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Hello from the TBS president's corner.

Wow has it been hot and dry but the event this weekend was even hotter! Thanks to all that came out to the Big Bird Saturday August 19th. Full details will be available at the next club meeting but we had over 2 dozen pilots sign up to fly some great looking planes. This event was a great success due to the many volunteers that stepped up to make things run so well. Thanks to all that helped with special shout out to the following

Keith Jarvis our contest director

Michael Dollens junior MC with all the announcements

Ed Newsome for manning the pilot sign up and raffle table

Jay Wright and Jeremiah Langlois for field cleanup

Spencer Hansen for the great cooking and donation of the BBQ

The hostesses Stacey, Bert, and MG for manning the kitchen

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Get out to fly and enjoy the hobby.

Joe

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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



Patrick Mapston

August meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm August 3rd 2023 at the Friendship Center in Conroe TX with 24 members and 4 visitors present.

Secretary report. Minutes from July were approved by voice vote.

Treasury report. Stacey Langlois who has an office manager and volunteer organization accounting background has volunteered to help Sam with the managing the club treasury. The club account is in good standing with the dues payments the new club fiscal year receivables coming in. A reminder the club fiscal year is Aug 1 2023 to July 31 2024.

Vice President report: With the hot and dry weather we have had the field grass has slowed down in growing. Grass cutting continues so please support the mowing captains and assist to reduce the time it takes to maintain the field and facilities. The sprinkler system is being repaired after a number of breaks were found in the system.

Old business:

Greg Marshall and Steve Tinsley hosted a table about TBS and RC flying at the 1st Baptist of Conroe Outdoor Banquet. The has multiple models at the table and a simulator for people to try out flying. Thank you both for promoting the

hobby to others.

Upcoming events:

August 19th a Big Bird flying event will be held at the field. Big Bird = 80" mono or 60" biplane with an exception to accept 73" for scale planes. Volunteer for the event to assist with the pilot signup table, food service (in air conditioning), setup of banners, sound system, and cleanup after the event.

September 23 is a fun fly at the field.

October 7 & 8th the BEST event will be held at the field. All electric flying for the weekend.

New Business:

Two new members, Shawn and Gary Cagle were voted in with unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made to install 3 openings into the new pilot fencing but it did not get a second.

Motion was made to limit the signage on the fencing and dispose of the damage signage. Seconded and a voice vote was unanimous.

Pool noodles need to be replaced on the flight prep line tail holding posts. Painting of the parking poles has been started but not all poles have been painted yet. Good volunteer opportunity as the paint and supplies are in the tool barn.

Model of the month presentations by Dean Marcott and Steve Tinsley. Dean won the drawing.

Dean presented a low density pla 3D printed Cesna. That took approximately 8 hours of printing and gluing. All up weight of the model is about 20oz.

Joe Spradling won for attendance but was not present.

Steve Sartor won the name tag drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm



Jay Wright

Words from the VP

It's hot out there. Be aware of the dangers of heat exhaustion and heat strokes. Thanks to a donation, there is plenty of water at the club house. Drink it. Lots of it.

The sprinkler system is 99% repaired. It is making a visible effect in some places where the 'reach' of the sprinkler heads wet the ground, but there is a lot of crunchy grass where the sprinklers do not reach. Fortunately, there is decent coverage at the north end of the grass run way and the cracks in the ground are slowly closing up. There is still a small leak in zone 1, that I have not been able to find yet, but it does not seem to materially affect the sprinklers in zone 1. The timing is still not acting as it is programmed, so you might experience watering in the morning or middle of the day. If so, simply move the knob on the control panel to "OFF". Do not try to reset or change any of the other settings. (Turn it back to "RUN" when you leave)

There is still a lot of work to be done stacking wood from the cut down tree in the north-west corner of the property. A pile of wood has been started at the back of the parking lot, where we will put wood that is intended to be 'firewood'. Smaller branches are stacked close to where the tree was, and will eventually be burned. If you have some time, spend it stacking the little stuff, however do not try to do this during these exceptionally hot days.

Finally, the grass sweeper pulled behind the little tractor has been repaired and works fine, just do not fill to more than $\frac{1}{2}$ full while sweeping. Empty the collected grass near the burn pile for later pick up and putting on the burn pile, and burning.

The Big Bird was a screaming success, notably unexpected for the hottest month of the year with a heat bubble lingering over us. More on that from others, but special thanks to Spenser Hansen for the awesome pulled pork which received rave reviews, and to Roberta Wright, Stacey Langlois, and Mary Grace Marquardt for managing the kitchen duties flawlessly.



Sam Barrett

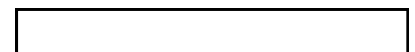
The Treasurers Report

It is August and hotter than Hell but, our Treasury is still in good shape. I am happy to announce that Jerimiah Langlois and his wife, Stacey have stepped up to give the Treasury some new energy. Stacey has a great background to bring to the club treasury and we thank Jerimiah for talking her into helping us spread the work and give our Treasurer position much needed help. Right now were are in the process of bringing Stacey up on how we have been doing things in the club and I'm sure she will have some recommendations on how we can improve. I may still be around for a while but, those who have met Stacey probably won't miss me. Welcome aboard, Stacey!

As everyone who has a current email on record for the club will attest, the dues invoices for membership year 2024 were sent out the last day of July. Those who do not have an email, or one that we know of, their invoices have been mailed. If you have a gmail email address, you might get more consistent receipt of club notices and dues mailings if you use an email other than gmail. For some reason, club emails with lots of recipients on them are often labeled SPAM and hung up in delivery for gmail accounts. We are trying to figure how to fix this but, it seems gmail accounts are most affected. If you have a non-gmail account to use, please provide to improve mail delivery.

I assume that most of us have noticed the change in By-Laws that seeks to incentivize participation in the work required by the membership to maintain the field and support events and other club work needs by assessments for those who wish to be free of the work requirement. Essentially, members who do not perform volunteer support work at least two occasions per quarter will be assessed \$25 or \$100 annually for the 4 quarters of no work. The work does not have to be field mowing or other such physical tasks if a person is not physically able but the Vice President may decide and helping with the food for an event, signing in pilots at events or other light duty will be recognized.

One thing that never changes is, if your AMA is not current, you cannot fly at our field. Check you AMA when you go to the field and know ahead of time that your membership is up to date. If you're are listed on the Field List with a yellow NO in your AMA coverage, contact AMA if you think you status is current. If AMA has you listed as expired, we will believe them! Fly AMA covered and fly safe!





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DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

September 7th