

### **Club Officers**

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Kirk Jensen

### PRESIDENTS CORNER

THE PROP WASH

Hello members, We are now getting close to the BEST event. At the next meeting we will be asking for ideas and help with mainly the kitchen and sign in. The event is pretty well hands off with the exception of the food and sign in/raffle. There is a bunch of interest in the event after no

event last year. We hope to have a great event and make some good dollars for the club. 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.

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July 2021



Steve Sartor

# Words from the VP

Looks like we're finally catching up with the mowing; all of the big clumps of cut grass are finally blending in. Overall, the field is looking good.

It also appears that we are starting to accumulate again. If you have something to give away and leave it at the field, please dispose of it after a reasonable amount of time if nobody takes it. (I put a box of give-aways under the shed that I plan on taking back home in a couple weeks if nobody wants anything)

I'd also like to ask everyone to put your chairs back if you get one out, especially if it's positioned where the seat will fill with rain water. (and eventually rust out)

And again, remember, we do not have any garbage pick-up at the field. Please police after yourself and take home your soft drink cups and any other stuff you bring out to the field. Like the old meme says, "Pick up after yourself, your mother doesn't work here."

Thanks, Steve Sartor V.P. July 2021

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# **Meeting Minutes**

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with 15 members and no visitors in attendance at the Friendship Center. Club president Kirk Jensen called for a vote on the previous minutes and they were approved (The Prop Wash posted on the Tri-County Barnstormers website). The field report was provided by club vice president Steve Sartor who warned members to be on the lookout for hornets at the clubhouse until the nests can be sprayed/ removed. The rain that keeps delaying grass cutting is resulting in very high grass levels so the mowing captains can certainly use help on the days cutting takes place. Treasurer Sam Barrett reported the club has a healthy balance to the account with 139 members fully



Joe Marquardt

paid up through the end of July. New club fiscal year begins in August so expect invoices in the mail soon for the annual dues.

<u>Old business</u>: Reminder that BEST event is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was noted that Nall will be held the same weekend in South Carolina.

Cub Scout pack 1774 had 9 cub scouts plus parents and siblings came out to the filed June 19<sup>th</sup> to have a great flying experience. 6 of our members (Jeremiah, Patrick, Keith, Chris, Jay and Rob) were there to help all experience RC flying with buddy box and solo demonstrations.

<u>New business</u>: Mowing equipment requires a maintenance such as oil changes, greasing, and blade sharpening or replacement. Suggested a lawn equipment maintenance day to be set for any and all that want to help/learn about the field equipment. Date to be announced.

Prizes and Models:

Chips, cookies, and drinks were available to the meeting attendees.

Attendance drawing no winner (Keith's name was drawn but he was not in attendance)

Name tag drawing winner was Sam Barret.

Multiple raffle winners were Max, Richard x2 and Patrick x3.

Model of the month was a custom built 80" plane in a box by Lowell.

Next meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM will be conducted in person (at the Conroe Community Senior Center@ 1202 Candy Cane Lane (formerly The Friendship Center)).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

July 2021



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It's July, the last month in our Fiscal Year 2021 Membership year and our Treasury is doing fine. This is a busy time of the year for me as the invoices for membership dues for 2022 will be going out this month. We currently have 141 members and each of you will receive an email invoice if you have an email address on file, or a mailed invoice for those who refuse to deal with the risks of the Internet.

In any case, dues are for the new membership year which begins August 1<sup>st</sup> and will end next year on July 31, 2022. Dues are payable by cash, check or money order as we do not accept credit cards, digital currency or homemade money. Members can pay in person at our regular monthly meetings in August, September and October. As a courtesy to Barnstormer members, New Creations RC will accept member dues for the Treasurer to pick up. Please put your check or cash in an envelope with your name on it.

Upon receipt of dues by the Treasurer, paid members will be given the new gate and clubhouse combination for FY2022 and a FY2022 Tri-County Barnstormers member sticker to attach to the back of your AMA card. If you pay in person, at our meetings, you will receive the code and sticker at time of payment. The gate code will be changed at the end of September which is the end of the 60 day grace period for paying dues. Members whose dues are not paid by October meeting will be dropped from the member rolls and may require payment of new Initiation Fee to re-join.

To save postage, the club is sending most dues invoices via email. If you do not pay in person, we have to send your paid invoice by mail to give you the new gate code and member sticker. When opening the mail be careful to not lose the member sticker which is small or forget to keep the invoice which has your gate code attached to it. Do not share the new gate code or forget to spin the lock dials when unlocking the gate or clubhouse locks as they will have the code exposed when initially unlocked. The gate codes are only provided to paid members and not to be shared.

It's time to look at your AMA member card and confirm that you are AMA covered before flying at our field. As an AMA Chartered field we require a valid AMA membership of all flying members. Display your AMA during any preparations or flying as such accidents are covered by your AMA. Fly safe and fly covered by AMA.



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TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER

CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST

THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING IS

August 5th

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