



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

Barnstormers, October is here and cooler temps are coming. The hay was cut and removed leaving the field in looking good.

Remember when flying to share the air, we fly anything on any day. The November meeting is important to the club as we accept

nominations and vote for officer positions we need to fill. This year we will need a President, Vice - President, Secretary and Editor, so now is

a chance to help with the club operations. November will also need an audit of the club to be reported at the December meeting.

The last meetings were held on Zoom and we will consider an in person meeting if able, we will let the club know. Our field is in good shape and with 150 members be sure to respect your fellow modelers and our neighbors while there.

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

Hey Folks;

Fields in great shape. We mow Friday at 9am. Come on out and freeze for a change. We got Scobee annual swap meet Saturday and Livingston Cub and Cousin event the same day. Its great that this club has so many different flying styles on different days. Saturday; Gassers, Sunday Electrics and weekday nitro. Something for everybody. I really like flying weekdays because they are patient and let everybody fly individually.

Let the good planes Roll;

Dick

Meeting Minutes



Larry Bonnette

October 1 2020

Present: 23 (in Zoom meeting)

Start: 7:35 PM

The October 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 23 meeting participants in the meeting room.

Ray asked members to vote on accepting the September meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted unanimously by a voice vote.

Larry reported that the problem with the weather station today is the fact that there is not enough sun to keep the batteries charged. Larry asked if there was an electrician in the club. We could ask him to place an electrical outlet near the weather station so we can just plug the weather station in. Helcio Trindade volunteered to do that. Larry and Helcio will get together to discuss it.

Dick Jones reported that the hay is being cut this week. Dick and Ray discussed the club work day that is this Saturday (10/3) Dick said we should wait to mow until 10/3 so more members can help with the mowing. Other members chimed in to volunteer to help on Saturday starting at 9:00 AM.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported the treasury is humming along pretty good.

Ray stated that he has received a "Helping Hands" application for next year.

Dick reported that he went and visited our neighbor to the East to discuss the issues with noise and over flight of her property. Dick said he gave her a fog horn that she can blow when she has issues with our members. This is so that members at the field during the time of infraction can stop and investigate who and what is creating the infraction. This neighbor has been sending e-mails to us to complain about noise and over flight of her property for many months. The horn will help us as a club try and determine who is committing these infractions. Larry asked members to listen for the horn and when you hear it, take note of who is in the air at the time. This way we can narrow it down.

A member warned the club of what could possibly happen if the club is forced to hire a lawyer to defend the club and its property. Many agreed that it is best to figure out how to fix the problem in a friendly manner rather than losing the club due to bankruptcy. The bottom line is that if you hear the horn. Please take note of who is flying and report it to the club officers.

Ray told club members that we need nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary. Additionally, we need a Newsletter editor. Elections are next meeting (November meeting). Nominations are due now until the vote at the November meeting. If you have a person to nominate for any of the officer positions please send email to one of the current officers. Kirk Jensen volunteered at the September meeting to run for President.

The Treasurer needs to be audited in November. We need a two-person committee. ???? volunteered to be one of the committee members.

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

A member asked if anyone had considered forgiving the yearly dues for anyone serving as a club officer.

Keith Jarvis asked the club to consider providing free membership to children who do not have any family members already in the club. After much discussion it was decided that the club will have to do quite a bit of work to modify our rules and constitution to accommodate this class of member. Keith Jarvis will speak with someone from the AMA to see how they would suggest we handle it and get back to us at the November meeting.

A question was asked "How many Intro Pilots does the club have?" and "How do we become an intro pilot?"

Is there going to be an un-sanctioned BEST? Dick says no. There will not.

Ray reminded members to fly safely. Please pay more attention to our rules. Please don't wander around on the runway while flying. Don't fly between the runway and pavilion. Stay away from our neighbor's boundary.

Jay Wright explained how our new DB meter works and explained to members how our aircraft makes noise.

No attendance drawing

No name tag drawing

No model of the month

Meeting adjourned 8:48 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's October and our Treasury is still doing fine. We have completed the collection of FY2021 dues. As a reminder, remember that our membership year starts on August 1st and runs through July 31st of the following year. So, next year on August 1st, FY2022 dues will be due. Our By-Laws allow members a 60 day grace period before members are dropped for un-paid dues. Thank you to all those who have renewed your Barnstormer membership. For those who have not renewed for whatever reason, thanks for having been a Barnstormer member.

The Treasurer is busy preparing for the club's annual reporting to the IRS, the Texas Secretary of State and reviewing our records for an internal audit of the clubs revenues and expenses, due to be performed in November, as required by our By-Laws. Steve Tomlinson and another volunteer will be doing our review and the results will be reported at our

December meeting.

Some of our best flying weather is upon us. So, make sure your AMA is current and don't forget to keep that AMA visible while flying at the field. It's our coverage in case there is a mishap during any activity related to flying at our field. All Barnstormer flying members are required to have a current AMA, regardless of age or member status. No AMA, no fly!

The club will be electing new officers at our November meeting, to take office at our December meeting. I have volunteered to continue as Treasurer for another year but, if there is a member who has the skill set to keep our books and keep up our required reporting to IRS and Texas Sec. of State, I would be happy to be relieved. If you would like to be Treasurer or know someone you feel has the ability and integrity to be our Treasurer please nominate yourself or that other person for consideration of the membership to assume the office of Treasurer.

To be sure we continue to have a field to fly or models from, please mind your downwind pattern leg to ensure you don't fly over our neighbor's property, especially with a noisy plane. We have to respect the property lines and keep our noise level controlled or we may have a dispute that we should be able to avoid. Keep an eye out to remind any pilot of the issue if you witness someone who is flying an excessively noisy craft or flying over our east property boundary. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



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

NEXT MEETING IS

November 5th

Zoom