



# THE PROP WASH

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers

Well the heat is on now that July is here so be sure to protect yourself at the field . We can all watch out for each other and make sure we are ok. Be sure to distance yourself from others due to the social distancing guidelines for the virus. We have had to make changes to the way we live our lives and take care of business but we will get through this.

Hopefully we don't have any members affected by this. We had planned to have a meeting but with the increasing number of positive cases , we thought it would not be wise .

The hay has been cut and hauled away and the grass is growing fast. I believe that the mowing will be done on Saturday this week , so those that have asked to cut on weekends now is a good time to help with the field maintenance. With the rain we had and the heat now, the field will probably need to be cut twice weekly at times. We are all part of the club so if you see something that needs done go ahead and take care of it.

Be carefull and safe, se 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

Hey Folks

Well, the hottest time of year is here and we sure could use help at the field! I know most of you think it just somehow appears like the grass never grows, but that is far from the case. Max has informed us that this is his last year to volunteer so 3 people are gonna have to step up to take that one mans place . I think we are gonna have to require every member to do work days next year. Let me know how to go about this! I know how other clubs do it.

We have several local events coming up in the Houston area even with Covid. Livingston is having a 2 day warbird July 31 & Aug1, Bomber September 16 - 19. As of now BEST is not on the agenda.

C U at the field; Dick

# Meeting Minutes



Larry Bonnette

Let's talk a bit about the club and its operations since the Corona virus started to cause so much trouble.

First be assured that the club officers are looking forward to the day that we can have a meeting. The officers have been keeping in touch with each other VIA E-mail and phone calls to discuss normal everyday operations of the club. There is usually a flurry of E-mails around the first Thursday of the month to discuss whether or not to have a meeting. We don't take the decisions we have made regarding our meetings lightly.

We made a decision in July to cancel all future meetings until the virus situation has been resolved. We all know we could have meetings at the flying field. But the issue is the safety of our members. Most of whom are pushing 70 or better. We would all feel bad if one of us came down with the virus after attending a meeting. So, we made the decision to cancel.

What about using a video technology such as skype or Zoom to create a virtual meeting? This would work if we could be assured that most of our members had the hardware and know how to do this. It is worth a discussion. So what do the members think ? Send e-mail to one of the officers and let them know.

Boy it is HOT out there. Members can still fly but should be wary of the sun. Wear a hat to protect your head and keep some water nearby to keep yourself hydrated. It's always best to have another person present while you are flying and with this 100+ degree heat it is almost mandatory. So be careful out there.

I was able to finally fix the weather station. The new board finally came in and I installed it. It lasted about 5 days before it stopped working again. This was not a surprise because although the new board is a more reliable design, the system is prone to software glitches due to lightning or extreme heat or solar brown outs. I had some ideas as to how to fix it so I removed the new board along with its solar charging board and took it home.

My goal was to hook up the watch dog timer that resides on the solar board to the new weather board. This did not work and after a few days of fooling with it I figured out that the watch dog circuitry on the solar board was bad. Bummer.

I had a stand-alone watchdog timer in my junk drawer and was able to get it working with the weather board. Problem solved. I re-installed the weather board into the weather station at the field and all seems OK now. Keep your fingers crossed.

The guys who are in charge of keeping the field mowed and neat are always in need of help. If you can. Please help them with this task.

Your club Secretary

Larry

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Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

For those who haven't noticed, it's July and the heat is on! We are also hot to complete another membership year with our Treasury in good shape. Remember, our membership year is based on a 12 month period that begins on August 1st and ends in the following year on July 31st.

That means FY2021 Barnstormer dues are payable on August 1, 2020. Invoices will be sent out via email in the next few days. If your mailing address or email address has changed, please send your updates to [treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com](mailto:treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com) so you get your dues invoice and all the monthly notices sent to all members. As usual, annual dues are still \$100 payable by check or, at a meeting or through New Creations Hobby, in cash. Sorry, no credit cards.

To keep our treasury outlays to a minimum, please remember to turn off all lights and air conditioners when not in use or when leaving the field. Our utility expenses go up when energy is wasted by poor conservation and care. Also, remember to take any trash you generate home for disposal. We do not have trash pick-up at the field and too much trash or debris at the field make the job of the mowing team much harder. If you have children at the field do not let them play "rock-toss" with the stones in the parking lot. Those stones go into the grassy areas near the clubhouse and cause blade damage to our mower equipment or make other members concerned about auto glass or paint damage either from the throwing by kids or by rocks being struck and sent air-borne by the mowing equipment.

Another reminder that AMA memberships are required for all members and visiting guests who fly at our field-NO EXCEPTIONS. Most AMA membership renewal dates do not fall on a Barnstormer membership expiration date, so make sure you check your AMA card to ensure it is current before you fly and have it visible while you are flying or prepping to fly. Don't risk an uncovered accident, resulting in bodily injury or property damage at our field that you will be solely, financially responsible for.

As we are not able to meet during the current covid-19 restrictions, you may see more club notices sent by the Treasurer and on our website. Be sure to check the club website at <http://tri-countybarnstormers.com/> before you head out to the field to determine if something might impact those plans. We will let the membership know if any restrictions are placed on activities at our field by the county or state that prevent us from free access to the field. So please check all emails and the website often to be aware of any problems we may experience. Let's hope this problem is behind us soon and happy flying.



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING **is canceled**

August 6th