



# THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

I want to personally thank all those who came out and supported the BEST event for 2021. This of course includes all those who prepped the field, cooked the lunches, cleaned up and of course registered and flew. What started out as a possible terrible weather situation turned out to be wonderful. We had cloud cover and sunshine for the 2

days. It was a lot of fun.

It was interesting to see some helicopters show up, and a bunch of them were scale. The pilots flew them scale-like as well. I think next year we will have a different flight line for helicopters covering all the sizes.

Thanks again!

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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

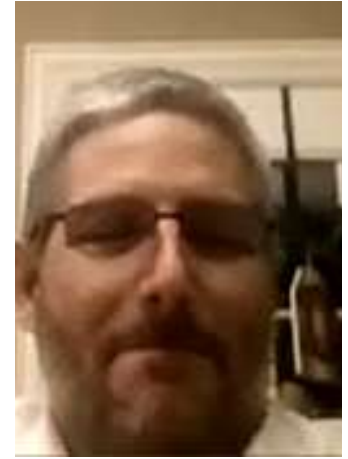
Fall has arrived and we should be scaling back on our mowing duties by the end of this month. The weather has been a little wetter than usual this year and has caused the grass to grow while keeping the mowers away. Most of the accumulated cut grass is now gone and we're looking pretty good.

I'd like to personally thank all the mowing crews this year. THANK YOU. It didn't look like we'd get a chance to mow before BEST but Joe pulled it off between showers and the field looked great. It sort of matched the weather, which couldn't have been better.

I'm looking forward to our new barbecue. Jay Wright has volunteered to procure a new grill so we can get together and finish all the food left over from BEST. Looks like we'll have a Saturday evening cookout followed by some night flying. I'm sure Jay and Kirk will have more details later.

Again, THANK YOU to all the volunteers this year, from the big clean out this spring, to all the mowing throughout the summer.

# Meeting Minutes



Joe Marquardt

October 7<sup>th</sup> the 2021 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with 16 members and 1 visitor in attendance at the Friendship Center in Conroe. 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 the club president who covered the previous weekend BEST event results and experience. Flyers began showing up on Thursday to setup campsites and we had a total of 34 registered pilots for the event over the weekend. Income from the event was \$355 from the kitchen, 680 from the pilot registration, and 1400 from the raffle. Many thanks to Jimmy for donating the Spectrum ix20 radio sale proceeds back to the club (Jimmy won the radio and sold it at the meet because he primarily flies Futaba - very generous of him!).

Old business: Be a good neighbor. A new orange windsock was installed on the neighbor's yard for us to use in orientation to our flying patterns if you are near this windsock you are too far out from the runway. The neighbor reported someone on their property with a ladder and after diligent investigation by the club president it was determined the individual was a non-member. Not only was this bad etiquette for the person going onto someone's property without permission but reminds our members review the rules and not have non-AMA guests flying at the field.

Purchase of an AMA remembrance brick in the name of the club has been delayed due to website issues at AMA. Expect to have the brick purchase completed by the next meeting.

New business: The propane grill has seen it last use during the BEST event (burner plates and bottom rusted out) so motion was made and approved to buy a new grill for the club with a budget of \$500. Jay offered to pick one up to use at the member only appreciation hamburger cookout and night fly on October 16 at 6pm.

Important activities for the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. First there is a need for a nominating committee to identify new club officers for vote during the meeting. Contact Kirk to be on the committee. Floor nominations will also be accepted and voted on the same night. New board will be installed during the December meeting. Second item we need two volunteers to perform the annual audit of our TBS books before the December meeting.

Two (2) new members were voted in during the meeting. First was Spencer Hansen who flies nitro/electric scale and aerobatic planes. Second was Mustfa Firoz who flies both nitro and electric scale planes in Dallas but also spends time here in the Montgomery area. Welcome both to the club and look forward to seeing them at the field.

Terry Foote discussed the upcoming "Thunder Over Round Top" RC Expo scheduled for November 11-13<sup>th</sup> 9am to dusk. Admission is \$20 for all 3 days using a flyer from Terry. See [RTRCEXPO.com](http://RTRCEXPO.com) for more information.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported the club has a healthy balance with 116 of the 144 member current on dues.

## Prizes and Models:

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

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

## Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Name tag drawing winner was Joe Berryman.

Multiple raffle winners were Max, Richard, Jay, Joe M., and Joe B.

Model of the month was awarded to Dean who brought in a custom foam and 3d printed build of a Bugatti racer that uses a unique counter rotating dual propeller nose assembly as the propulsion system. The plane also has an inverted tail arrangement. Dean's maiden flight of this plane was assisted by Steve, who helped with a hand launch.

Next meeting November 4<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 8:40pm.

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Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It's October and this month our FY2022 dues collection is concluded. While we have experienced a loss of a number of long time members, our treasury remains in good financial state. We currently have 116 members. As usual, we typically lose about 30 members at dues time as members enter and leave the R/C modeling hobby; time to engage in our hobby varies with pressures of other life commitments. It also appears that many members are seemingly unaware that our membership year starts and annual dues are payable in August and wake up in December and ask if their dues are up to date. Although I send out notices to the membership at least monthly during the dues collection window, I will again cover this in my comments.

Our membership year begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on July 31<sup>st</sup> the following year. The current membership year ends July 31, 2022. In June or July, dues invoices will be sent out to current members and they have 60 days, starting August 1, 2022, to pay dues before being dropped by the club. While we have been fairly lax in enforcing it, our By-Laws require members who let dues lapse past the 60 day grace period to re-apply for membership and pay another initiation fee to be re-accepted as a member. As usual, the officer team can waive this penalty for delinquency caused by illness, or military deployment and such. Timely notice is better than after you have already been dropped as it causes time wasting adjustment of our membership records for Club Roster, accounting entries and deletions, AMA Roster update and email notice lists for every such accommodation.

If you paid your dues in person, you should have received your member stickers and gate code at the monthly meeting. If you paid by mail or through New Creations R/C, you will have received your member stickers and gate code along with a copy of your dues invoice, mailed to you. If you have any change in email or mailing address, please send me the new information to ensure you receive all club notices and your member materials.

As ever, all Barnstormers who fly at our field are required to have a current AMA membership. We are an AMA chartered field and the AMA coverage protects you and the field in case of property damage or bodily injury while flying at our field or any other organized flying club. Always fly safe and covered by AMA and read our field flying rules before flying to help safety awareness.



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# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS  
November 4th