



PROP WASH

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Last Meeting

July 18, 2019

Membership: 39
In Attendance: 10
Guests: 0

Topics

Club Roster Updates
AMA Required!
Field Status
Mowing Service
EAA & LZRC

Next Meeting

Thursday
Aug 15, 2019

7:00 PM
at
The Field

Weather conditions this spring have taken a toll on us this year, preventing us from having planned events at the field, and minimizing overall club activity. But this month has presented notably more opportunity to enjoy our hobby.

Since our last meeting (May), our roster with the AMA has been updated, along with our membership total in this newsletter. For the first time, our total is down a few, but several local flyers have recently inquired, showing great interest in LZRC, especially after visiting our field. We can be proud of what we've accomplished in such short time, and owe much thanks to those who've volunteered their time or money to make our club what it is. Without them, LZRC wouldn't exist as we know it.

We've had an unusual number of members allow their AMA membership to expire this year. Some renewed afterward, but others have not. Please note that **you are not permitted to fly at the club field without AMA coverage.**

Field conditions have been good this month. We were finally able to hold a *Fun Fly* on the 20th, but due to high temperatures, it started and ended earlier than usual. Several folks showed up to participate in the morning gathering. To avoid conflict with a neighboring club, our **next Fun Fly is re-scheduled for Sunday, August 18.**

If you've been to the field recently, you would also notice that Carl spread a substantial amount of stone over the potholes in the access lane, completely covering the areas that tend to get muddy & rutted after it rains. So you should have no problem getting back to the field now. Thank you, Carl!

During a recent grass cutting, the Huskee tractor exhibited odd behavior, gradually losing power. During a brief follow-up cut it seemed to be OK, but the incident brought a previous topic back to the forefront: **Contracting mowing** to a 3rd party. Bill got a quote to have the field mowed every two weeks, which was presented to the membership without opposition. Though our overall expenditure increases, some expenses are drastically reduced, and our members should enjoy more consistent field conditions. Of course, we will maintain a tractor in case we need to mow critical areas during peak growing season. Considering the age of our tractors (15 years), the cost to replace them, maintenance costs & time, and the challenge to find/coordinate volunteers to mow, we believe this approach is reasonable. So, we will proceed with the plan, and re-evaluate our position prior to resuming this service next year.

Upcoming mowing dates are scheduled for the Wednesday evenings of Aug. 7 & 21.

You may recall the June **EAA** (Experimental Aircraft Association) event we were going to participate in at *Hinde Airport*, but it got canceled due to poor weather. Well, "*Family Fun*" day has reportedly been rescheduled for September 22. I will keep you updated as more becomes known.

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