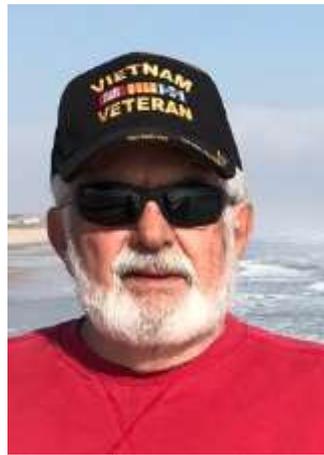




THE PROP WASH

Club Officers

- *President* - Steve Sartor
- *Vice President* - Dick Jones
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Sam Barrett
- *Editor/Webmaster* - Larry Bonnette



Steve Sartor

PRESIDENTS CORNER

I'd like to welcome Dick Jones as our new Vice President. Please give Dick a little help by volunteering at the field. Remember, it only requires one day per year of your time to keep the field looking great. One day, just a couple of hours.

I'd like to thank Helcio Trindade and Kirk Jensen (plus their Sunday helpers) for the installation of our new electrical outlets at the field. The original plugs and covers are also scheduled to be replaced. Although we may not have any greater electrical capacity, what we have is now a lot more convenient. Thanks, gentlemen!

I'd also like to thank Jay Wright and his wife Roberta for putting on a great Model Aviation Day event. The sausage, hamburgers and coffee were great. And a special "thank you" to Roberta for cleaning out our refrigerator. Yeah, Roberta.

Larry Bonnette has been busy improving our Internet and video capabilities at the field. .. but I'll let Larry update you on this project. Thanks, Larry.

And. .. the refrigerator in our kitchen is now stocked with plenty of water. Please donate to the cup (\$.50) and our water supply will support itself quite nicely.

Fly safe,

Steve Sartor

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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.

Words from the VP



Dick Jones

Hello;

My name is Dick Jones, your newly elected VP.

I was an aircraft/avionics technician for 40 years in corporate aviation.

Wasn't last weeks Aviation Day at the field fun? Jay ran a great event.

Keith Jarvis grandkiddos also pitched in . The noontime dance with Keith and Buddy was a joy to watch. Can't wait for our bigbird and then BEST.

Ya'll be sure and input your thoughts about Rule 336 to your congressman; Our voice needs to be heard. For more info go to Lee Rays Facebook page.

Please, Please volunteer to help with our mowing events. It really makes a difference and then we can fly afterwards sooner. Holler at me anytime.

May all your rolls be Axial

Dick Jones

Meeting Minutes

August 2 2018
Members present: 34
Start: 7:34 PM

Vice president, Steve Sartor called the meeting to order.

New member, Sarah McMartin, was unanimously voted into the club. Welcome !!

Safety officer, Gary Baumgartner reported that there were no safety issues to report. Gary reminded members that he is collecting old magazines for re-distribution to hospitals and libraries.

Treasurer, Sam Barrett reported that the club finances are in good condition. Sam said that he is now busy collecting dues, and the collection is progressing at a normal pace. The club has made its 33rd runway payment. A member asked if we could pay it off completely this year. Sam replied that he would not recommend that we pay the runway off at this time because it would place a strain on our ability to deal with a financial emergency situation. Another member asked Sam what our membership trend was. Sam told members that the club loses 20 to 25 members a year. But usually gains 20 to 25 members a year. Sam also commented that the loss of members is due to deaths, and relocations or some other natural event and is not due to any dispute with the club. He also said that our club is doing better than others as far as member retention.

Vice president, Steve Sartor reported that the field is in good condition and that the Hay was cut and all bails have been moved out of the flight paths. Sam is working on an agreement to allow the haying company to invest in fertilizer and other crop enhancing substances that will raise the quality of the hay. The agreement will alleviate any fear of losing his investment. A member asked if the company will cut the grass at the fence line. Sam said that it was not in the agreement but reminded members that the club receives a tax benefit by allowing our property to be used for agriculture purposes. Not to mention the esthetic value it brings to the property.

Steve reported that the materials needed to add electrical outlets to the tables in the pavilion have arrived and will be installed this Sunday (8/5).

Steve said that he has placed water in the refrigerator and would like members to help themselves at \$.50 per bottle. Sam reminded members to take the empty bottles with them when they leave for the day.

At the April meeting, the club was informed of a grievance that was submitted to our grievance committee. The committee has now rendered its conclusions and made recommendations.



Larry Bonnette

Minutes (continued)

In accordance with the grievance committee's recommendations. The target of that grievance stood up and provided a full apology to the club. The matter is now settled.

August 11th is a fun fly to celebrate "National Model Aviation Day" The festivities begin at 9:00 everyone is invited. See the web site for more information.

Steve Sartor told members that our current President Corey Lazrine has been unable to execute his duties as President of the club. Steve told members that he has been unable to contact Corey. So, per our by-laws Steve has assumed the duties of President of the Tri-County Barnstormers. Dick Jones volunteered to assume the duties of the Vice President.

A motion was made to vote Dick Jones into the position of Vice President. The motion was seconded and the members voted 32 "for" and 2 "against". The motion passed and Dick Jones is now the Vice President.

One of the members reported that Keith Jarvis was in the hospital.

Model of the Month was won by Max Taylor

Attendance jackpot would have been won by Larry Hultman but he was not at the meeting.

The "Name Tag" award was won by Richard Preas

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's August already and we have made our 33rd runway payment only 27 left to go. Our Treasury remains in very good shape and we are just beginning the collection of FY2019 dues.

We have just entered into the new membership year and we had 173 members at the end of FY2018 membership year. So far we have about one third of members already paying dues. Email invoices were sent out the last week of July to those members who have email addresses and those members who don't, were mailed a dues invoice. The second week in August, those members who have not paid dues will be sent a follow-up invoice as I have had at least two members say they did not receive the first invoice. I am trying to save us the postage of having to mail the dues invoice as I also have to mail the paid invoice copy, which includes

the gate combo and member stickers. Many people move or change email providers so this is a busy time for me. If you have moved or changed your email, please send me an email at treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com with your latest contact and address info.

Those who have paid dues and gotten the new gate code should keep that number to themselves. You won't need that gate code until the grace period for dues payment has expired, usually the week-end of BEST in October. I will announce the combo change to paid members only so, be on the lookout in September for a combo change notice.

The AMA website where I check the AMA membership status of our members has been changed and AMA club rosters may not be accessible on-line for weeks. Please check your AMA expiration date as I cannot see who is expired unless I were to verify every individual of our 170 membership by typing in their last name and AMA number. Needless to say, every member who flies is responsible to ensure their AMA coverage is current. I know we had some members expire at the end of July and if you fly you must have your AMA displayed, so make sure it's not expired or you could have an expensive surprise if you cause property damage or bodily injury without the AMA coverage.

The AMA has updated a few rules as of January this year and if you haven't read the AMA rules lately, please take time to read them and also read our specific Ray Brickhouse Flying Field rules to help keep our hobby safe and fun.



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DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

September 6th