



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 to the September news

We had another Zoom meeting with about the same turnout as in person meetings.

Next meeting we will look at having it in person but it will depend on conditions and restrictions.

The field mowing is still a bit of an issue, Max pointed out that at one time in the club we had a work day scheduled the first weekend after the regular meeting. It sounded like a good idea so that is what we will do. If that day is rained out then the next Saturday will work.

This month being September it is time to search for candidates to fill officer positions, this year we will need to fill three positions, President, Vice-President and Secretary will need replacements. The entire club membership can act as a search committee for candidates to fill these positions. The club is made up of over 100 members. I am sure we can find someone interested in filling these positions. Talk among the members and find those interested and willing to serve the club as officers.

While at the field be sure to follow the rules in place, we want to be the good neighbor first and not have to make corrections later. We have boundaries and a noise policy along with neighbors so lets do what is needed for 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;

Nothing earth shattering has come up since last month. Field is in good shape except for not enough rain. All this week, Bomber Warbird event is going on. A truly high dollar event. Hopefully, someone can step up and mow for Ed Newsome this Friday.

May All your rolls be axial;

Dick

Meeting Minutes



Larry Bonnette

September 3 2020

Present: 30 (in Zoom meeting)

Start: 7:30 PM

The September 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 30 meeting participants in the meeting room.

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

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported the treasury to be in good shape. He said that dues are still coming in and the club currently has about 160 members. Sam also reported that some of the mail he has sent to members has not been getting to its destination.

Ray told members that Rebecca DiGregorio was the recipient of the clubs helping hands award. Congratulations Rebecca.

Larry reported that the problem with the weather station is a bad solar charging board. A new one is on order and should be in in about a week.

Dick Jones reported that the club needs people to volunteer to mow. Max proposed that the club implement a "work day" on the Saturday that occurs after the monthly meeting. Members discussed the idea and decided to start having a "work day" on every Saturday that occurs after the meeting at 9:00 am. So, there is a "work day" this Saturday (9/5). All members are expected to attend.

Ray said there is a wasp nest on the club house.

Ray asked for volunteers to be members of a club officer committee. No one volunteered. Kirk Jensen said he would like to run for President. Ray Mathis, Dick Jones and Larry Bonnette all said that they were retiring from their posts. That means the club needs a President, Vice President and Secretary/Newsletter editor for the 2021 season.

Jay Wright said that all new members must contact him once they have joined.

New members were discussed and two new members were voted into the club unanimously. Welcome Glenn and Colby Wyres.

Noise and noise limits at the club were discussed. Ray stated that the club received several reports of noise and overflights of which five of the complaints occurred on Saturdays. Ray emphasized that members must really take these complaints seriously and do their best to quiet their aircraft and stay away from our neighbor's property line. When asked when the last complaint occurred Ray stated that it was on August 29 at 12:45 PM. The neighbor's E-mail stated that two red and white aircraft were flying over their property and threatened to call the Sheriff. The members discussed this at length with many suggestions on how to quiet their engines and suggestions on how to approach the overall problem. Ray and others warned members that "Noise" is the number 1 reason for the loss of flying sites.

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Ray mentioned to members that the club seems to be getting a little lax in complying with club rules. He said members have been seen flying against the "pattern" and flying from the runway instead of the flight stations. Members are not calling out their intentions to other pilots while flying together. Ray asked that members try and comply with the rules so that no-one gets hurt.

Members discussed increasing the dues and hiring a crew to take care of the mowing. Most members shot the idea down. But no-one came up with an idea to get people out to help with the mowing.

Someone asked if there were set times and days for certain types of aircraft to fly at the field. The answer is no.

Sam needs two people to volunteer to audit the treasurer. No one volunteered

The Larks club in Louisiana was destroyed by hurricane Laura. A member proposed that our club donate \$300 to the Larks club to help them rebuild. The club voted unanimously to donate \$299.99 to the Larks. Sam will send a check. Keith Jarvis will send Sam the mailing information.

No attendance drawing

No name tag drawing

No model of the month

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

Thank Goodness it is September and the last of the summer heat will soon fade. This is a great time for some autumn cool evenings and mild flying days but here in Texas it seems we just alternate between summer and winter on any day of the week. So have those batteries charged or the fuel ready and be prepared to take advantage of the weather when it's friendly.

We still have the risk of turbulent weather but our treasury is doing fine and we are completing dues collections this month. If you haven't gotten yours in, please do so by September 30th to avoid being dropped from member rolls. The club literally belongs to the long term continuous member. Every time you lapse your membership and return, you start your membership with the club, all over again. Although we have been lax in sticking to the repayment of another initiation fee for returning members who were off the rolls for a year or two, for purposes of vested club ownership, you start all over again as a new member from the day you re-joined the club. So what, you might say? If we were to dissolve the club and sell the 40 acres we own, a member's share of the proceeds is based on months of continuous membership. Look up our by-Laws and see that if you break membership, you lose all those months you were a member for a number of years because you dropped your membership for one year and then rejoined as a new member with a new "member since date", all over again. With all the FAA and government uncertainty about our hobby, you might look at your membership in the Tri-County Barnstormers, as an investment. Should the government shut our hobby down, the long term, continuous members who invested years in our club, won't be as unhappy about it as the new guys.

Everybody already knows that any flying member of the Barnstormer has to maintain a membership in the AMA. You can be a member of the club and not have a current AMA membership; you just can't fly. NO EXCEPTIONS, no AMA, no fly at our field. This applies to members and guests as well, so keep those AMA cards displayed if you bring a plane to the field. See you there as the weather is going to be getting great!



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DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

October 1st

Zoom