



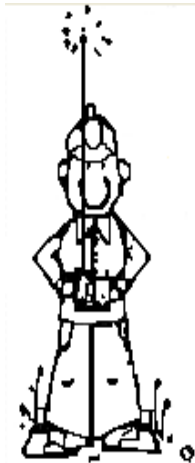
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**FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA**

A FRIA IS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE DRONES CAN BE FLOWN WITHOUT REMOTE ID EQUIPMENT.



### MEETINGS

PLACE: St Francis  
Episcopal Church, 179<sup>th</sup> and  
Metcalf

DAY: First  
Thursday of Each  
Month  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

*Visitors are*  
***WELCOME!***

Here is the address for our Facebook  
Page!

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

Next Meeting

**February 1, 2024 at the  
Church**

### Presidents Message

I hope to see you all there.

Kevin

**Kevin Schmidt, *President***

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**Members who have paid their 2023  
Dues!**

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Swain, Brian Berlin, Bill Payne, Pat Rayne.

**January 1 R/C BARNSTORMERS Freeze  
Fly!**

At around 10:00am a bunch of intrepid R/C  
flyers gathered at the Flying Field to  
welcome the year 2024 into existence by  
getting in some flying time! The First

Flight was put up by Brian Gilchrist! With help from Art Kittler who soon flew too! There were about 15 members there and they ate a complete Pot of Turkey CHILI!!

Kevin, Pat, Steve, Art, Larry, Carl, Chris, Brian, Don, Gordon, Pat Rayne, Troy, Gary, Dave and Mike were all there! Pat McGhee brought his Tarps and we wrapped the North and East ends of the Shelter to provide some relief from the wind!

Kevin brought his overhead patio heater to provide comfort to all of us and we huddled around it most of the time! Pat also brought his camp stove and we used that to heat up the chili that Carl brought along with some Jiffy Corn muffins! Chris and Steve brought doughnuts and cookies! A great deal of conversation was bantered about and when we got tired of that we cleaned up the shelter packed everything back in our cars and went home.

**Carl Melin, Editor**



Brian Gilchrist's planes! This was the first crash of the year and I believe he flew the blue one in the background for the first flight of the year.

Steve Milam

## **Vice Presidents Thoughts!**

Greetings Barnstormers!

Happy February to you all. (Okay, okay, I can hear the groans, etc., and the comments of "when will it warm up so we can go fly?") Anyway, I think we had a great start to the New Year with quite a few folks showing up to gab, snack, fly, and even repeat. A big "Thank you" to those who brought the edibles. That somehow

makes cold weather not seem so cold. Thanks also to Pat & Kevin for setting up the wind-break and to Kevin for bringing out his patio heater...and lighting it. 8-)

With the seasonal temps and moisture setting in for a while, this is a great time to build something new, or perhaps rebuild something in prep for the flying season. Don't forget about ongoing maintenance; I'll leave that to Steve to cover in a separate article.

All that said, let's have our meeting program be a show & tell covering our favorite building tools. If your tool(s) are portable, you are welcome to bring them in and be prepared to briefly share what makes the tools useful. In other words, if you have a favorite technique related to the tools you bring, please share accordingly.

That's it for now. Hopefully see you at the meeting. By the way, don't forget about the KCRC Swap Shop which will be held at the "usual" place on Saturday, Feb 3rd. I think a flyer will be included in the newsletter.

Art

**Art Kittler, Vice President**

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

**R/C BARNSTORMER EVENTS HILITED!**

**February 3 – KCRC Swap N' Shop at the John Knox Village Pavilion**

See Flyer on the last page of this Newsletter!

## **Safety Column**

With the weather being cold and miserable the last few weeks it may not seem like it but it won't be long till it will be good flying weather again. That means that now would be a good time to check over your airplanes and equipment to make sure it is ready when the weather cooperates and we can get out and fly.

You can start out by just giving the exterior of your airplane a good looking over. Is the covering in good shape and no

holes or tears that need patching? Are there any seams coming loose? Does the covering need to be tightened up? Give the control surfaces a little tug to see if they are good and tight. Move the control surfaces around to make sure they aren't binding up and causing your servos to work harder and pulling more amps from your batteries. How do your control horns look? Are the holes getting worn so that the linkage is loose or dragging? Try wiggling your motor and see if your motor and motor mount are still tight. Also check that your muffler is not loose. Is the landing gear still firmly mounted and the wheels turning free without being too loose? Are the wheel collars tight?

