



THE PROP WASH

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Joe Marquardt

Welcome to 2023!

I hope everyone had a good year of flying in 2022. As a RC flying club we have a healthy roster, financial status, and a field to enjoy. All three things help to make a good organization but engagement with others, involvement in volunteer opportunities, and use of the facilities are some ingredients to make a place great. If it has been some time since you have been to the field come out to fly something or visit with the other pilots that are out at the field. Remember we all share a passion for the hobby in some way. Good opportunities are available for you to assist the making the club great this year as we are excited to bring back some of the previous field events and hold some new ones. The board is looking for volunteers to hold events like War Bird, Fun Fly, Night Fly,

BEST, Big Bird, competition fly or whatever you would like to arrange.

The colder and wet weather we have during this time of year is a great time to work on repairing your old plane or building a new project. I spent a good part of December working on a few old planes I picked up from someone that decided to stop flying. It was a good opportunity to learn something new about glow engines and test my balsa rebuild and covering skills. Ill share some more details in the next newsletter.

All the best for the new year to you and your families. Look forward to see you at the club and happy flying.

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

Discussions from our January officers' meeting. We discussed pricing repairs for lawn equipment and the objectives of upkeep.

We will be talking to the hay guy about cutting closer to the fence line to keep the property's in better visual shape!

Event scheduling for future events we want to host. Bigbird event, Best, Fun Fly, and include a War Bird fly in.

Discussions of AMA information that is required for our members to fly as well as visitors and event venue regulations and registration.

A swap meet in march - april will be in the planning. Membership due costs and what our objective is for our members' dues and duties were elaborated.

We discussed options to improve our experience and keep our members happy as well as our surrounding neighbors.

Bring awareness to field registrations.

Curent Ama registration is required for members to be members and fly. This also includes keeping our planes and members inspected for flight worthiness and awareness. All members will need to read the AMA guidelines and keep their AMA # visible when flying.

We will need to fix the hole by the walkway and surrounding areas of pavilion for safety.

All officers had a good understanding of what it will take to keep our members, friends and family happy and informed.

We will be looking forward to serving and contributing to keeping our club a sanctuary for all.



Jay Wright

Words from the VP

Welcome to the absolute best RC flying field in Texas. Great facility and great people to spend time with.

Look at 2023 as a year of renewed comradery, skills development, diversity (everything that flies, rolls and maybe even floats) and just plain fun.

We have some visions of improvements we want to make to the club this year, some small improvements and possibly some major improvements to enhance the experiences of our club members and visitors. Other changes are in discussion to increase our membership rolls



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It is January 2023 and the Treasury is in good shape. There is no monthly meeting in January but, the new officers meet to discuss the coming year in terms of activities, events, and budgets, etc.

One of the items discussed was any aging or broken equipment that may need repairs or replacement. Our brush hog mower deck, our finish mower deck and Zero-Turn mower may need to be considered and budgets reviewed to determine which items will get priority and how much it will cost. Some of the repairs can be done with existing field maintenance budget but, any decisions recommending replacement, which might exceed our budget, will need approval in our monthly meetings. Members who attend the monthly meetings will help determine which priorities are funded and what we do about things we can't afford to do all at once. Member input is critical to getting our best use of our budget resources.

Our AMA club charter for 2023 has been submitted to the AMA. In our renewal application we assert that all officers and flying members are current in their personal AMA membership. No accident while flying or testing of any type of radio controlled model is covered by our AMA charter if a member involved in the accident causing bodily injury or property damage does not have a current AMA membership. Make sure that you display your AMA on your person, frequency board, field box or other location that is visible to any member at the field to confirm club compliance with AMA requirements.

If you haven't read the club field or AMA safety rules recently, it might be a good time to start the year off with a quick read to help us have a safe year at the field and make sure you understand what's expected while at our field. Have a happy and safe 2023!



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DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

February 2nd