



THE PROP WASH

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Ray Mathis

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome Barnstormers

Be sure to take care of yourself at the field with the heat like It is, if the water is running low help out and stock it up.

In the past we have given out a Helping Hands Award and this year Rachel Butler sponsored by member Tom Butler was the recipient.

Rachel is planning a career in aviation, congratulations Rachel.

We had a situation with flying over the neighbors house, she sent a email to the club asking to stop. We need to be aware of where

we are flying. After conversations with her we assured her we have rules and procedures in place to not fly over adjacent property and we will discuss it at the August meeting. We also need to be sure that a proper muffler is being used so that we don't upset the neighbors.

Max sent me info from the AMA in regards to going to the field alone. The club (membership) is getting older and we should all consider going to the field with others when we mow or fly. The info Max sent concerned a modeler who had an aircraft fly away . He was alone at the field around 8:00 am and headed out looking for his plane.

The heat and humidity got to him ,after it was discovered that he was missing , he had been out for more than nine hours in 92 degree heat. With emergency response and an extensive search he was located close to midnight. After a week in the hospital, he passed away. If you have to go looking for a lost airplane let someone know where you are going and take your phone.

We had a similar incident happen several years ago with a better outcome. The member got lost in the woods looking for a plane.

After responders searched the area he was found on Tafelski Rd , exhausted from the heat. Be careful while at the field.

Don't forget the National Model Aviation Day on August 17th, come out and join the fun and support the club.

Ray

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**Meetings are at the
Conroe Friendship Center
(Meals on Wheels building)
on the first Thursday of
the month at 7:30 PM**

**We hope to see you
there.**

Words from the VP



Dick Jones

Hey Everyone

Let me start by saying how sad we are to hear that Gene Dobesh passed away. What a fun , inspiring , pleasant person to be around. The Funeral is Saturday. He was 88 years young.

Our event(Model Aviation Day) is this Saturday, hope all can attend, its gonna be a blast!

Speaking of having a blast; I flew with some FPV fellas last Sunday. What a fun group. We finally got our hay baled by Jason. I hope we can use him for years. A super good guy. We have 2 more events this year. BEST on Oct.5-6 and Big Bird on Oct.12. Please come volunteer and or attend.

Until We Meet Again

Dick Jones

Meeting Minutes

August 1 2019
Present: 32
Start: 7:40

President Ray Mathis called the meeting to order.

The June 2019 minutes were approved unanimously.
There was no meeting in July because the meeting date fell on the fourth

Three new member, Mike Williams, Ivan Castrillo, and Ron Kever were unanimously voted into the club. Welcome to all !

The Club awarded Rachael Butler the clubs "Helping Hands" award. Rachael was present to accept the award and thanked the club. Congratulations Rachael.

Treasurer Sam Barrett, reported that the club has begun to collect dues for the 2020 membership year. The treasury is in good shape.

The club Safety Officer, Gary Baumgartner, told members that he had heard about an incident at the field that occurred during the Cub Scout event in July. One of the club members lost control of an aircraft during a scout training session and the aircraft crashed into a Ford truck. The member responsible explained the insurance situation and told members that the clubs "Apprentice" aircraft was at "New Creations" undergoing repairs. The same member reported that he was probably responsible for the complaint from our Eastern neighbor. The neighbor sent an e-mail to the club requesting that our pilots "please" fly their aircraft away from their house. Members present discussed the problem and all agreed that pilots needed to be more conscious about the position of their aircraft and the property lines. One of the members told us that they posted a person at the property line while another flew and were surprised to find out how easy it was to miscalculate an overflight of the line.

Vice President Dick Jones told members that Rich Arnold had donated a grass edger to the club. Dick also told members that he is having problems getting someone to "Hay" the field. The person who usually hays it has been unresponsive to our requests. One reason may be that there is just too much hay on the market right now. Any member who knows of anyone willing to hay our field is encouraged to contact Dick.

Jay Wright told members that 10 cub scouts and their families showed up for the event in July. Jay also reminded members that the AMA "Model aviation day" will be celebrated at the field on August 17. Jay and Keith are looking for help.



Larry Bonnette

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Model of the Month was won by Dean Marcott

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

The name tag award was won by Richard McCants

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's August 2019, we are in the first month of dues collections for the membership year FY2020 and we have less than half of current member dues collected. But, the Treasury is still in a good financial position. I get so many questions on the time allowed to pay annual dues before members are dropped or have to pay the initiation fee again that I thought I would just repeat my July discussion of the by-laws and dues.

The annual amount in dollars for Barnstormer dues is not given in the by-laws as they are set by the club membership, by a vote of 2/3 of a quorum, at a regular club meeting. The last such meeting set dues at \$100 per year, to be prorated for partial year remaining for a new member.

Section V, Paragraph C.3 gives members 60 days before their membership is terminated for non-payment of dues. Terminated means you cannot access the field as you are no longer a member.

Section V, Paragraph C.5 gives a terminated member another 90 days to request re-instatement by submitting a member application and paying all past dues and assessments. Acceptance of the delinquent member's application is only subject to a vote by the Executive Committee. If you fail to request re-instatement in the 90 days allotted, you are treated as any new member joining the club, and also subject to dues, and pay another initiation fee, and be voted in at a regular monthly meeting.

Although the By-Laws don't mention it, the Executive Committee can consider waiving the delinquent dues penalties for hardships such as military deployment, death in immediate family or serious illness of a member on a case by case basis. If you want more detail on dues or other club rules, just go to this link. http://tri-countybarnstormers.com/Documents/Barnstormer_Constitution_May_2015.pdf

The subject of increasing our dues has been mentioned and a number of our monthly meetings but, we have been able to operate efficiently and keep our dues very affordable. Please make every effort to get your dues in on time as they were due on August 1st and that starts the clock running.

As always, don't forget that your AMA must also be current if you fly at our field, no exceptions. Stay safe and fly covered by your AMA membership.



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DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

September 5th