



# THE PROP WASH

## Club Officers

- **President** - Joe Marquardt
- **Vice President** - Jay Wright
- **Secretary** - Vacant
- **Treasurer** - Stacey Langlois
- **Editor** - Max Taylor
- **Webmaster** - Larry Bonnette

## PRESIDENTS CORNER



### August 2024 Tri-County Barnstormer Meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 9 am August 3<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at field with 21 members and 2 visitors present.

**Secretary report:** July minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasury report:** Bank balance is healthy with all major bills covered till after our next member renewal cycle. Current roster is 131 members however the contact for many club members has become inaccurate. Please reach out to the treasurer at [treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com](mailto:treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com) to update or fill out a form located in the clubhouse to update your information. Renewal invoices were sent last week of July for the annual club membership. We used the

physical mail address we had in our files. Lastly remember to check on and renew your AMA before it expires.

## Index

Presidents Corner	1
Words from the VP (Vice President)	2
Minutes	3&4

**Vice President report:** With the rain the grass is growing well. An important note about the mowers - do not lower the decks below 2 as it scalps the field. The small tractor was serviced with new belts and the blades were sharpened. The belts had burned up due to grass being packed into the drive system. Use the blower to clean out all the moving equipment before putting the equipment away. Please volunteer to assist the captains with the weekly efforts at keeping the field in top shape. Use the signup sheet and email the VP with your volunteer work activities.

Have tried to get one of the damaged fire extinguishers repaired and have been unable after multiple attempts visiting the local repair shop so will order new extinguishers.

Hay has been harvested enjoy the cleaned up field.

### Old business:

2 of the remaining events this year are:

War Bird June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> sanctioned with AMA CD Chris Thomas. Postponed to November.

BEST October 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> to be sanctioned with AMA CD Joe Marquardt

Volunteers are needed for the events so please contact the Contest Directors (CD) to assist.

**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.**

A second vote was held and passed unanimously to spend up to \$13k to remove the wooden deck and install a concrete slab plus add handicap ramps to the foundation and bathroom entrance. Would like a volunteer to be the project manager to assist with the work at the field.

Well water tests at the clubhouse came back normal.

**New Business:**

1 new member/returning member was voted into the club: Gary Chinnas.

Discussion was held on improved methods of communication to alert members about activities and volunteer opportunities since email may not be reaching everyone in a timely manner. Our treasurer will research some options.

Attendance jackpot winner was Dick Jones who was not present so the prize rolls over to the next month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am

Lots of flying, model discussions, and fun commenced after the meeting.



Jay Wright

## Words from the VP

In the middle of our mini drought (between rainy weeks, nothing serious), the grass is doing good, but with the heat, it was time to turn on the sprinkler system. We had some unexplained results, and could not find the control valves, so called in a sprinkler expert. He found the valve for zone one and it was in need of attention so he replaced the 'guts' of that valve and of the main valve near the control panel. The condition of the valves suggest that the other zone valves will need similar attention, so we will be addressing that need in the near future.

We have had two of the original bidders for the construction of the concrete pad out to take another look at our needs, specially for the construction of the ADA ramp at the back bathroom. With the new bids, we are anticipating starting construction in the next few weeks with the goal to get done before the next fly in event. As such, when construction begins, expect it to be a little messy around the north east part of the pavilion for about a week. We are going to need some assistance pulling the paneling of the side of the club house when the contractor is ready to construct the pad forms.

The new project manager for this is Dean Marcott, and he will be calling for assistance when needed.



P.O. Box 916  
New Waverly, Texas 77358

«First Name» «Last Name»  
«Address»  
«City», «State»  
«Zip»

Web site [www.tri-countybarnstormers.com](http://www.tri-countybarnstormers.com)

[www.tri-countybarnstormers.com](http://www.tri-countybarnstormers.com)

# DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

September 7th at 9 a.m.