Now that the outside looks good it's time to give the inside a good going over. Are the servos and servo horns tight and the linkage not binding? Are the servo mounting rails and or plates secure? Are the clevis's secure and have their clips or pieces of fuel tube over them to keep them from opening up? How does the receiver mounting and antenna leads look? Is your battery held in place with Velcro or rubber bands that needs to be replaced? Does the foam rubber around your receiver and or battery need to be refreshed? If you are running glow or a gas motor how does the fuel tank and fuel tubing look? Is the fuel tank secured but still have some foam or rubber to minimize vibration and foaming of the fuel? If you are running electric how does the battery mounting system look? How about all of the wiring from the battery to the ESC to the motor look? Any connections that are loose or wires that are nicked needs to be taken care of.

Now that the airplane checks out and any issues are taken care of it's time to look over your transmitter. Can it stand to be cleaned up a little bit to get rid of some dust, dirt, and glow fuel? Are any of the switches loose and need to be tightened up? Do the sticks still move freely and return to neutral? How old is the battery in your transmitter? If you are using a different transmitter have you double checked all of the programming and double checked that the motor kill switch is operating?

Last but not least look over your field box to see if you have whatever tools and supplies that you might need and replace what ever is necessary. Check your glow drivers, starter batteries, fuel supply etc..

Hopefully we will have another safe flying season with no injuries.

Steve

**Steve Milam, Safety Officer**



**Mike Bare's Plane at the Freeze Fly**



**Dave Van Unen's Scout landing at the Freeze Fly**

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# 2024 SWAP 'N' SHOP

Saturday, February 3, 2024



**John Knox Pavilion**  
**Hours: 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.**  
 RC Planes-Boats-Helicopters-Cars  
 (Buy-Sell-Trade)

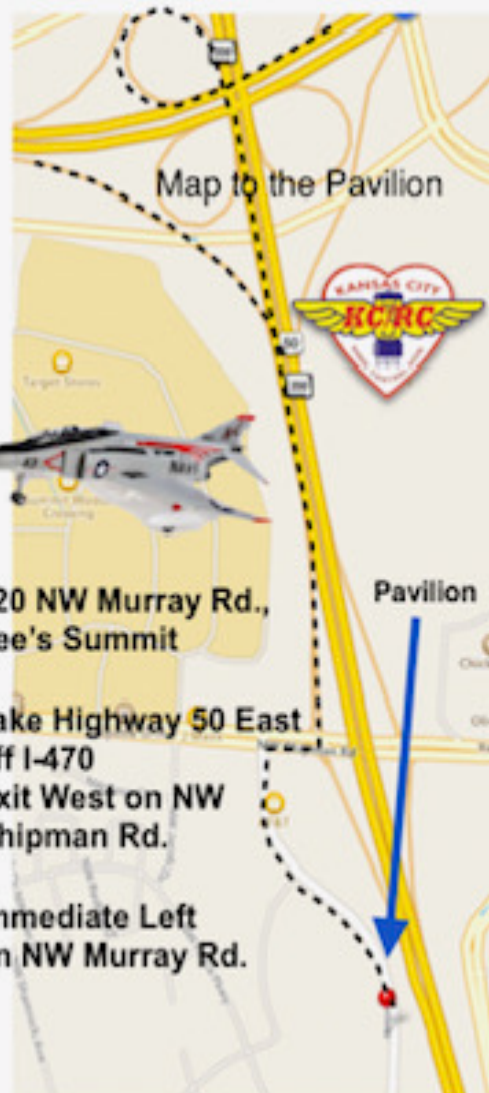
**Admission \$7.00 – Kids Under 12 Free**  
 Concessions Available at Noon

**Walk-up Registration begins 8 A.M.**  
 (Assuming tables are available)

Vendor setup at 8 A.M.  
 Doors Open to Buyers at 9 A.M.

**Please Consider Friday Evening Setup**  
 Pavilion will be open for setup from 5–7 P.M.  
 and will be secure over night

**Mail Registration Form and Fee to:**  
**Duane Hulen**  
 KCRC Swap 'N' Shop  
 1020 SE 11th  
 Lee's Summit, MO 64081  
 Pre-Registration is Recommended  
 Tables sell out fast!  
 Questions? Call Duane at 816.516.4526 or email [drhulen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drhulen@sbcglobal.net)

Write on this form when you return it if you have a preferred location for your table(s)!

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Tables Wanted	#	Price
8 Foot Table		\$30.00
Additional Vendor Admission		\$7.00

**Limited Floor Space for large models, first come, first serve.**  
**2 table purchases required for floor space.**

Last date for Pre-Registration—Jan 22, 2024  
 All table locations will be assigned by KCRC  
 One Vendor Admission for each 8' table

Vendor 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Badges 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_