



# THE PROP WASH

## Club Officers

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



Ray Mathis

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

### Welcome Barnstormers

We had our August meeting via Zoom and it went well after a short learning curve. Next month should go a little quicker. It was good to have the club together for the meeting, maybe it won't be long before we can have in person meetings again. Thanks to those who could attend.

The Helping Hands Award this year was awarded to Rebecca DeGregorio sponsored by Gary Baumgartner for more information on this go to the Club Information tab.

In the next couple of months we will be taking nominations for officer positions. At the September meeting A nominating committee will be appointed or volunteers accepted to search for nominees. This is a good time to get involved as members. There are positions that need to be filled such as instructors we could use several If you only fly week-ends or midweek, having someone listed as an instructor could help the new members. We all had help when we started, so pass it on. If anyone is interested in an officers position even if it is currently filled you can apply.

Be careful with the heat and take care when at the field, working at the field or flying take breaks from the heat and stay hydrated.

Be safe and 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**

Hi Folks; Hope yall are staying cool. Fields in great shape. We mowed last week and it has not grown at all.

I guess yall have heard, we continue to get complaints from our neighbor. Our bylaws in section 8 state that we have 98db limit at ten feet. AMA recommends 98 db at 20 feet. We have a calibrated Db meter in the kitchen. I marked the south runup area at 20 feet. Set the Db meter on 100 and run at full power while reading waist level at 20 feet.( Dont shoot the messenger). My G-62 with a Bennett muffler is at 99db( Cant fly) More flying fields are lost because of noise than any other reason. I hope we can make a super effort to get this under control.

Fly Wright; Dick

# Meeting Minutes



Larry Bonnette

August 6 2020

Present: 28 (in Zoom meeting)

Start: 7:31 PM

The August 2020 meeting of the Tri-County Barnstormers was called to order by President Ray Mathis.

The meeting was held virtually using the Zoom web meeting platform. There are 28 meeting participants in the meeting room.

The President mentioned that the club had not held a meeting since March due to the Covid-19 virus.

The President asked members to vote on accepting the March minutes. Using the raise hands function on Zoom we counted 14 for and Ray asked if there were any members against. Since there were none against the minutes were accepted.

The club Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the club is in the middle of collecting dues and that as of this date there were 70 members who have paid their dues. Sam also told members that the gate code would be changed on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ray asked Sam how we are handling new members without voting them into the club. Sam said that we as a club at a future meeting will have to vote all of the new members that we have accumulated since March. Sam also said most of the new members have been coming from New Creations. In the mean time the new members having paid their dues are granted access to the field.

Larry Bonnette told members that the Weather station was having a little problem with its batteries and that He would fix it.

Ray asked Sam if a new battery for the defibrillator had arrived yet. Sam said yes and that it has been installed. Ray informed members (incase they didn't know) that there is a defibrillator in the pump house that can be used in an emergency if needed.

Vice president Dick Jones presented his field report. He told members that tomorrow (August 7 2020) he has to mow and would "love, love, love" if he had some help.

Ray asked Sam how many members we had. Sam said 158. Ray told members that we have a lot of members who fly at the field and use the field but don't participate in the upkeep of the field. He asked members. "What do we have to do to get these members to help?" He further said. "We can't continue to rely on the same five or six people do all of the work". Members discussed the issue but nothing was settled.

## Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Kirk Jensen was asked about a discussion of having a "Semi-BEST". Kirk said that the person who would like to have an event at the field was Lee Ray. He is looking to have a get together of people who normally go to BEST. He doesn't want the field closed for normal flying; he would just like to be able to invite a group of people to join him in a "Fly-In". Since Lee is not a club member Max suggested that the club have a non-AMA sanctioned event to accommodate Lee's request. Nothing was decided.

Jay Wright volunteered to take over the "New Member Chairman" position at the club in place of Kirk Massey who is the current New Member Chairman.

Larry was asked if he could put something on the website that indicates what a new member needs to do upon joining the club. Larry said yes and he will discuss this with the other officers and Jay to determine what that might be.

Members discussed the new member voting process and talked about a hypothetical problem with a potentially troublesome member and how the club would handle that. Charlie Barrera suggested that new club members be admitted to the club for a probationary period of perhaps ninety days and then after that period he be voted in. Charlie further suggested that an active club member be assigned as a mentor to help the new member get used to the club and its rules.

Ray reported that the lady in the trailer is moving out. Someone else bought the property.

No attendance drawing

No name tag drawing

No model of the month

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It is August already and despite the covid restrictions we managed to have a Zoom meeting on our regular meeting night and it went pretty well. Our Treasury is still in good shape and dues are presently coming in with about 50% of members renewed at this time. We are in good shape to meet all normal club expenses as we are firmly in the mowing season of our operating cycle of the field.

During our meeting it was voted to change the gate code for the new member year on September 1st. So, if you want the new gate code, you'll need to get your dues in, in time for me to process receipts and send out the paid invoices. You still have until the end of October to pay dues before being dropped from current membership. But, access to the field after September 1st will be limited to current members with FY2021 dues paid.

On the subject of dues, don't forget to check your AMA to ensure it hasn't expired. All flying members and visiting guests are required to have a current AMA membership before flying or operating any model for pre-flight at our field. Any activity that is related to flying models which results in bodily injury or property damage is covered at our field with your AMA.

Congratulations to Rebecca DeGregorio who was voted our Helping Hands Scholarship award. Rebecca is set to attend Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Her sponsor is Gray Baumgartner.

It's hot at the field and the air conditioners will be needed on many days. Help save the club some money and make sure all lights and appliances are turned off when leaving the field and all locks secured. Happy flying!



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

September 3rd

Zoom