



THE PROP WASH

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- **Vice President - Dick Jones**
- **Secretary - Larry Bonnette**
- **Treasurer - Sam Barrett**
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Ray Mathis

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello barnstormers

With the weather improving, its time to bring out the new projects and enjoy the field.

We have several new members, so, help if you can and welcome them to the club.

The mowing season is starting, if you can help we would appreciate it. When members help, it doesn't take long, and then, the flying can resume (since we don't fly while the field is being mowed).

With flying weather approaching, fly ins will be taking place in the area. If you haven't been to one, they can be a lot of fun and also help support the hobby. Supporting the clubs and hobby shops benefits all of us.

The registration number required by the FAA now has to be located on the exterior of the model not under a hatch (which would require disassembly to view it). The label must be in plain sight, and readable.

That's it for now see you at the field.

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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

Hello Again

March weather is here and its beautiful, finally. I don't know about yawl, but I like to fly in clear skys so I can see the vapor (oil) trail my planes make.

The field is in good shape, we just mowed , edged and cleaned the channels in the concrete. The mowing schedule is on the website now. I just got back from Perry, Georgia. How about 1500 swap meet tables!! I picked up an A26 that I cant wait to fly.

See yawl at the field

Dick



Meeting Minutes



Larry Bonnette

March 7 2019

Present: 28

Start: 7:31

President Ray Mathis called the meeting to order.

The February 2019 minutes were approved unanimously.

Two Visitors present.

One new member, Taylor Adams was unanimously voted into the club.
Welcome Taylor!

Treasurer Sam Barrett, reported that the treasury is in great shape. He also said that he believes that it will continue to be in great shape and anything that the club makes on events is just gravy.

The club Safety Officer, Gary Baumgartner, asked if any member had safety issues. One member commented that nation wide there seems to be issues with LiPo batteries causing fires. He also mentioned that the FAA is making changes to rules regarding the transport of LiPo batteries on aircraft. Gary mentioned to members that the FAA has also stated that FAA numbers must be placed on the outside of the aircraft.

The club Secretary, Larry Bonnette told members that he added a "Mowing" menu item to the web site. This new button displays the mowing schedule for the year. The names on the list are the mowing leaders for that day. Members are expected to show up and help them on their respective days.

Larry also told members that he resolved the Internet issue that was occurring at the field. This issue caused the camera system and weather system to be down for 2 weeks. In addition to the internet problem. The battery in the weather system keeps dying due to a lack of sun. While this cloudy period continues, members should expect weather system outages.

The club Vice President, Dick Jones, told members that the clover is beginning to grow and that we need to mow. Dick also said that he spoke with the person responsible for haying. He told Dick that he could not hay as long as the wet weather continues.

Gary Baumgartner got quotes from a local hardware store on 3 metal replacement doors for the buildings at the field. He said that the purchase and installation and painting of these doors would be \$2200. When Gary was asked how much for purchase, installation and NO painting. Gary said (about) \$1800. One member volunteered to paint. Members voted to spend \$1800 out of the field maintenance fund for the purchase and installation of three metal doors (No painting). Gary Baumgartner is the project manager.

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Charlie Barrera and Don Ramsey donated and installed three bird houses at the field.

Jay Wright announced that the club will host a fun fly that celebrates "National Model Aviation Day" on August 17, 2019. Jay said that it is an AMA sanctioned event and that he is the CD. Jay said he would like "Safety" to be a primary concern during the event and would like someone to volunteer to be a focal point for "Safety" and take on that role at the event. Gary Baumgartner said he would. Jay is also looking for volunteers with planes and buddy boxes to provide the RC experience to visitors. Finally, Jay asked the members opinion on hat and T shirt purchases. Jay will make the purchases based on a show of hands of members that were present at the meeting.

Someone asked if there was going to be a "Big Bird" event. Jay and Max volunteered to look into it.

A motion was made and seconded to add a rule to the "Tri-county Barnstormers Flying Field Rules"

The new rule. Rule #14 would state:

Vehicles over the weight of 100lbs may not park on any concrete surface. This includes, but not limited to; Sidewalks, Runways, Taxiways, and inside of the Pavilion.

The motion passed 11 for and 3 against.

A member told us about a WWI film called "They shall not grow old"

Model of the Month was won by Steve Sartor

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

The name tag award was won by Tom Butler

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's March and it has come in like a Lion but, there seems to be hope on the horizon for the coming months. We had two more members join in our March meeting and we are currently at 155 members. The Treasury has benefitted from the new members and we are very solid financially as we enter the flying and mowing time of the year. We only have four more months of the fiscal 2019 membership year to go before we send out the invoices for 2020. Given this dues cycle, our treasury should continue to be very strong and still have money to complete some of the repair/upgrade projects discussed at the March meeting.

With the flying season kicking into high gear make sure you don't get sidelined by an expired AMA membership. As an AMA chartered club, all flying members must have a current membership with the AMA. Flying without a current AMA is like driving without liability coverage and could ruin you financially if you have an "incident" of property damage or personal injury while flying. Check your expiration date and be sure you are covered.

Even if covered by AMA it doesn't hurt to be safe and the best way to do that is to read the field flying rules and the AMA safety guide. You can find the AMA Safety Handbook at this link: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/100.pdf> Take time to read the safety info and it might save your day and avoid accidents while having fun.

The weather is getting warmer, so go fly and have fun! See you at the April meeting on April 4th!



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

April 4th