



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

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Hello Barnstormers,

As the weather turns nice we are going to need a bunch of help (as usual) with field maintenance. There is the usual request for mowing help. This never seems to end.

It was brought up by a member at the last meeting to make an accountable system for mowing duties.

This will be discussed heavily at the next meeting. Please show up and lend your thoughts and voice. Big things are going to be tied to this like raising dues with a mowing credit(?) or something like this.

Please show up and help us work this out.

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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



Joe Marquardt

April 7th 2022 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with 15 members, 1 prospective member, and 1 visitor in attendance at the Friendship Center in Conroe. Club vice president Gabriel Virene was absent due to a conflict so the Jay Wright provided the field report.

Field report: Weekly mowing has restarted. Please volunteer to be a mowing captain or assist the weekly captain with the mowing on their week. The mowing schedule is posted on the website. Jay reported that ant treatment needs to be applied to the numerous mounds around the infield and runway. It was also reported that the DC supply has been found unplugged numerous times in the last few weeks. It was suggested the timer may not be working and should be replaced. As a reminder here is a field workday scheduled every Saturday at 9am after the monthly meeting. Please attend the workday each month to meet your fellow members for fellowship and activities matched to physical capabilities.

Treasury Report: There are currently 128 members in the club. The club continues to maintain healthy bank balances and the next large expense will be the insurance policy for the field.

Old business: Still requesting/asking for volunteers to step up and be a contest director (for AMA sanction events) or chairs to run a Big Bird, drone, or fun fly at the field this year. Kik reported he has submitted a request sent in to have AMA sanction the TBS BEST for October 1st & 2nd.

New business:

Jay proposed that the club reconsider hiring a mowing company and revise the dues to cover the costs or increase the dues and give some form of rebate to those that perform the weekly mowing. Lengthy discussion ensued with the request that a written proposal be submitted for the May meeting.

Jeremiah Langlois presented a request to allow MOCAR to use the field for training. MOCAR is the Montgomery County Search and Rescue which uses drones while searching for lost individuals. It was agreed the MOCAR may use the field if the pilot has AMA membership and is invited by Jeremiah.

Dean Marcott discussed an interesting Space and Aviation going on at Montgomery High. This class is building a donated RV12 while under the supervision of AMP/CFI advisors. In addition to building the real plane the students are building foam RC model planes to gain basic flight and mechanical skills. It was noted the students could apply for AMA student membership and TBS student membership to fly at the field.

Also discussed was the Civil Air Patrol cadet program that would like to potentially use the field for drone flight training on May 7th or 14th.

4 new members presented at the meeting for consideration and were accepted into the club by an affirmative voice vote at the meeting by the voting members. The four are listed below

Robert Curtis (reinstated), Daniel Griffiths, Charles Parker, and Gene Wiggin.

Prizes and Models:

Chips, cookies, and drinks were available to the meeting attendees.

Attendance drawing winner was Donald Beam (not present).

Name tag drawing winner was Brian Hurtt "Dusty".

Steve Sartor won model of the month after presenting his electrified SIG Something Extra.

Next meeting May 5th 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 8:50pm.

Happy flying in 2022 and look forward to seeing you at the field!



Gabriel Virene

Words from the VP

Good day fellow barnstormers!

Weather is looking up and should see better winds pretty soon.

Field is looking good . Thanks to all that help keep it that way.

A couple of us went to High-wing Hoedown at Bomber Field and had a great time. Hope to see you at Space City Flying Club mid-May for Cubs and Cousins Fly-in.

We could use more help with the mowing and other duties that need attention. If you can help out in any way let me know.

Temps are going up.
Stay hydrated when out at the field as it can get pretty hot out there.

Keep it safe and courteous!

See you at the field!



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's April 2022 already and the Treasury is in great shape. Looking back on Prop Wash postings for this month in prior years, especially 2020 and 2021, we had Covid and other impacts to our hobby and our lives, to deal with, so I am certainly happy to see that in our rear-view mirror! Just a few more months and we will be in the first months of FY2023! How time flies when you're having a good time, huh?

I guess 2022 has brought its own challenges but, the cost of gas or the cost of food or the property tax bill we are currently looking at will all fade away while at the field and enjoying our hobby! As someone said, "it's almost like we can be as happy as if we had good sense!" But the field is no place to come without good sense. For example, we need to have the good sense to read and comply with the safety rules posted at the field. We need to have the good sense to remember to check our AMA card to ensure we are flying covered by AMA as required by our AMA Club Charter. We need to have the good sense to spin the lock dials after opening gate and clubhouse locks to protect our combination from being exposed. We need to have the good sense to turn off all A/C and lights and lock up when departing the field. We need to have the good sense to clean up after ourselves and take any trash and crash debris belonging to us before we depart the field. We need to have the good sense to consider the field neighbors and not fly over their house and cause us to be unwelcome noise makers. In short, to be thinking, while also having fun!

I think I'll have the good sense to stop right here and maybe go fly my troubles away! See you at the field!



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NEXT MEETING IS

May 5th