



THE PROP WASH

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Corey Lazrine

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello everyone just wanted to remind you of the up coming Big Bird event, it is scheduled for June 23 & 24. Hope to see everyone out there flying or watching in support, it is always a sight to see!

Also, as a reminder, some are petitioning Congress to eliminate the Special Rule for Model Aircraft - also known as Section 336. Section 336 has allowed AMA to manage our members and fly safely and responsibly, as we have for over 82 years. Without Section 336, members would be

required to take an FAA in person 60 question aeronautical test, pay for an FAA remote pilot license, and face other unnecessary restrictions. Losing the Special Rule would be a devastating blow to our hobby. Let's try our best to let the lawmakers know our thoughts on this potentially devastating discussion.

Also please make a visit to your local hobby stores and support those that keep us flying. We have some really great local shops here, and they all have great inventory. Now, that should keep you having fun all summer long. And, if someone could please buy the big Yellow Cub at Kirk's before I do, my wife would kill me if I brought it home. Hope to see you all at the field very soon.

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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.

**Steve Sartor**

Words from the VP

The grass is still growing and we still need volunteers to help mow, weed-eat, edge and blow. Keep an eye on your email for the weekly time and date.

Max has removed and parked the finishing mower while we wait for wheel parts. The large brush hog is now attached to the John Deere. Please be very careful when moving it in and out of the shed. It's a monster.

We are presently waiting for a long term contract for harvesting the hay. With a long term contract, the contractor will be able to invest in the growing of good quality horse hay and improvements to the property.

If anyone has any suggestions or recommendations, please give me a call.

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Meeting Minutes

April 5 2018
Present: 34
Start: 7:35

President Corey Lazrine called the meeting to order.

The March 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

Big Bird will be on June 23 and 24 and the CD will be Keith Jarvis.
Please volunteer to help.

Treasurer reported that everything looks good.

Our Vice President Steve Sartor said that the grass is growing and that he is looking for volunteers to mow. Steve will be at the field at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Kirk Jenson's team will mow starting next week. He mows on Sundays. Please help if you can.

Corey told members that there was an incident at the field. During this incident an aircraft was ruined, members near the aircraft were put in danger and words were exchanged. There has been a grievance filed with the club's grievance committee. No specifics were discussed during the meeting but the general consensus of the members at the meeting was that the safety of everyone at the field is most important and everyone must conduct themselves in a manner that ensures that safety.

A member mentioned that it was nice to be informed of full scale aircraft in the area. Thank you, Charlie Barrera, for providing the information so we could get it up onto the web site.

Max told members that Jack Young has some airplanes and other items for sale. Please see the "for sale" section of the web site. Steve Sartor mentioned that he has a WACO and a 5X8 trailer for sale.

The club has plans to host cub scouts at the field in the near future.

Scott McGowan provided members with a very interesting Tech Talk on "Property surveying using large drones equipped with LiDAR". The presentation included a hardware display.

Five new members, Codey Hamilton, Robert Hail, Jacob Hail, Leah Hail, and James (Jason) Nicholas were voted in unanimously. Welcome !



Larry Bonnette

Minutes (continued)

Model of the Month was won by Scott McGowan

The attendance jackpot would have been won by Ray Logan but, he was not at the meeting.

The name tag award was won by Richard Preas.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It is April 2018, we have made our 29th runway payment and only 31 more to go. The treasury is currently in solid shape and the club paid membership is currently 172 members.

The weather is warming up and that means flying is picking up as well. It also means mowing and keeping up the field. We will be sending out notices for mowing crews, so be watching your email on Thursdays and Fridays to see who is leading the efforts and whether it's on Friday or Saturday. We aren't all retired so, if the mowing coordinator is a worker bee, we will probably be mowing on

Saturday morning. When at the field, remember we do not have trash service at the field. Please take home all trash that you create or someone will have to pick that trash up before they can mow or clean the clubhouse.

We have new members so I want to remind the new and old members to spin the lock dials after opening our locks. Don't leave the combo showing on an open lock for non-members to see. Also, lock the clubhouse, including restrooms when leaving and last one to leave the field has to lock the gate. If you think you are last one leaving, lock it!

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.

Don't forget to check our website out frequently. Events and other useful information is posted there and checking out the field cam will let you know if you will be flying alone or if the field is humming with fellow pilots. With all the construction going on IH-45, you might also check the traffic reports on the local TV channels or you could be sitting, rather than flying!



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

May 3rd