



THE PROP WASH

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Corey Lazrine

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello,

Welcome all the new members that have joined, we look forward to flying and fellowshiping with you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Steve Sartor for volunteering to become the 2018 Tri-County Barnstormers Vice-President. I cannot thank you enough for stepping up and I am excited to have you helping and look forward to serving alongside you for the 2018 flying season!!

I would also like to sincerely thank Mr. Gary Baumgartner for serving as Safety Officer for the club, you are and continue to be a huge reason for the success of this wonderful club!

Brandon Phillips has offered to become the 2018 Safety officer and I could not be happier to have him fill this position.

I hope everyone has been able to survive the last couple of months of this crazy Texas weather. This year has already proved to be one for the books, hopefully we will soon have some good flying weather!

I urge everyone to volunteer to help in the maintenance of the field, without everyone's help our beautiful field would not be what it could be. Max Taylor has generously offered to help in the seasonal maintenance of our field equipment, and I know we will need guys to help in that area as well.

We have several members that have let their AMA membership lapse, please make sure to renew your memberships as you will not be allowed to fly without it. If you are unsure feel free to contact any club officer for clarification.

As a gentle reminder all pilots should already be registered with the FAA and all required markings should be applied. It is a good practice to help recover any downed aircraft and reunite plane and pilot in the case something was to go wrong.

Please remember to shop at your local hobby shops and support these wonderful people that may be struggling to stay afloat. Many shops have unfortunately closed their doors and once they are gone it has an impact on the hobby we all love.

I look forward to this season and getting some pleasant weather in which to enjoy each other's company. If you can help, please volunteer, we can all do something no matter how small to help in ensuring Tri-County remains the predominant club of the model community.

Corey

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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

Having been VP for all of 10 days now, I haven't had time to do much. My plans are to continue Buddy's M.O. with weekly team leaders and mowing schedules set by those teams leaders.

Please remember that if every member gave just one day to work at the field each year, nobody would be overburdened with work. I'm looking forward to setting up a list of team leaders and a schedule for the rest of the year.

If you have the time, please say "yes" when asked for a few hours of your time.

Meeting Minutes

February 1 2018
Present 26
Start 7:30

President Corey Lazrine called the meeting to order.

The December 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.

Corey announced that because of other commitments Joe Gerbino had to resign as Vice President.

Corey asked if there were any volunteers for the Vice President position. Steve Sartor volunteered. A motion was made and was seconded to vote Steve into the Vice president position. The members voted unanimously in favor, and Steve Sartor is now the 2018 club Vice President. Congratulations Steve !

Larry mentioned that the camera was suffering from cold weather-related issues. He asked that if members notice that the camera is stuck. They should power down the camera system using the switch on the power strip. Count (slowly) to 10 and then power the camera system back up.

Max and others mentioned that the gate was left unlocked again. Please lock the gate and spin the combination on the lock so that the combination is not showing.

A member asked about visitors flying at the field. Someone said that the visitor log pages need to be replenished.

Brandon Philips has been appointed as the club Safety Officer.

Three new members were voted into the club. Robert Brown, Kevin Murphy and Paul Johnson. Welcome !

A member mentioned that there will be a gathering of students in the Gym at Woodland High School on Friday February 10 from 1 to 3PM. They will discuss and possibly demonstrate indoor flying devices. Members are invited to attend, and if they have a small indoor flying craft they are encouraged to bring them.

Steve Tinsley conducted a "Tech talk" on "How to find the Mean Aerodynamic Chord and Center of Gravity graphically without calculations".

Someone asked if there were any objections to the use of turbine powered aircraft at the field. There are no club rules that limit their use. But turbine pilots need to follow AMA guidelines and use common sense. Other members asked that if you are going to fly a turbine aircraft that you notify us so that we can watch.



Larry Bonnette

Minutes (continued)

Model of the Month was won by Steve Tinsley
The attendance jackpot would have been won by Larry Hultman but, he was not at the meeting.
The name tag award went to Frank Kern.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It is February 2018, we have made our 27th runway payment and only 33 more to go. The treasury is currently in solid shape and the club paid membership is currently 167 members.

Unfortunately for the club, Joseph Gerbino experienced a change in workload after Hurricane Harvey and had to resign as our Vice President. However, Steve Sartor has stepped up to take on the responsibilities of VP and we thank him so much. Steve has been a solid supporter of this club, including being the project manager for getting our smooth runway completed. Many thanks to Steve for his continued and valuable service.

We have a number of new members join the club since our last meeting in December. Welcome Kevin Murphy, Paul Johnson and Robert Brown. 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.

As Treasurer I am the guardian of club assets like the club bank account and I would never leave our checkbook unguarded where it might cause us to lose money. However, lately, we find the field entrance gate and clubhouse left open. This can cause us to lose money, replacing stolen or vandalized property. We have insurance coverage at the field but, if we don't mitigate the loss to our insurer by keeping the field as secure as possible, we might not collect on that insurance. One of the first things that is checked if we report a theft or damage is to look to see if we had the place locked and if there is evidence of forcible entry. If we leave the field unlocked, we stand to lose; so check to make sure you roll the lock dials every time you unlock, so the combo isn't displayed on an open lock, and test the lock for solid closure when locking up. We have only been broken into once to my knowledge and our broken locks were very important in supporting our theft claim. Please help us keep our field locked and secured.



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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

March 1st