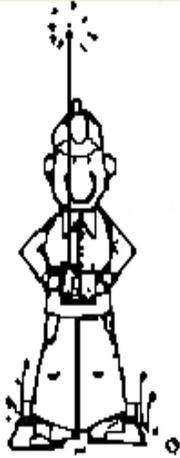




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Here is the address for our Facebook Page!

<https://www.facebook.com/RCBarnstormersOlathe>

February 2020

Next Meeting,

March 5 – at the Church

Presidents Message

Due to his wife's recent eye Surgery, Kevin was unable to prepare a President's Message
Kevin

Kevin Schmidt, *President*

Events Schedule

(Note: R/C Barnstormer Special Events are Highlighted)

Members

Since the last Meeting, we have one New Member. Joseph L. Howe AMA 1204320
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RC BARNSTORMERS' FEBRUARY MINUTES

February 6, 2020 @ 7pm

President: Kevin Schmidt, presiding

Members Present: 13

Visitor: Steve Helsper, new member. AMA:
1198058: Email: nancyhelsper@gmail.com.

Phone: 417-846-6927. Address: 504 S Paola St, Paola, KS 66071

Secretary's Report – Larry J. Mowrey

Motion to accept by Steve Milam.

Seconded by Don Kuehn. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Payne

Motion to accept from Steve Milam.

Seconded by Gary Gasser. Approved.

Old Business:

Membership Involvement: Mark Bare.

Think of ideas of getting more members to participate in the club meetings. One idea is having a Flight Test evening. March will be a training session. Possibility giving away a Flight Test kit hoping to generate attendance.

Indoor Flying: John Rayne on 2/9 in Osawatomie.

Barnstormers Quickee Races: Gordon McWilliams. Scheduled for June 13-14. Field closed on the 12th for pylon flyers. Please, all Barnstormers, put this event on your calendars. We will need a lot of help here.

New Business

Club Charter: \$120

Checks vs Debit/Credit Card: Kevin Schmidt. Larry Klusman moved to allow Pat McGhee make the decision. Gary Gasser seconded. Approved.

Sanctions: Need to get them in. No IMAC contest this year at our field. Attempting to add an IMAC contest in Wichita. IMAC approved a contest for us when we don't have one.

2020 Treasurer: Pat McGhee has been nominated to become the new Treasurer. Bill would like to move the checkbook to a different bank, maybe one close to Pat. Gary Gasser motioned that we allow Bill and Pat to move it. Carl Melin seconded. Approved.

Solar Panel on the original charger needs to be repaired. Carl and Steve will work on it.

FAA Rule: Keep yourself informed by reading the info on the AMA website. Flite Test has a couple of videos on this issue (look them up). Write a letter before March 2. Lake

Jacomo approved the use of the flying field for the Pattern Contest.

LiPo Battery Discharging: Kevin Schmidt. Prior to putting it in a bucket of salt water, attach the leads to a 12v Halogen bulb. After about 20 minutes, then put the battery in the salt water.

Models of the Month:



Art Kittler, MiniScout, Flite Test

Rios, Terrier, built scratch (wins)



Alex



Larry Mowrey, Something' Extra

Monthly Drawing:

Towel: Kevin

Towel: Alex

Towel : Gary G

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Mowrey, Secretary

Vice Presidents Report

Flitetest University this Thursday!

If all goes as planned, Chris Bush, Mark Bare

and myself (Mike Bare) will present what we are calling "Flite Test U" during our regular March meeting.

Last season we noticed that, more and more Barnstormers inquired about our Flitetest airplanes. Indeed, they have caught on in a big way around the globe and you see them in the air often at our field. Find out what all the excitement is about on Thursday. Basically we will have a general discussion about the Flitetest community and their philosophy toward expanding our hobby. At the same time we are having the discussion we will actually scratch build a P40 Warhawk right before your eyes! There will also be opportunity to get hands on and learn the basic techniques of construction using foam board and hot glue.

We will get underway at 7pm Thursday March 5 at our new meeting location, Basically 175th and Metcalf.

St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
17890 Metcalf Ave.
Overland Park KS 66085
Hope to see you all there!

