



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

Here it is already May, with the days heating up and getting longer. Flying later in the day with the sun behind is a relief.

We have had our share of rain at the field lately and the grass is growing fast. Some areas stay wet a little longer but we can mow around them.

A member left the mowing list and we could use another to step up to replace him.

We are looking at a fly-in, in August, and B.E.S.T. in October. So, come out and help

your club and get to know everyone.

While you are at the field, remember to comply with the (aircraft) marking requirements the FAA has mandated and have your (FAA) registration number on the outside of the aircraft along with the AMA identification somewhere on the aircraft that we all have already.

Also, the club requires each member to have a current AMA card displayed with a membership paid sticker for the year in plain sight. There are a lot of members in the club so don't be surprised if you are asked at some time.

Remember to keep the field clean and take your trash with you and if you have a guest at the field remind them of our field rules and policies. Enjoy the field and help out with the work. It doesn't take much time and when the work is done you can get back to flying.

Remember, if you are the last to leave be sure to lock the doors and close and lock the gate.

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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 Folks;

Flying season is in full swing now. We just mowed and edged today. We still need one more person to fill a vacant spot on the mowing crew (dues are paid for) with 4 mowing dates left this year.

I took over BEST this year (Oct.5-6). There's so many things too do, I don't even know where to start. If you have any ideas please let me know. One thing were going to try is doing our own food for additional income.

Remember if you fly FPV, you need an AMA spotter!!! We also need to have our badges available to whoever asks for it. Our right is to know who's a current member. If you have a question about who is a member, you can call any officer and they can look them up in real

time, thanks to Sam.

Holler if you would like to see any improvements at the field. We got lots of money we need to spend.

Fly Wright;

Dick Jones

Meeting Minutes



Larry Bonnette

May 2 2019
Present: 21
Start: 7:30

Vice President Dick Jones called the meeting to order.

The April 2019 minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Sam Barrett, reported that the bank account is in good shape. Club dues collection will start in a few months.

The club Safety Officer, Gary Baumgartner, told members that he had not heard of any safety issues. Gary said that the fire extinguishers need to be inspected and that he will be taking care of that this month.

Gary told members that the new doors have been installed but need to be painted. Gary also said that the club saved \$700 because a member volunteered to install them. Also, there is a pile of rubble in front of the club house (the old doors) that need to be hauled away. No one volunteered to haul away the trash. Gary said that the culverts need to be marked. No one volunteered to mark them.

The club Vice President, Dick Jones, told members that we still need volunteers to help with the mowing. We lost one of our mowing leaders. We need someone to volunteer to replace him. No one volunteered.

Dick asked members if the club wanted a B.E.S.T. this year. A show of hands demonstrated that the members present wanted to see a B.E.S.T. in 2019. No one volunteered to run it. Max asked about road repairs. Members discussed the type and cost of fill needed to fix the holes in the driveway. No one volunteered to make the arrangements for material delivery or to make the repairs.

Model of the Month was won Joe Berryman and Steve Tinsley
The attendance jackpot would have been won by Robert Minieri but, he was not at the meeting.

The name tag award was won by Tom Butler

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Some comments from the secretary:

The Club has a membership of approximately 170 people. This number varies plus or minus 20 people from year to year.

The club meetings, held once a month, usually have between 20 to 35 members attend. This number is about 17% of our total membership population.

This 17% sit in the meetings and listen to the Officers and other members express the needs of our club. It is this 17% that are making the decisions for the club. It is from this 17% that we get most of our volunteers.

So, what about the missing 83%.

Where are you ?

We all know that it takes a lot of effort to go to the meetings.

But the fact is:

We need you.

We need you to come to the meetings and help with the decisions.

We need you volunteer to help with events.

We need you to help with the mowing.

We need you to help with the equipment maintenance.

We need you to help with the road maintenance.

We need you to help with the building maintenance.

Please ?

The alternative is that the 17% may make decisions that you may not like.
And who's fault will that be ?



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's May already and that means there are less than three months left in the 2019 membership year. The treasury is doing fine and we don't know of, or foresee any, financial shortfalls for the Barnstormers. With less than three months before dues invoices go out for 2020 dues, I will refresh members on how our membership periods start and end.

We use a "fiscal" year for our club accounting which begins with our receipt of dues and ends one year later on the day before dues are again collected; or at least invoiced. We collect dues on August 1st of the year and our membership year ends on July 31st of the next year.

I often get questions from members in the early months of the year, asking if they are "paid up". If you ask in May or June you might be surprised when you get a dues invoice in June or July. Other members often confuse the AMA membership requirement with Barnstormer membership. If you are a flying member of the Barnstormers you are also required to have an AMA membership but, those memberships do not have the same beginning or end dates. The AMA coverage is like having to have liability insurance to drive your car. If you fly at Barnstormers' field without a valid AMA membership, you could be financially ruined with a single incident of bodily injury or property damage caused by you. You need to check your expiration date on your AMA card to determine when it needs to be renewed. Your Barnstormer dues are always due on August 1st of the year.

We earn money for the club, besides our member dues, when we have an event at our field. Each year we have one or more events like "Big Bird" or Best Electrics in South Texas (BEST) and we earn money by collecting pilot fees from members and visiting pilots who like to fly with other pilots at events where we invite the public to a free air show. At the events we also have raffles of donated or purchased prizes and we also earn concession revenues when we have members volunteer to operate the clubhouse concession with money from food and drinks going to the club.

We have a couple of events scheduled this year. Check out the link on our web site <http://tri-countybarnstormers.com/events.htm> for dates and details. We need volunteers for these events to help us earn money for the club. Volunteers help with field mowing and setup of our sound system and canopy, pilot check-in, clubhouse concession and just about anything needed to make our visitors impressed with our event! Check out what's happening and let the contact person or one of the club officers know you want to help. You can help make the club some funds to keep our field ready for our hobbies or neat improvements like more taxiways or covered areas to set up your model or just escape the Texas sun. Being part of the event team can give you a lot of experience in social events and keep our club the best it can be. Don't be shy, there are jobs for all skills and time commitments; volunteer today!



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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 6th