to contribute to maintaining our facilities. If you haven't got on board, its not too late.

It also brings us closer to the end of another year at TCB, and that means it's time to elect new board members. At our October meeting, we weren't able to get any nominees to commit, but did have a couple people step up and volunteer for the President and the Vice President positions. Sam Barrett has elected to stay on as Treasurer and is uncontested as well as Larry Bonnett as Secretary and Editor. We have two people on the ballot for President. Corey Lazrine has thrown his name in the hat for President as well as Larry Hultman. We have only had one so far for Vice President and that is Joseph Gerbino. I want to say thanks to these guys for stepping up and volunteering to fill the two upcoming vacant positions. We will officially elect our board members for the 2018 season at the November meeting so be sure to come out and cast your vote.

We had our B.E.S.T. at the beginning of the month and it should add some revenue to our current balance as it is always a great success. Many thanks to Kirk Jensen for the work he does as the CD for this event. Thanks to all of those who volunteered and gave up some time to help with preparations and helping out at the event.

Don't forget we have our fall Big Bird "THE DIXIE STORM" coming up November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, so come out and enjoy some Big Bird Flying and check out the Giant Scale planes. If you haven't made it out to a Big Bird event, come out and check it out. You will be impressed.

Buddy Barnett has all but sealed a deal on the Hay. We have a gent that wants to invest some time and money in to making it a better hay pasture and will commit to a long term deal with a contract to protect his investment. The contract is in the works now.

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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)

I want to say thanks to Gary Baumgartner for filling in for Larry and taking notes at the October meeting. Also, don't forget to bring your old magazines to the meeting for Gary. I want to also say thanks to Steve Tinsley for another great Tech Session at the October meeting. Also, continue to keep Brent Powell in your prayers as he continues to recover from his RC Heli accident. Its just a reminder too to not get complacent in our flying. Take a few extra minutes to check everything and make sure you and all around you are safe, It doesn't take but a split second for everything to go way south on us but if we are proactive, we can limit the opportunity.

As we get closer to another building season, don't forget about your local hobby shops. They are all at a very pivotal time as the economy and internet don't help them at all. it is up to us to make sure they are there for us tomorrow. Keep in mind.....they are always there for us as long as they are there !!!

We had a slight decline in our membership for the new season as we had several members not rejoin. This is getting to be pretty common in our sport, not just at our club but in our area and throughout the country. Remember to support the sport in any way you might be able to. Go fly at another club, go to their events, encourage them to come fly at ours and come to our events. We need to help each other out to make it better for us all. Remember to encourage your friends, children, grandchildren and their school friends to come out and try it out. We have many "Intro Pilots" that can take them up and give them some time on the sticks, get em hooked. We have club trainers that can be used too. If you have any contacts with the schools, scouts or church youth groups. Invite them and encourage them to come out and check out the great hobby we all love and enjoy.

Again, as the days are getting shorter, so are my contributions to the prop wash. Hope everyone can make it out to the great facility we enjoy and get in some great flying. Till next month (which will be my last month) Be Safe, Have Fun and have a blessed month.

## Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)



**Buddy Barnett**

Welcome to October Barnstormers. As I type I come to the conclusion, summer has returned, we are in Texas after all. But hopefully soon the fall weather will return.

Hope everyone had a good time attending BEST. The field looked good Thursday night before Best when I stopped by to turn off the sprinklers for night flying. Everything I have heard about the event, BEST, was that it was as successful as it has been in years past. I didn't make it out to BEST but did have a good time in Livingston. I attended their Annual Fun Fly. I had a blast over there flying our gas planes and watching the Texas Warbird Thunder Team fly.

If you haven't been to the field the hay has been cut and baled. It is currently stacked west of the flight lines as the guy purchasing it has not come through on his end. A man named James Crumley is the man who cut with intentions of our neighbor buying all the hay which has not happened. James Crumley has also stated verbally he would like to cut the field next year as well. It was also discussed giving him a long term lease of the hay field. He has stated he would like to plow the field under and re sprig it with costal as he is mainly in the horse hay business. This was brought up at the October meeting with only concern being a way for the club to void the contract if he fails to properly maintain the hay pasture. At this time no formal contract has been signed. I am still working on this and will keep the club posted as to what happens with it.

