



# THE PROP WASH

## Club Officers

- **President - Kirk Jensen**
- **Vice President - Gabriel Virene**
- **Secretary - Joe Marquardt**
- **Treasurer - Sam Barrett**
- **Editor - Max Taylor**
- **Webmaster - Larry Bonnette**



Kirk Jensen

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers!

Pretty exciting stuff was discussed in the last meeting. Lots of field improvements, and talk about the dues. It was decided to focus on one of these things at a time, so come to the next meeting and find out what is going on with your club!

## Index

Meeting Minutes (secretary)	2
Words from the VP (Vice President)	3
Treasurers Report (Treasurer)	4

The BEST event is about a month away at this point. We will need the usual pre event field help along with the usual regular event help. If you can spare some time to help out that would be great. Sign-in table, raffle ticket sales and drawing, etc. thank you in advance.

**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.**

# Meeting Minutes



Joe Marquardt

August 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm with 23 members and no visitors in attendance at the Friendship Center in Conroe.

Prior Minutes: Approved by voice vote.

Field report: Field grass is green and good even though rain has been minimal. Many thanks to the weekly mowing teams they are keeping the field looking good. Please help the team captains maintain the field by volunteering as a cutting crew.

Treasury Report: Annual dues notices have been sent out and are required to be paid by the end of August. Approximately half of the 134 members in the club have submitted their payments. The club continues to maintain healthy bank balances.

Old business: Still requesting/asking for volunteers to step up and be a contest director (for AMA sanction events) or chairs to run a Big Bird, drone, or fun fly at the field this year.

Good discussion and debate held about opportunities to make improvements out at the club and straw polling was used to understand members interest in the following.

- Annual dues adjustment to reflect maintenance activities which included the following concepts:
  - Possible lowering of joining fees or tiered memberships
  - Add member dues for non-maintenance support
- Add a new clubhouse with viewing platform.
- Add a pond for boat and float plane activities
- Add permanent RV hookup pads
- Add a RC car track

The numbering above reflects the straw voting results with the highest interest items being listed first. Jay Wright was asked to draft up changes for the items that would require bylaw changes and have them available for the September meeting for review and motion so they could then be voted on in October. Proposals for field modifications that are not bylaw changes will be proposed separately with identified cost and scope to be voted on as they are matured to an actionable plan. If interested in assisting in any of the above proposal development please send an email to [secretary@tri-countybarnstormers.com](mailto:secretary@tri-countybarnstormers.com).

## New business:

2 new member applications were presented and approved by vote.

David Gresens is a retired teacher who has 57 yrs in the hobby and likes to fly patter, scale, IMAC, and small aerobatic.

William Langner has 22 years in the hobby and likes to fly sport planes.

Welcome to the 2 new members.

## Prizes and Models:

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

Attendance drawing winner was Scott Walters (not present).

Name tag drawing winner was Herbert Newsom.

3 Models were presented with Joe Marquardt presenting a modified Twisted Hobbies Crazy 88 Biplane.

Next meeting September 1<sup>st</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 adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Happy flying in 2022 and look forward to seeing at the field!



Gabriel Virene

## Words from the VP

Hello fellow barnstormers!

Everyone knows how hot it is.

Stay hydrated folks! Field report looks really nice considering how much rain there has been. It's in really good shape.

I went to the Livingston warbird event last weekend and had a good time. Everyone there were very respectful and very professional. There were over 40 pilots in attendance and there were a lot of awesome planes. I love getting out to events to admire and collect ideas on future builds. Thanks to the legend hobby team and Livingston a.r.f. club for having me out to fly. I really had a blast!

On that subject. B.E.S.T. at Tri-county Barnstormers is coming up quick! Can't wait for that one. Don't forget there will be a combat flying wing contest so get your wing flying tuned up. I'll be coming for that one. Lol.

Don't forget there is water I the fridge drink plenty of water. We should be drinking 8 bottles of water a day. Have a good time out there barnstormers!! See you next time!



Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It is August 2022 and the Treasury is in great shape. Dues for membership year 2023 are being received and we will continue receiving dues until the October meeting, when the dues grace period will end and those members not paid-up by then will be in deep Kimchee and no longer members of the Tri-County Barnstormers.

For those members who have paid dues for 2023, you will have received a "paid member" sticker and a new field combination sticker. The combination sticker is

"repositionable" which means it can be peeled off your invoice and placed where you can get to it when October comes and the field locks are changed to that new combination. So, don't put it on the side of your field box or anywhere non-members may see it and as always, remember to spin those lock dials so the combination is never exposed on an open lock.

We have a number of members who are not maintaining their AMA membership and have let it lapse. When a member lets their AMA lapse and has not renewed the AMA, the member is no longer a "flying member" of the Tri-County Barnstormers. Lapsed members can retain and renew their memberships and can still participate in all club activities, except flying or any other hobby related activity involving a powered model. The AMA coverage is required not only because our club is a Chartered Member of the AMA but, because any accident involving preflight test stand running of a powered model and flying may involve incidents of injury or property damage, covered by the AMA. If you intend to fly, check your AMA and if you are shown on the field member list as not current on your AMA, you need to contact a club officer and get the record corrected, if you have received an updated AMA card. If you have any doubts as to whether your AMA is up to date, just go the AMA website and use the "Membership Verification" to enter your last name and AMA number.

The hot weather we are experiencing can be dangerous, especially if you are out slogging through tall grass, looking for a downed plane. Keep hydrated and if you use the air conditioning in the clubhouse, remember to turn it off before locking up the clubhouse to leave the field. Also make sure lights in the bathrooms are off and the bathrooms locked when leaving field. The electric bills are getting more expensive and as Treasurer, I would like to save anywhere we can; so don't waste electric or water!



P.O. Box 916  
New Waverly, Texas 77358

«First Name» «Last Name»  
«Address»  
«City», «State»  
«Zip»

Web site [www.tri-countybarnstormers.com](http://www.tri-countybarnstormers.com)

[www.tri-countybarnstormers.com](http://www.tri-countybarnstormers.com)

# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

# September 1st