



THE PROP WASH

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What a rollercoaster of weather this winter! Lots of rain and cold weather but mixed in a few sunny nice days. I hope many of you have capitalized on the few nice days and got out to fly something. With all the non-fly days I have really taken advantage to be engaged in the hobby by refurbishing or building new models. On the nice days I myself have been out flying some older planes that I refurbished. One such plane a low wing style had mice living in it when it was stored in a barn. I had to recover the wing and replace all the servo wiring (chewed up). The glow engine was seized up pretty well and I had to learn some new skills on taking it apart. Quite a few folks told me about using their wife's ovens to heat up the engine to get the gunked up nitro fuel to free up. Knowing that my wife would disapprove of using the house oven I purchased the cheapest toaster oven I could find to do the same job since I wound up with about 5 glow engines in the "barn find". I also heard of multiple ways to clean the engines after baking them apart. What I settled on was a three step process; first was to use vinegar to soak the engine, second is to brush the parts with a nylon brush to clean off the remnants of the caked on glow fuel, and lastly using rubbing alcohol finish off the brightening of the case. Works like a champ and does not leave a toxic solution to dispose.

Get out and fly or stay in 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

February 2 nd 2023 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with 25members and 2 visitors in attendance at the Friendship Center in Conroe. Prior Minutes: Approved by voice vote.

V.P. report: Request will be sent to the utility company to replace the GSU lock on the gate. The current lock hasp has worn itself close to breaking so if you find the gate lock chain broken, please let the officers know so it can be fixed. Jay presented a slide show identifying the proposed club improvements. Please see the website to view the slides.

Treasury Report: Property tax was the last major expense paid by the club. Current club roster has 131paid members.

Old business: We discussed the need for volunteers to hold multiple flying events at the club. Suggestions are to bring back the Big Bird, War Bird, and fun fly events. Additional suggestions were to engage the local schools for STEM events, host the Civil Air Patrol, or create a flight training program to bring in new fliers.

New business:

3 new members and one rejoin were presented and voted into the club. A unanimous vote was recorded for Chris Thomson, Eddie Pull, Mark Newbould as new members and Robert Brown to rejoin the club. Welcome to the club!

Prizes and Models:

Chips, cookies, and drinks were available to the meeting attendees. Attendance drawing winner was Kirk Massey (not present)

Nametag winner was Paul Langner

Model of the month was won by Steve Tinsley who presented a 64mm EDF jet

Next meeting March 2 nd 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 8:45 pm.

Happy flying in 2023 and look forward to seeing you at the field!



Jay Wright

Words from the VP

Gentlemen,

Please see the attached schedule for mowing leadership.

There is nothing special about the order, so if you know of an issue with a date assigned to you, go ahead and see if you can swap dates with someone else on the list. If unable to make a swap, let me know.

As a Mowing Leader, it is up to you to set the mowing day of the week and start time as well line up mowing assistance for your 'week' from the current membership. Keep in mind that there are some members that still work during the weekdays, so will only be available on the weekend. I suggest that Saturday morning is the best time, and if that is the time you set, more than likely, I will be there and will assist.

If you let me know early in your 'week', I will send out a call for assistance to all current members. Don't leave it to chance, let every body know when you would like help to be there.

Jay

In the last newsletter, I mentioned we were exploring some improvement and enhancement to our club property. Last year a committee investigated some of the options, eliminating some that were deemed unfeasible, and settling on what we thought the best options were. Since the first of the year, I have been investigating in deeper detail what some of the options might cost the club. At the February meeting I presented some of possible things we can do, with potential cost. I am still trying to obtain competitive bids, so the choices are not at a stage where we as a club should decide what our next steps are. In the next March meeting, I intend to finish the presentation and solicit opinions from club members, so please join us and be part the process. Lastly, we have enough mowing leaders, and a schedule has been made. It will be on the website very soon.

2023 Mowing Team Leaders

18-Mar	Jeremiah Langlois
25-Mar	Jay Wright
1-Apr	Phil Formento
8-Apr	Joe Marquardt
15-Apr	Jose Vargas
22-Apr	Dick Jones
29-Apr	Jordan Klebieko
6-May	Jeremiah Langlois
13-May	Jay Wright
20-May	Phil Formento
27-May	Joe Marquardt
3-Jun	Jose Vargas
10-Jun	Dick Jones
17-Jun	Jordan Klebieko
24-Jun	Jeremiah Langlois
1-Jul	Jay Wright
8-Jul	Phil Formento
15-Jul	Joe Marquardt
22-Jul	Jose Vargas
29-Jul	Dick Jones
5-Aug	Jordan Klebieko
12-Aug	Jeremiah Langlois
19-Aug	Jay Wright
26-Aug	Phil Formento
2-Sep	Joe Marquardt
9-Sep	Jose Vargas
16-Sep	Dick Jones
23-Sep	Jay Wright



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It is February 2023 and the Treasury is still in good shape. All of our major bills are paid and we have 134 current members. In February of 2022, we had 124 members, so things are looking up at this time.

We had some good news from our Barnstormer president that our FAA-Recognized Identification Areas (FRIA) application has been sent to the AMA to be included in

their application to the FAA for all Charter Clubs of the AMA that request it by submitting an application questionnaire. It will be some time before we get confirmation but, if we didn't go with AMA, we would have to have worked directly with the AMA to get approved or all of us would have to buy Remote Identification Modules for our plane or planes or not fly at our field. As a penny pinching Treasurer, I am thankful that I or any other Barnstormer will save money by being a club member with AMA coverage and flying at our field with little fuss or extra out of pocket money to do it. Thanks to our club president for getting the job done! Also thanks to other Barnstormer officers and Max Taylor, who helped with completing the AMA questionnaire.

Speaking of AMA, the flying season will be upon us in almost no time so, now is the time to check that AMA membership and confirm that you have coverage. FRIA or not, no flying without current AMA coverage. Also, you can thank AMA for their help to clubs to get registered under the FRIA program; just another benefit for AMA members. So fly happy, identified and covered by AMA and enjoy 2023 flying season!



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

NEXT MEETING IS

March 2nd