



# THE PROP WASH

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Corey Lazrine

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello everyone,

We finally have had some favorable weather and been able to return to flying. It is very important that we get started on the 2018 flying season in a safe and cordial manner. With this said it is also important that all members read the Club rules, and become aware of them and follow all rules while at the field. When doing so, you should always treat fellow members in a courteous manner. If you see someone doing something not deemed a safe flying procedure, please guide that individual on the safe methods of flying. As an example Ed Newsom observed a pilot that was flying from a position that could cause that pilot injury. Ed politely made the pilot aware of the situation and the pilot took immediate corrective action. Thanks Ed for keeping his safety in mind.

Several safety concerns have been reported to me, and I remind that it is **every** member's responsibility to adhere to and (cordially) enforce the Academy of Model Aeronautics National Safety Code and also the flying field rules. Buzzing or low passes over any person/persons are prohibited. Any low passes or attempted 3-D Maneuvers may not be conducted within 60' of the Flight Stations.

While at the field you are responsible for your aircraft, and just like driving your vehicle on the road you should be aware of your surroundings at all times. Anyone that violates the clubs safety rules will be reminded of the Club flying field Rules and AMA Safety Code.

Please keep in mind we fly as a hobby and do it because we all enjoy the escape it gives us from our normal day to day lives. **We are all adults flying our toys in at the field, please act accordingly.**

With that said when you are at the field. Please enjoy the grounds and the fellowship of the other members and use common sense while doing so.

Here is a link to the Flying field Rules for you to review;

[http://tri-countybarnstormers.com/Documents/Field\\_rules\\_2016.pdf](http://tri-countybarnstormers.com/Documents/Field_rules_2016.pdf)

Please help in keeping Tri-County the best flying club in our area and if you have the opportunity please reach out to Steve Sartor and volunteer in the weekly field maintenance. "Many hands make light work"

Safe flying,  
Corey Lazrine

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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

Well, the grass at the field has started to grow and the weeds are going crazy. We've had three mowing's so far this year and we'll be needing all the help we can get to keep the field looking great.

Our team leaders this year are Steve Sartor, Cory Lazrine, Kirk Jensen, Dick Jones, Max Taylor and Kevin Murphy. I'd like to start out by saying THANK YOU for volunteering. We will also be needing volunteers from the general membership to help. If each member of the Tri-County Barnstormers came out just one day a year to help, we'd have more than enough help to keep the field in pristine condition. (168 members divided by 52 weeks = over 3 people per week) (And we don't mow in the winter)

A few weeks ago we had a small incident with the small mower. The deck hit something immovable and was knocked off it's mount. No real damage, but we need to treat our equipment at the field like it was our own. Please be careful with it. Also, we need to keep the tractor mounted finishing mower away from the rocks along the road. Rocks can do severe damage to the blades, and they are not cheap. We are starting a conversation to sell the "Big Ass" brush hog we have and get something small enough for our tractor. The brush hog we have is almost twice as big as the tractor was made to handle.

Oh, and by the way. Dick Jones and I pulled the grass out of the cuts on the field. It was raining and the grass came out quite easily. Those cuts are only  $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep, so the grass that grows there is only rooted in the dirt that gets in the cuts.

Looking forward to a great year, and if I don't see you at the field with a radio in hand, maybe I'll see you with a mower or weed eater in your hand.

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# Meeting Minutes

March 1 2018

Present: 33

Start: 7:30

President Corey Lazrine called the meeting to order.

The February 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer reported that we are broke but that all of the major expenses have been taken care of. The treasury has \$xx dollars in it and that it is a good amount to have.

The Vice President Steve Sartor said that he is looking for volunteers to mow. Steve will be at the field at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Anyone that can help please show up. Steve also is looking for volunteers to take on the responsibilities of mowing crew team leaders. He needs 6 to 8 people for this. Please contact Steve if you can help. Jay Wright volunteered to be a leader.

Big Bird will be on June 23 and 24 and the CD will be Keith Jarvis

BEST will be on October 6 and 7 and the CD will be Corey Lazrine with guidance from Kirk Jensen

Three new members, Bill Bley, Paul Johnson and Joshua Hail were voted in unanimously.

Someone asked about the haying of the field. Someone else said that the people that will hay are waiting for a contract. Keith Jarvis or Buddy know the details.

Someone asked about the power line issue. No one knew an answer.

The lock on the gate has been left with the combination showing on many occasions in the last month. Members are reminded to please spin the dial so that the combination does not show.

Josh Nielsen provided members with a Tech Talk on "Soldering". The presentation included power point slides and a live demonstration.



Larry Bonnette

## Minutes (continued)

Model of the Month was won by Kirk Massey

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

The name tag award went to Melvin Lindsay.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It is March 2018, we have made our 28<sup>th</sup> runway payment and only 32 more to go. The treasury is currently in solid shape and the club paid membership is currently 168 members.

We had a new member join the club at our March meeting. Welcome Joshua Hail to the Tri-County Barnstormers. Joshua is an electrician and he lives in Conroe, with his wife Vanessa.

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 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!

Check our web site to see when our next scheduled event is being held. We have Big Bird coming up and that's for the larger models. It's really great for beginner pilots to attend the events. It gives them the opportunity to pick up on flying skills and to enjoy the company of those who share our hobby. So, don't miss them.



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

April 5th