



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers. We don't have a meeting in January, however the officers do meet to discuss club business. This year we are looking at maintenance as a primary item. The thought is to have a nice gathering 4 times a year, quarterly, to do mechanical maintenance, greasing, blade changing, etc. this will also go along with a BBQ hamburger and hotdog lunch and a fly / night fly. Should be lots of fun. More info will be shared at the Feb. meeting. I know Gabe will be looking for mowing team captains for the coming year. Hope those that served last year can stay onboard as well as get some new blood. See you at the meeting.

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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.

Meeting Minutes



Joe Marquardt

Hello fellow fliers welcome to the 2022 flying year at Tri-County Barnstormers field. I hope all had a good time over the holidays and with the current weather patterns you are inside working on new planes or drones to fly at the great field that we have. In January we do not have a club meeting so the new board members can get together and discuss what activities the club may undertake in the new calendar year. The field equipment that we have is in good shape so we do not expect a need to replace a major item this year however we need volunteers to maintain the current equipment and field property. To help with this the club needs mowing captain volunteers to run the weekly mowing teams that keep the grass looking great during the main growing season.

I hope that we will have some AMA sanctioned events continue or restart this year. It would be good to have Big Bird, BEST, Sailplane, Nitro fly type of events happen at the field to bring folks together and maybe spark an interest in new members or fliers. Last year we did have a BEST event and it was well attended. One of the weekends after BEST we held a member night fly/hamburger dinner. Based on how well everyone enjoyed the member event it was suggested that we hold a quarterly burger/BBQ type of event to get our members together out at the field for more comradery. Many informal groups meet at the field during the week and weekends. Just use the field camera and you can see who is out there and join them to fly or just socialize. We all have a common bond in putting something up in the air and marveling at how well it flies, crashes, or performs after repairs.

Look for some of the items above to be proposed at the upcoming meetings and I hope to see you there and out at the field.

Welcome to 2022 and Happy Flying from your club Secretary

Joe Marquardt

Words from the VP

Gabriel Virene

I would like to start by saying how excited I am to help out with the field duties and tractor maintenance at our beautiful flying field! I would like to stop and say thank you Steve sartor for your work as VP of our club. thanks again buddy. Thank you to those that have stepped forward to assist and a thank you to those that will in the future. I would like to have the annual big bird at Tri-county this year as well as host a fun fly with some flying games this year as well. If you can help me with getting this idea off the ground. I welcome your input and ideas to get more people excited and involved. also it is time to get the mowing crew schedule together to get the mowing organized. I'll wrap this up with, in these difficult times with all that has happened the past year or more stay safe out at the field, wear a mask if you feel that is the best choice or don't but keep your distance if you don't. and I really hope we can continue our events this year. 2022 is going to be great!



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's January 2022 and there is no meeting of the membership this month. We currently have 123 members in the club and our Treasury is in great shape. Our next meeting will be held the first Thursday in February, February 3, 2022 at the Friendship Center, in Conroe, TX (which is also the home of Meals On Wheels). Doors open at 7:00 PM and meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

On January 8th, the Barnstormer officers had a meeting to discuss the up-coming year and things that we might like to accomplish for the club. Of course the field mowing is a big task for an area big enough to fly our model aircraft and field up-keep like painting and cleaning of clubhouse facilities and possibly a new gate were mentioned. We agreed that our last repair of the entry road was holding up well but, we may need to grade it in places that are beginning to show some signs of wash-out and the grass is encroaching on the sides in places, needing to be treated and graded. One thing for sure is there is always something that needs attention and a regular maintenance day, maybe monthly or other recurring period could help keep field needs attended to in a more orderly fashion. These are issues to be discussed during or regular monthly meetings to get input of the membership on what, who and when we can take care of those little projects.

The weather is lousy this early in January for flying but that's a good time to check your AMA card and make sure it will not be expired the next nice flying day. Remember, no current AMA means NO FLY. So check that card and be ready and be covered for the unexpected. Dress warm and keep healthy because those flying days are on the way.



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING IS

February 3rd