



# THE PROP WASH

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Ray Mathis

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

It looks like the field may be drying out, At least some of it, Hopefully we can get the field cleaned up soon.

We have a few maintenance issues to take care of this year. I am sure on our visits to the field we have all noticed that the bathroom doors need to be repaired, Also, on the shop, the wood around both of the big doors need to be replaced and painted along with the side door that needs to be replaced.

We need to inspect the metal chairs we use as some are starting to fail. We don't want any thing to happen because of them. If you find a bad one put it under the awning on the side of the shop, There are some there already. Also under the awning there seams to be a lot of broken and damaged stuff that needs to go to the dump.

The road is starting to get spots in need of attention so we will need to get a load of rock for that.

We have several new members already this year so welcome them to the club and help understand the layout, Where to fly, Where to not fly,

Point out the house on downwind to avoid and the right and left hand traffic pattern. There is a copy of the Field Rules posted in the glass case where the impound was for reference if needed. We could all refresh our knowledge of them at times.

Remember to announce before going on the runway to retrieve your plane and do not take off or launch when someone is on the runway.

Enjoy the field. We are all out there to fly models, so come out and participate.

The Field rules can be found at:

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

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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 Fellow Flyers;

Well the time has come for us to display our FAA numbers on the outside of our planes! I'm excited, I put mine underneath the horizontal stab in 1/8" letters.

Don't forget Swap Meet season is here. Next weekend NWRC club and then Perry, Ga. with over 1500 tables in 3 pavilions. Thanks everybody for volunteering.

Dick Jones

# Meeting Minutes



Larry Bonnette

February 7 2019

Present: 31

Start: 7:30

President Ray Mathis called the meeting to order.

The December 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

Three Visitors present.

Six new members: Ray Marler, Craig Byrd, Anthony Bricker, Brandon Davis, Arthur Balis and John Perl were unanimously voted into the club. Welcome !

Treasurer Sam Barrett, reported that the property tax has been paid and the club is solvent.

The club Safety Officer, Gary Baumgartner, asked if any member had safety issues. One member commented that he witnessed an incident in which a member had taken off from a runway while another member was retrieving their aircraft. It was noted that, the member did not even announce that he had intended to take off. Gary reminds us that "All members are "Assistant Safety Officers" and that when you observe unsafe behavior. You should say something to the offender. This can help ensure that repeat offences will not happen again.

Ray asked members to read the club rules. He also mentioned that the club rules currently posted at the field were out of date and needed to be replaced.

The club Vice President, Dick Jones, told members that he now has 7 members lined up to mow. He still needs more people to show up during mowing sessions to help.

Dick said that regular mowing will start again in March.

Dick told members that they were fabricating a tool to help clean the expansion joints on the runway.

Someone asked if the Haying situation had been settled. Dick said that he had not heard from James Cromley.

Ray mentioned to members that the doorways on the clubhouse and the restrooms needed to be repaired or replaced due to rot. Another member mentioned that the barn doors had similar problems.

Other work that needs attention at the field is:

Stuff under the awning attached to the tool shed needs to be removed.

The road needs pot holes fixed. Someone mentioned that we needed about 2 loads of fill for that project.

The markers needed to be replaced where the culverts cross the road.

We need to find a member with a trailer so we can move trash to the land fill. Kirk Massey reminded members that they can use his dumpster at the store if needed.

## Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Steve Tinsley told members that there would be a "Remembrance" for Mark Kozak at:  
The Grand Palace  
314 Pruitt Rd  
From 2 to 6 PM  
On February 23 2019

Model of the Month was won by James Nicholas  
The attendance jackpot would have been won by Joshua Hail but, he was not at the meeting.  
The name tag award was won by Herbert Newsom

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Our club president asked me to remind you all that:

If you haven't read our field rules in a while. Maybe you should take a few minutes and refresh your understanding of the document. The rules are not there to make your flying experience less pleasant. They are there to make your flying experience safe.

You can find the field rules on our web site here:

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

A list of all of our documents and forms can be found here:

<http://tri-countybarnstormers.com/documents.htm>



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

At our February meeting we had another member join the three who had joined since December meeting bringing our membership to 154. Welcome to those new members! The treasury is in good shape and we are looking forward to another year of RC model flight and making improvements to our club.

We discussed some replacements of existing fixtures and doors to improve the clubhouse restrooms and replacing deteriorated frames and doors in the mower shed. We will be working on those and other projects as the year progresses. We do a lot of the work as volunteers and stretch the club's dollars further as we have done in the past. If you have plumbing or framing skills, please let the VP know if you can help on any of the projects we

will be tackling as the weather permits.

As usual we have AMA memberships which lapse at inconvenient times. If your AMA is not current, you cannot fly at our field. Please check to make sure your AMA has not expired and be sure to read the field safety rules to keep our record of safe flying this year.

Thanks to New Creations RC for acting as a member sign-up contact and being a club supporter. Many of our recent members started as customers at New Creations and New Creations have acted as an application and dues payment agent, working with the Treasurer, getting new members active quicker than having to wait for the monthly meeting. We appreciate the help and assistance of New Creations in helping new members and the club get together!

Looking forward to a great 2019 at Ray Brickhouse Field!



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

March 7th