Mike Bare, Vice President

Safety Officer

Are You Ready??

The weather is starting to warm up and there is going to be some pretty nice flying conditions in the very near future. It's time to finish up this winter's projects and check out all of your equipment and aircraft.

Have you cycled your batteries lately? Are they getting some age on them or are they still pretty new? Is the capacity still near what the label says or is the capacity failing? If they are lipo's are they beginning to swell up?

Have you checked all of the mechanical connections on your aircraft? This would include all screws holding motor mounts,

engines, mufflers, carburetors, cowls, canopies, servos, etc. How about control linkages such as clevises, solder joints, control horns, servo arms, etc.

Have you looked over your aircraft for hanger rash that may have happened over the winter or that you put off repairing until winter and then forgot about. Is the covering getting old and brittle or is it starting to loosen up? Is the adhesive starting to let go? Have you checked the hinges lately to make sure that they are still firmly attached and not binding up?

Have you checked your flight box lately to make sure you have the tools and supplies so you don't arrive at the flying field and discover you are missing something that you were sure was in your flight box? It's amazing how dirty your flight box gets over the summer and how much grass, dirt, and trash seems to accumulate in the compartments. Maybe it's a good time to empty it out and clean it up. Then as you refill it you can check that all of your tools are still in good shape and haven't been misplaced. How's that glow driver holding up and is it charged up? Is the fuel pump still pumping fuel? How's the fuel supply? Is it time to buy some more to get ready for the flying season? Have you cleaned or replaced your fuel filters lately?

Have you checked your transmitter batteries lately? How old is that battery? How is the antenna and it's hinge? Are the switches loose or broken? Does the case need a good cleaning? Have you range checked your aircraft to make sure the receivers are still receiving and the transmitters are still transmitting.

There are probably things that I have forgotten but you get the idea and maybe something here has jogged your memory. Lets get prepared and hopefully I will see you at the field soon.

Steve Milam, Safety Officer

DIRECTIONS FOR ALL CONTEST DIRECTORS AND/OR ORGANIZERS OF BARNSTORMER CLUB EVENTS

- _____ 1. The CD/organizer should present a request for the use of the field for their event with a date, rain date, and a proposed budget at least one month prior to the event.
- _____ 2. The CD/organizer should contact the Field Committee (Gary Gasser and Steve Milam) with any request for special field preparations.
- _____ 3. The CD/organizer should contact the previous event CD/organizer about any food or drinks that might have been left over from their event.
- _____ 4. The CD/organizer should try to limit purchases to what is likely to be consumed since there are stores close by if they should run short on anything.
- _____ 5. Left over condiments and drinks should **not** be stored in the storage container (hereafter called the "container") because of extreme temperature changes.
- _____ 6. There are at least two (2) propane tanks in the container. If you empty one, have it refilled immediately so that the next event doesn't run out. Turn that receipt into the Treasurer.
- _____ 7. Clean the grill inside and outside after every event. Do this preferably at the end of each day, in case there isn't a second day.
- _____ 8. Clean the club utensils after the event before putting them in the tub and then into the container.
- _____ 9. Anything removed from the container will need to be returned to the location where it was found in the container. This doesn't mean just inside the container; it means to the shelf where it was found.
- _____ 10. Pickup all trash. Empty all trash cans and take the trash to the maintenance
- _____ 11. building trash receptacle. Trash bags are in the container.
- _____ 12. Do not junk up the container. It is not a catch-all for items that maybe somebody else might use in the future.
- _____ 13. Whoever organizes an event will be responsible for making sure everything is done. Appoint somebody to take care of it if the CD/organizer is unable to.
- _____ 14. Return an itemized report of all expenditures, plus any extra monies and receipts to the treasurer within a week after your event.

FOR SALE

New decals of the club logo are available in 2.5" and 3" diameter. These are great for putting on your plane, flight box, or

vehicle. They will be available at the club meeting for \$2.00 a pair for either size.



For Sale - Gimbal protectors for your transmitter(s)

These will protect your joysticks while the transmitter is housed in your transmitter box. \$2 for two of them. Contact Larry J. Mowrey

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