As always a big thanks to the 20 or 30 members coming to help with the weekly grass mowing. If you haven't had a chance to come out yet keep watching your emails and hopefully one of the scheduled days will work for you.

One last thing before I finish. Thanks to Keith Jarvis for all he has done this year and continue to do. Being President is not just a title, there is a lot work that goes along with it. I personally think he has done an excellent job this year leading our club. Same goes for Sam Barrett and Larry Bonnette. These guys give countless hours of their time for this club. Most members never see this but it takes a lot of time to keep everything on the upside so we have no issues. I personally would not want either one of their jobs. So next time you see these guys give them a thank you for all they do for us.

# Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

BARNSTORMER MEETING MINUTES Oct 5,2017

Present: 33  
Start: 7:30

President Keith Jarvis called meeting to order.  
The September minutes were unanimously approved.

Vice President field report: field is in good condition. Needs more help with mowing.

We have been approached by a hay man that wants to plow up the grass that we have and plant a variety that is better for horses. He wants a long-term contract. It was agreed that this could be done if we have a contract in place that will protect both parties.

Treasurer report: Sam reports we are in good shape as long as we don't spend money unnecessarily.

There were no visitors and no new members.

Our next club event is Dixie Storm. It is scheduled for Nov 10 and 11.

Club Officers for 2018: There are no volunteers for President and Vice President for next year. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

Club Pattern event: scheduled for Nov. 18

A Cub Scout group is going to have a rocket event at the field on Nov. 4 from 10am to 12. There will be club members present. Come on out. It will probably be a lot of fun.

Technical presentation: Steve Tinsley gave an informative presentation on reinforcing landing gear mounts.

Model of Month: won by Robert Minieri

Name Tag drawing: won by Dean Marcott

Attendance Prize: won by Mr. Lucky (Gary Baumgartner)

Thank you, Gary Baumgartner, for recording the meeting minutes while I was out of town.



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It is October and we have made our 23<sup>rd</sup> runway payment; only 37 more to go. Despite our account getting a bit lower than I like, a couple months back, our dues collections have put us back in solid liquid condition and the Treasury is doing fine. We will be closely monitoring our expenses but currently I don't expect that we will have any financial problems in this fiscal year.

We also had decent financial results at BEST 2017 and thanks to Kirk Jensen, the BEST 2017 CD for his bringing home the bacon by putting on an excellent event. The field was in great shape and we had enough appeal to add another member to the Barnstormer roster as we welcome Scott McGowan to the club. Scott will be formally voted into the club at our November meeting.

We had about 30 members not renew for a variety of reasons for 2018 but, we still have a membership of 155 members. Some of those who dropped out were already delinquent in their AMA memberships, so we have less members with expired AMA coverage and that's good. With the new AMA membership policy, we have folks with expiring AMA membership almost every month of the year. Those who renew after a break in coverage will get membership in AMA that lasts for one year from the date they join or renew AMA membership. This makes it all the more important to look at your AMA card frequently and make sure you haven't let it slide because at our field, no AMA coverage, NO fly!

It costs a good deal of our money to maintain the field, including equipment expense, property taxes, utilities and insurance. As members we owe a great deal to the volunteers who volunteer to keep the field maintained and save us money in the process. When you arrive at the field and the field is mowed, the clubhouse and restrooms are clean and all you have to do is fly your models, you can thank the members who have stepped up and made it so. Thank you, to all the members who use their skills and time to make ours one of the very best fields in the area and one of which the Barnstormers can be most proud.

Next meeting we will be nominating new officers and voting for a new President and Vice President. Keith Jarvis and Buddy Barnett have done a great job for the club and we would like them to stay on for another year but, it's hard work and both Keith and Buddy are ready to give someone else an opportunity to lead the club. If it's not you, be thinking who you would recommend to serve in the top two officer positions for 2018. We have had some really super people lead this club and that's another reason why it's a club to be proud of. Come to the November meeting and be ready to nominate and vote on the passing of power to two capable people ready to lead our club for 2018.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

November 2nd