



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!

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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

On Saturday, May 12th, we started mowing at 6:00 pm followed by some long overdue night flying. The winds were a little breezy, but we all had a good time. Expect more Saturday evening mowing, followed by our Saturday Night Flights.

The protective cover (where grass blows out) was removed from the small mower, exposing the blade and making for a potentially dangerous situation. It was removed because the wet grass was clogging the blade. If the cover is ever removed again, the chute **MUST** be installed in it's place.

Max has repaired the finishing mower and it is back on the John Deere. Please make every effort to keep it away from the rocks in the parking lot and along the road.

Fly happy and safe, and remember, the weekly mowing crews can always use your help. Weekly notifications will continue to be sent out by email.

Steve Sartor

Meeting Minutes

May 3 2018
Present: 27
Start: 7:32

President Corey Lazrine called the May meeting to order.

Corey told members that we are not sure when the "Friendship center" will be done with renovations.

The April 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

Members were reminded that the Big Bird was coming up (June 23-24) and we will need volunteers to help.

Dick Jones is the mowing crew team leader and will be at the field on Friday at 10 AM. Members are encouraged to help.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that "We are still in business" We are now at the half way mark in our runway repayment.

A member asked if the "Hay contract" had been completed. No one had an answer to the question. Max mentioned that we will need to find out soon because the hay is beginning to encroach into the fence line. If we don't have a hay contract in place. The club will have to prepare to eliminate the overgrowth of hay at the fence line. Max also asked members to inspect the mowers before using them and if they need grease. Please feel free to apply grease as necessary.

Gary Baumgartner asked members if it was OK to leave the starting tables set up near the flight line. No one objected.

Someone asked if the grievance filed last month had been settled. Corey told members that it was still under investigation.

The club will host Cub Scout Troop 1774 at the field on July 21 (rain date July 22). Members are encouraged to participate. The group had a great time last year and are looking forward to doing it again.

A member asked that the club to provide guidance to members on arming electric aircraft and then carrying them to the flight line. Corey will look into it.

Curtis Kelton ask if the club would install electrical outlets on the benches in the pavilion. Members discussed the issue. Curtis will look into the issues to overcome in order to accomplish the task (including costs) and report back at the June meeting.



Larry Bonnette

Minutes (continued)

Registration is now open for "Flight Fest" in Rockdale TX in November.

A new member (Robert Tosspon) was unanimously voted into the club. Welcome Robert !

Model of the Month was won by Josh Nielsen.

The attendance jackpot would have been won by John Powell but, he was not at the meeting.
The name tag award was won by Curtis Kelton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We have reached a milestone this month as we have completed 30 of the 60 payments on our runway loan and only 30 left to go. The treasury is currently in good financial shape and we have only three months until next membership dues will put us in firm position. Of course the mowing season is upon us and fuel and utilities along with necessary maintenance will be our biggest operating expenses for the next four to six months. You can help keep those expenses under control by remembering to turn off all lights as you lock up to leave the field. Remember to check to see all water and air conditioners are turned off and all locks are firmly attached before departing. If mowing, remember to clean and store the equipment before putting it away to have it ready to use for

the next person. If you haven't responded to the mowing announcements this year, any weekends for the next 4 months would be a good time to do so.

We have more and more new AMA members whose renewals now occur other than at December 31st. Our club membership year begins August 1st and expires July 31st on what's referred to as a 'fiscal year" and it matches our dues revenues for financial reporting. Unfortunately the AMA doesn't march in step with our membership year and it's easy to forget that your AMA may expire while your club membership is still active. I try to send out notices for those who let their AMA expire. The AMA lists our expired members in a separate section of our roster on-line, at the bottom of the list. If your name appears on the expired list, you have no flying rights at the field until your AMA is renewed. If you have an accident while flying at our field without AMA coverage, you are on your own and may experience severe financial hardship from damage claims of injured parties, including the club itself. Please check your AMA expiration and mark your calendar, especially if it occurs during prime flying season.

We only send out the Prop Wash once a month but, check out our website at <http://www.tri-countybarnstormers.com/index.html> for interesting stuff going on at the field and up-coming events. You can even check our webcam to see if there is anyone at the field or check the wind and weather on the website. There's lots of other information and even photos and videos taken at past events. If you haven't taken the time to check it all out, you don't know what you're missing.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 7th