



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers. When you read this the 2022 BEST event should be just a week or so away! Happening on October 1,2 this year. Please come out and fly with us. We have plenty of the usual interest in our event with folks traveling in as usual. We get a ton of support from the DFW flyers and I hear there are folks coming in from much further than that. Thanks to all who work hard to make this event happen, from field to kitchen to raffle to registration to everything. 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.

Meeting Minutes



Joe Marquardt

September 1st 2022 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm with 15 members and 5 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. Repairs needed for the fence and wood ramp to the viewing deck. The

deck needs to be pressure washed if one of the members would like to volunteer to do that please just do it and let one of the board members know when and we can email others to help.

Treasury Report: The majority of the annual dues payments have been received with only 48 out of 136 with unpaid balances at the time of the meeting. The club continues to maintain healthy bank balances.

Old business: The 19th annual BEST is scheduled October 1st and 2nd come out and fly your electric planes, drones, and helicopters! Many awards are to be presented and burgers, hotdogs, snacks, and drinks will be available.

Jay Wright provided a short comment that the updates to the bylaws should be available by the October meeting.

New business:

The October meeting will have new board member nominations with the new board voting in November. Contact one of the current board members to nominate yourself or one of the other members for the next board. Terms are from January to December 2023.

The annual maintenance budget of \$5k reset in September to match our clubs fiscal calendar of September 1 – August 31st of each year. Discussion was held about buying a new finish mower or additional zero turn. Expect to have proposals with estimated costs to be presented at the next meeting.

4 new member applications were presented and approved by unanimous vote.

Mike Montenegro, Mike Mathis, Judy Mathis, and Jim Gurlock

Welcome to the new members.

Prizes and Models:

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

Attendance drawing winner was Donald Beam (not present).

Name tag drawing winner was Joe Berryman.

Minutes continued

4 Models were presented

Dean Marcott presented a 3D printed ducted fan seagull that took 72 hours to print.



Steve Sartor presented an orthopter that he rebuilt by hand cutting printed circuit Board materials for body spine.



Gary Baumgarter presented a YAK 55 from Flex Innovations

No Picture of the YAK55

Joe Marquardt presented a new old stock BVP-YAK eflite model he recently built.



Next meeting October 6th 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 8:40 pm.
Happy flying in 2022 and look forward to seeing at the field!



Gabriel Virene

Words from the VP

HI fellow barnstormers! Get ready for B.E.S.T. is one more week away! Sidney Fienstein came to help trim the low hanging branches under the four trees by the pits and on the far end of the pits . Looks better but I'll trim it better this Sunday. I hope to see you out there and fly with you. I

know there will be several people camping. With the weather we should have a great event. I've been hitting several events this season and will hit several more next month. The field is looking good . I intend to go out early next week to do some touch up work and get the high weeds knocked down somewhat. Hope to see you out there and bring a flying combat wing. It's on..... see you there. Till next time.



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It is September 2022 and the Treasury is doing very well. We are in the last month of the dues collection and our next monthly meeting on October 6th will be the end of the grace period for timely paying membership dues for membership year 2023. Dues not received by then may require paying initiation fee to re-join the Tri-

County Barnstormers. As a reminder, we accept only cash, check or money order for dues payment. If you are visiting New Creations R/C and need to pay dues, the shop has agreed to act as a drop off point for dues if in cash or check, and placed in an envelope with your name on it. No credit cards accepted for dues.

For members who have paid dues, you have a sticker with the 2023 gate code on it. This lock code will be active after the BEST event closes on Sunday, October 2nd or on Monday morning October 3rd at the latest. After you can open the lock with the new code, it will be active until October 2023.

As always, keep an eye on your AMA expiration date and be sure you get the membership renewed as we are an AMA Chartered field and no flight or testing of motors or engines are allowed to be conducted at the field without current AMA coverage.

I'm sure everybody is looking forward to the cooler weather and the nice flying at the field. The field is maintained by a great group of volunteers and members who assist them in keeping the field mowed and trimmed. We have an event coming up and extra help maybe needed to get the field clubhouse ready for visitors. Please respond to our calls for help to make the preparations go quicker and to learn more about what it takes to maintain the field in shape to make flying and spectating more enjoyable. Thank you to all our field volunteers! While at the field make sure all doors are locked and all utilities are turned off to help keep our costs as low as possible and thanks from the Treasurer for every dollar we save!



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CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING IS

October 6th