



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers. This issue of the newsletter should hit you just before the B.E.S.T. event, on October 2-3. Come on out for some electric flying fun. We will have great burgers and dogs as usual (Thanks Jay and crew). This will also be the first time out of towners will see our cleaned up place and the 'new' restrooms, etc. I'm sure we will get some nice comments on how great the facility looks. Hope to see you there.

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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 we're down to our last two months of mowing before the grass goes dormant for the winter. If you haven't had the chance to come out and help mow this year, time's running short. Please volunteer at least once a year and support your club.

A new windsock for our neighbor's yard has been installed. We are hoping this new 5' windsock can help provide some depth perception and keep our airplanes on our side of the fence.

We are still seeing some vehicles backed into the pavilion. **THIS IS NOT ALLOWED.** None of the concrete at the field is strong enough for this type of weight. We have enough cracks and broken concrete already. If you see someone violating our policy please speak up and say something.

Meeting Minutes



Joe Marquardt

September 2nd 2021 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm with 14 members and 3 visitors 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 club vice president Steve Sartor who wants to remind mowing captains to check the website for their scheduled week. Thank you goes out to Jimmy for bringing a trimmer to clean up the trees along the pit fence. Multiple reports of trash being left at the field - please pick up after yourself which means take home what you bring to the field. Treasurer Sam Barrett reported the club has a healthy balance with 80% of the 144 member dues paid.

Old business: Reminder that BEST event is scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd. Jay has volunteered to perform the cooking duties for the weekend.

New business: Request approved to make and post signs to remind those at the field to not drive on the concrete and to remove trash.

Purchase of an AMA remembrance brick in the name of the club was approved by a majority of the members present.

Request for any and all to help on the Friday before BEST to prepare for the weekend fly-in. Beginning in November the Saturdays following the monthly meeting will be a workday at the field. Come help maintain the club and visit with your fellow modelers that day also.

Prizes and Models:

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

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

Name tag drawing winner was Sam Barrett.

Multiple raffle winners were Max, Richard x2, Steve, and Stephen.

Model of the month was an eFlite Zero park model electric plane presented by Joe.

Other models presented.

Gary showed two planes gifted to him by his son. 1st was a free flight battery powered model about the size of your hand. 2nd was a park flyer size jet style plane that came as a complete setup transmitter/battery/receiver. Gary said signal was lost by the time the plane reached the end of the runway so he converted over to Spectrum. One twist was that the radio had to be programmed with elevon style B controls.

Michael showed off a depron foam box style plan from Flying Giants that he added lights to for night flying.

Max presented the "Frankin" plane which was a mismatched setup of recovered parts of a wing and fuse that he added a ducted fan to for fun. Max indicates the plane flies really well.

Next meeting October 7th at 7:30 PM will be conducted in person (at the Conroe Community Senior Center@ 1202 Candy Cane Lane (formerly The Friendship



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. Maybe even get in some night flying as the evenings cool a bit.

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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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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October 7th