



Texas A&M Crew
Boat House Sneak Peak
September 2020

Why?

Texas A&M Crew was founded in 2001 by Greg Wood and 5-6 of his friends. They started the team by applying for a grant from the university for \$1,000 as well as hosting numerous garage sales with donated items from future team members, professors, and friends. The founding team grew to 10-12 members during their first Fall recruitment season in 2001. The team dug the holes for our boat racks by hand, had the fence around the boat yard donated by family members, and took Baylor's boat trailer all the way to New Jersey, Connecticut, and Iowa for their first boats and boat trailer. By the following Fall, they had close to 25 members on the team.

Since the team was founded in 2001, Texas A&M Crew has been the home to over 500 Aggie rowers. Texas A&M Crew is now about to enter its 20th year of competitive excellency and averages 55 members up to 72 members on it per semester. These Aggies have come out of the program with newfound mental toughness, friendships, marriages, confidence, and so much more. This team has been a haven away from the stresses of personal and academic life as a college student, undergraduate and graduate. Greg Wood said, "Rowing builds leaders and champions in ways that no other sport can do. [A] boathouse would be transformational to the team and could absolutely serve as a great community asset."

The Texas A&M Sport Clubs Association, Lake Bryan, the City of College Station, and Brazos County have all been kind enough to host our tight knit team for the past 20 years and we would like to ensure that this team has a future to grow for the next 20 years. We want to use this uncertain time as an opportunity for our team's future by investing in the building of a boat house. With approval from Bryan Utilities, our advisors at Texas A&M University, and the city, we hope to raise enough funds and break ground by July of 2021.

A large metal building that serves as Texas A&M's boat house would allow the team to store the current boats indoors, away from the sun and storms. It would allow the removal of the two current storage units and designate a place for the trailer to be parked either along side or behind the boat house. A boat house also would make maintaining the area that Texas A&M Crew leases from Bryan Utilities easier to complete year round so the team does not have to worry about a member staying behind during the long academic breaks to rip vines off the chain-link fence or mow every two weeks.

Sincerely,

Sarah McQuaid '22

Texas A&M Crew President

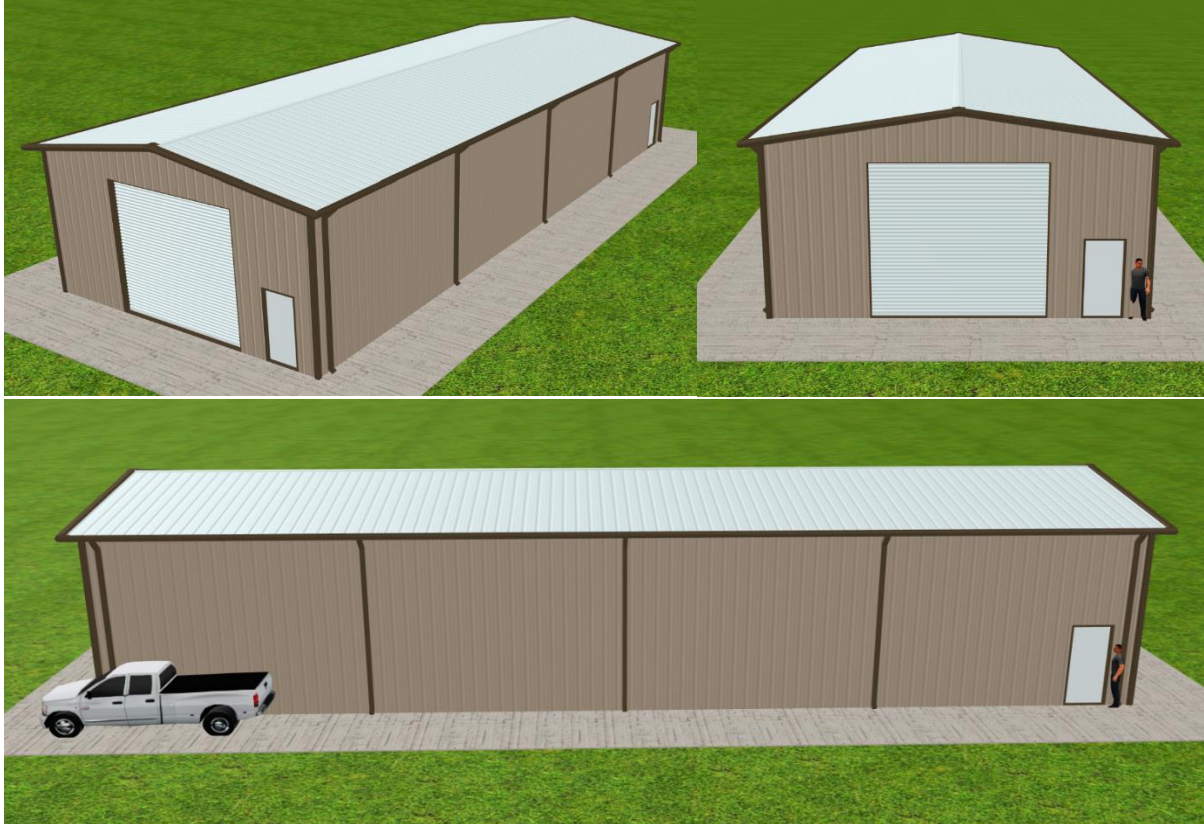
Desired:

Building dimensions 30'x80'x16'

Concrete pad 30'x100' with overhang in front 10' (where your bricks will go!) & back 10' (not off the sides)

14'x'14' roll up door in front center

Top 2' of the wall translucent plastic or skylights for natural lighting



Designed using Mueller, Inc. Program



Photos of "Big Barn XL" 40'x60'x16' from Mueller, Inc.