



THE PROP WASH

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Hello TBS members welcome to March. What a month of wind and wild weather hot to cold to wet and then cold again with good gusts of wind. Between flying on the good days and working in the garage on the bad days the key garage project this winter was to build a holder for my larger planes that would be more secure than standing them up by the nose cone and way to make it easier to move many planes at one time. Did some

searching on the web and found a video of a rolling rack someone made that stacked multiple planes stored in a horizontal position. I used the info as a template but modified the dimensions and materials to suit what I had on hand and materials was available near the house. Looked at using pine but the board quality was very poor so I went with 2"x2" cedar. Great wood to work with but it sure did drive up the cost of the rack significantly. The base is about 2.5' x 4' and the vertical rack is about 6' tall. Casters are on the 4 corners so it can be moved and heavy duty dual track allow adjustment of the positions to match various plane sizes. It has turned out to be a much better way to store the planes and helps when I need to access space in the garage. The photo shows it right after I finished it and loaded it up. Hope you have used the winter months to get your stuff ready or found interesting projects to keep yourself occupied.

A good note on the club, our FRIA application was confirmed as received by AMA so we should be all set for the future processing with the FAA. If you are not familiar with FRIA check out the www.modelaircraft.org webpage for more information.

Happy modelling
Regards
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

We have new prospect members coming by the field, and a new season that has already begun! There are some new proposed improvements for the club that will sure be a great improvement to our field.

Treasure was is good standing. Member # are looking good! Taxes for the years have been going up and we discussed ways to make changes. The field conditions are in good shape, members have been helping with up keep. As well as all field equipment is in good condition.

We still need to fill the hole by the sidewalk towards the pavilion.
9:00am funday - workday planned every Saturday following our Thursday night meetings.

Discussions on upgraded power service for safety during our events was discussed and will need to be addressed.

Jeremiah Langlois has been appointed to be the new safety officer. We also need Instructor pilots for the field.

Mowing captains have been set and need to make a schedule. Jay will be informing all members of help needed.

Brian Buster is a new-old member. Welcome back! We have new neighbors to our east that have bought the property where the old trailer sits.

Our FRIA application is submitted, and we will keep everyone posted with the new regulations on our field board!



Jay Wright

Words from the VP

"March winds are wrecking havoc on flying lately, and cool fronts make it uncomfortable some times, but you can still sneak in some flying when the gusts die down.

The grass (all of it) is growing like crazy now, and has to be mowed at least every week now, without fail. Some parts for the finish mower have arrived and will be installed soon, getting this mower ready to use behind the tractor.

This will give us the opportunity to take the Zero turn in to the dealer for some much needs attention above and beyond changing the oil. Hopefully, we will have it in the shop third week of March and it won't take too long to fix..

We now have an additional quotation for a club house, that is under \$100,000, and expect another in the next few weeks. I also have a quote for the electrical fixtures, for us to consider at the next meeting."



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It is March 2023 and the Treasury is in good shape. We have 134 members and only five months left in the current membership year. The weather for flying is upon us!

As you've probably noticed before, I always stress that any flying at our field requires a current AMA membership. Besides our club being a AMA Charter member club, the property and bodily injury coverage offered by

the AMA is the prime reason because an accident can spell financial ruin for uncovered liability. Before flying check your AMA to be sure you know when it needs to be renewed. Then, display your AMA while flying to assure that it is current and that your name is visible to other club members. Also, take time to review the club and AMA flying rules, posted at the field.

In the not too distant future, the heat will be upon us. Don't forget to help out the treasury by using lights and air conditioning responsibly. Please check the clubhouse to determine that A/C units and lights are turned off and that any outside lights on the covered pavilion are off. Electric rates are increasing and we need to keep control over our costs of utilities. Also, keep restrooms and clubhouse locked and that if you are the last to leave the field, it is a duty to ensure all doors and field gates equipped with a lock, are secured.

It is with great disappointment that I announce we are losing a great source of new members and a professional hobby resource as Kirk and Susan Massey are retiring after 31 years as the owners of New Creations RC. Through the years and especially at B.E.S.T. events and other club activities, New Creations could be relied upon to sponsor raffle items and provide help to new club members with mentoring in how RC models worked and get them flying. When it came to getting recommendations on suitable models, battery or engine sizing or how to repair the results of a ground crushing landing, help was always available at New Creations. We will miss the Massey hobby shop but wish Kirk and Susan a happy and well-earned retirement.



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING IS

April 6th