



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers!

It was great to get back to a normal meeting in June. We had all the regular fun stuff going on. We will see everyone at the July meeting.

Thanks for all the effort with noise and flying within our club fence line. The complaints from the

neighbor have not gone away, but have certainly gone down.

I have spoken to her on the phone and that makes so much of a difference vs. emails. Thanks again for minding the fence line limit! And the club sound limit! Bring a plane to the next meeting to show off and display for model of the month!

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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.



Steve Sartor

Words from the VP

Looks like the rain is going to let off long enough to get some field maintenance done this weekend. The grass has really grown and there is a lot of weed eating to do.

One of the last items on our big clean-up agenda was finally bought and installed. .. a new overhead light in the clubhouse. Thank you Jimmy Andrews for getting this done.

And thank you to Dean Marcott for the 3-D printed address sign for our gate.

And that's about it. The restrooms are being cared for and kept clean, we are well stocked on toilet paper, and I've totally run out of things to report.

Meeting Minutes



Joe Marquardt

June 3rd 2021 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:33pm with 17 members and 3 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 requested additional assistance with the grass cutting due to the number of weeks missed due to the rain/wet conditions. Treasurer Sam Barrett reported healthy balance to the account with all outstanding invoices from the field cleanup clearing the books.

New business: Club received 2 applications for membership that were reviewed at the meeting. Cooper Tatum a high schooler who became interested in flying during the pandemic taught himself to fly and Jose Vargus who has flown as a guest at the club previously were both voted into the club as members.

Additional new business we will host Cub Scout pack 1774 (approximately 10 1st -5th graders) for a flying experience on June 19th at 4pm. Requesting at least 5 volunteer pilots with planes to assist with showing the cub scouts how to fly on trainers using buddy boxes. Also requesting pilots who would like to showcase their flying skills and different planes/quads/helicopters attend to give the kids a flying show. Contact Rob Decesari at rcdecasari@hotmail.com to help him keep track of the volunteers. Alternate weather date is June 26th.

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

The club voted last month to express interest in holding a Big Bird event and during this meeting Max indicated after searching there are currently no sanctioned Big Bird events in the area. Jay Wright asked for clarification on the noise rules being enforced and the club president stated BB planes would be subject to the noise requirements from our bylaws with each plane being checked before being cleared to fly at the field. Concern was raised that this would be the first time a noise check would be conducted at Big Bird and it could cause low attendance or drive away flyers from the event. Potential alternative arrangements were discussed with no specific conclusion reached in the discussion.

Prizes and Models:

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

Attendance drawing no winner

Name tag drawing winner Melvin Lindsey

Multiple raffle winners awarded.

No models shown at the meeting.

Next meeting July 1st 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.



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's June and the weather is warming up, flying is much better as the rains break for a while, the Treasury is in good shape and next month is the last month of the 2021 fiscal and membership year.

A reminder that our membership year begins on August 1st and ends on July 31st of the following year. This is known as our membership year and our fiscal year for our federal tax filings. If you join the club any time other than the month of August, your annual dues are

"prorated" at a rate of \$9 per month, for the remaining number of months in the membership year. If you join in December, there are 8 months left in the membership year, counting December. So your annual dues would be $8 \times \$9 = \72 plus your initiation fee of \$150. If you join in July, your prorated dues is only \$9 but your \$100 annual dues would be due the month of August. This surprises members who do not understand our membership year dates as they think, "I just joined and I am being asked to pay annual dues again!" I hope this clears up any questions as dues invoices will be going out in July and are due, August 1st.

Now for that other membership. All flying members of the Tri-County Barnstormers are required to have a current AMA membership. No AMA, no flying or model testing at the field. If your AMA is expired, you are a spectator until your AMA has been renewed or acquired, if you are new to flying and a first time AMA applicant. A field list of members is posted at the field with your current AMA status. If we forgot to update the list and it shows you as expired make sure you have your current AMA for inspection if you are flying. No AMA, no fly.

Remember as the weather is warming up to save the club some money by shutting down all air conditioners, fans, lights and all water faucets as you lock up the field to leave. We are all owner /members of Barnstormers so, take care of it for all our sakes. Leave it locked and clean! Happy flying!



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