



AMA Charter 1605

March 2026

The Prop Wash

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9:30am

Hope to see you there.
Bring something to fly or show off!

Presidents Corner



Welcome to a windy March! Great time to work on your flying skills and judgement of wind effects on your flight performance. The flying field continues to go through transformations this spring with continued improvements and maintenance activities. Each month we add a few members to the club. Please continue to be welcoming and introduce yourself to someone you do not know. See the minutes for volunteer opportunities.

Please come out and show support to your favorite Bat Wing build or pilot during the combat event April 25th at 10am. The build is fairly easy - I always think the covering is the hard part to get right! Photo of my progress below. Notice I partially followed the instructions as it felt easier to keep the spar pinned to the board and build the wing frame first and add the wing tips later.



Volunteer Activities Available at the field:

1. Front fence and sign structure need a fresh coat of blue paint (in progress)
2. Runways need to be pressure washed and new yellow lines need to be painted
3. Drainage rocks need to be installed at the sunken sections along the pavilion concrete (done)
4. Clubhouse doors and overhang need a new coat of paint
5. New signs need to be installed
6. Replacement foam needs to be purchased and installed on the starting stations (pool noodles) (in progress)
7. Trenching work needed for conduit installs (done)
8. Website design support for the club needed
9. With the events planned at the field volunteers are needed for setup/cleanup/and vendor contacts for prizes etc.
10. Many more activities are available too - contact your board members

Regards, Joe

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Secretary Corner/Minutes

March 7, 2026 Tri-County Barnstormer Meeting Minutes: Meeting call to order @ 9:27 a.m.

Officers attending: Joe, Jeremiah, Steve, Stacey, Max, Chris, Jay

Members Present: 19, Visitors Present: 1

Secretary Report: Minutes from February meeting were approved

Volunteers for the Model Rockets Home Schooled Kids Program with Janice Wright will be Kevin Jacob and Hal Meeker. Event dates March 31st and April 14th 9-10am.

Vice President Report: Grass is growing, new mowing schedule is posted on website. If you do work around the field, please add your name on the list.

Jeremiah gave a brief awareness speech on the defibrillator and medical supplies at the field. It was brought up that the first aid kits at the field need to be replaced. Chris also suggested replacing the signage around the field.

National Night Out is coming up in August. Jay suggested that we invite the police and fire department out to the field for that event.

Treas Report: Bank account healthy. Stacey has updated the volunteer list. Please keep your AMA memberships up to date. The club needs a webmaster.

Safety Report: Joe stated that the zero turn has been damaged and not reported. It was also brought up about the dogs hanging around the field. Chris also spoke about the proper ways to taxi your plane to and from the runway. Please review the field rules - Landing and takeoff planes have priority on the runway. All pilots must be in control of their aircraft while leaving the runway to the taxi way. The taxi way includes the concrete skirt all the way to the starting stations.

New Business:

3 New members were voted into the club:

Discussion was taken on whether to hire someone to spray the insulation or do it ourselves. A motion was brought up with a 2nd vote taken on spending \$7,000 for the building insulation and A/C for the new building passing unanimously.

Club member Bruce donated a new A/C unit for the new building.

Max brought up that he would assess the repairs needed for the driveway.

An anonymous member has offered to cover \$500 to \$1000 to help finish the building if current funds are not enough.

Jay will be creating an open Facebook page and a members' only page.

April 25th @ 10:00am is the Club Combat. On Saturday March 14th, Nancy Bonnett will be at the field to celebrate Larry Bonnette's life at the field

Andy did a great job as the project manager in getting the new meeting enclosure completed. He continues to support the work in adding film to the sliding windows with Lowell.

Attendance pot drawing was done Troy Schanh was drawn but not present.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.



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DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

April 4 th

At the flying field at 9:30 am