



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers!

Lets hope 2021 will be much better for everyone than 2020 was.

Looks like the mowing will get started around the first week in March. Steve is using a Team Leader system that will offer flexibility for the leader and

team. Basically when the team leaders week comes up he can schedule anytime that week, and get his own helpers. I know when it is my turn I do it on my usual flying day and get all my flying buddies to help out. Usually we are done in an easy hour.

Unsure at this writing, but the March meeting should be back at the Friendship Center in Conroe. If this happens we may still have a Zoom connection for those that want to remain virtual. If we do meet in person we still need to wear masks to be safe, and keep our families safe.

Looking forward to a good year. Thanks!

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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



Steve Sartor

From the V.P.

As you may know, many discussions have taken place regarding the mowing and upkeep of the field. I was a big proponent of contracting the mowing and freeing our members to just enjoy flying and not having to worry about upkeep. However, there were enough members that felt we didn't need to spend the money (\$7500.00) and volunteered as team leaders. I want to thank those individuals. So .. when you get an e-mail requesting help with the mowing, please give your time and volunteer. With everyones cooperation, one work day (2-3 hours) per year for each of us will be enough. Please help.

Meeting Minutes



Joe Marquardt

February 4th Tri-County Barnstormers meeting a quorum was achieved at 7:30pm and the meeting was called to order by the new President Kirk Jensen. This meeting was held virtually using the Zoom web meeting platform. There were 25 meeting participants in the meeting room. The December meeting record (The Prop Wash posted on the Tri-County Barnstormers website) was approved by the members present and the new board introduced themselves.

Treasurer Sam Barrett provided a treasury report indicating all outstanding bills have been paid and the organization maintains a healthy balance that will cover expected 2021 expenses.

VP Steve Sartor provided a field report indicating the mowing will remain with volunteers from the membership and will be guided by multiple team leaders. Each mowing team leader will be responsible for pulling a volunteer team together to mow. While mowing is being performed the flying field will be closed. Due to work schedules mowing will most likely occur on the weekends. Fire ant preventative has been spread in the pit areas and will soon be spread on the grass landing strip.

President Kirk Jensen opened new business by reminding members that the flyers need to remain within the property fence lines to maintain relationships as a good neighbor. Dudley Johnson proposed an amendment to the bylaws that passed a vote for entry into the meeting record. Bylaw amendments require notification and repeat vote by the membership after the notification. The proposed amendment will be to change the noise measurement from "3 meters" to "20 feet". Full wording shown below.

VIII - Noise Policy The membership has adopted a policy of 98 decibels at ~~3-(three) meters~~ **20 feet** as the maximum permissible noise level of any model flying at the Barnstormers field. Any member not abiding by this noise policy is subject to the grievance procedures as outlined in Article XIV herein.

Mr. Dudley and others noted during the discussion that planes with noise levels above the 98db that fly within the AMA pattern guidance do not create noise levels above 85dB at the fence line. There are noise meters available in the clubhouse that can be used to verify the noise levels produced by the models.

A separate proposal by Jay Wright to remove the decibel measurement requirement and replace it with "Members will abide by State and County noise requirements." did not pass.

Other new business:

Chris Martin announced a drone contest Feb 6th at Woodlands Highschool.

Texas City Radio Control Club will have a swap meet March 13th.

Next meeting March 4th at 7:30 PM will be conducted as a hybrid meeting with both in person (at the Conroe Community Senior Center@ 1202 Candy Cane Lane (formerly The Friendship Center)) and re-remote (Zoom) attendance. Covid19 protocols will be followed for the in-person meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

No attendance drawing

No name tag drawing

No model of the month

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

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Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's February 2021 and our treasury remains in good shape. Our property taxes are paid and we have no outstanding liabilities or other claims on our funds other than our normal operating expenses which we can more than cover with existing fund balance.

When the weather picks up we will experience our greatest on-going expense, that of maintaining our flying field. Our mowing teams make it possible to operate our field for the least amount of funds. If you haven't become a regular on the mowing duties, I urge you to find time to help out with these necessary tasks of mowing, trimming and picking up to be able to enjoy the sport of RC modeling on one of the best fields around. Volunteer mowing team participants make it possible to keep our dues low and to have a great place to fly and relax on those nice days coming in spring. Thank you to all who have pitched in to keep our field in such great shape.

Our neighbor to the east of the field has complained our members are flying over her house. We need to be very careful to keep from flying over the fence and to keep our noisy aircraft well inside the east fence to comply with legal noise limits to avoid being a nuisance and to respect the property rights of our neighbor. Noise and intrusion complaints are common for model flying fields and we need to work on being the best neighbor we can be. Speaking as the Treasurer I assure you we don't want to spend our dues on hiring a lawyer to handle a problem that we might be able to avoid with honest effort.

While flying at our field we observe AMA rules and require all Barnstormers who fly model RC aircraft at our field to have a current AMA membership. If you haven't checked your AMA expiration date lately, do it now or you might be flying uncovered by AMA and liable for all damages of an accident causing property damage or bodily injury. Don't risk flying un-covered and keep your AMA where it can be seen by other members when doing anything with a model at the field.



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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March 4th