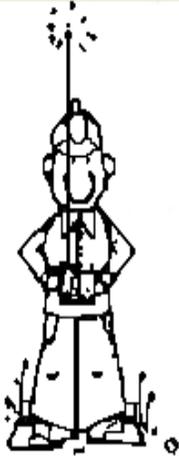




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Here is the address for our Facebook Page!

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

Next Meeting

November 5 –via Zoom Presidents Message

Well, there are still some good days left for flying, we just have to start earlier. I want to remind everyone that November and December, though you may not be flying much is still a busy time of the year for us. We can continue to build new models, repair old models, check out all of our equipment and wait for that nice day and head to the field.

It's also a busy time for us as a club. We will need to vote for several categories for the 2020 awards as well as plan our Christmas party. I am still hopeful that we will have a Christmas part of some sort. Either we can meet on January 1, our freeze fly so we can social distance outdoors, or we can maybe find a place to actually meet indoors the first Thursday of December (December 3rd). I will send out either an invite to vote for the categories for this year's awards, or have you send your votes via e-mail. So watch your e-mails for more to come.

For this week's meeting, November 5th, we will meet via a Zoom meeting. Even though it's going to be nice, it gets too dark too early to have a meeting at the club. A separate e-mail will come from me for an invite to all of you for a Zoom meeting, so watch for it. I will include a dial-in number so you don't need a computer to connect to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all via Zoom this week.

Kevin

Kevin Schmidt, President

Membership Renewals

Make checks for \$50 payable to: RC Barnstormers
And send to:

Pat McGhee
11579 W. 177th Terr
Overland Park, KS. 66221

Or just bring your Check to the meeting !

Events Schedule

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

There will be no SMRC Swap and Shop this year!

The KCRC Swap N' Shop is unscheduled because John Knox Village Pavilion is not yet open for events!

Members

Since the Last meeting we have one new Member: **David Davis, 20749 S Barker Rd, Spring Hill, KS 66083, 816-529-0950, E-mail: happylandingsdbrn@hotmail.com AMA# 2288**

The following Members have renewed for 2020! **Tim Gastinger; Gary Harshman; Jerry Davidson; Mark Bare; Mike Bare; Steve Brown; Pat McGhee; Jay Ellis, Paul Howard, Chris Thurmond, Ralph Brown, Charles Swain, Steve Helsper, Keith Baker, Wade Axman, Jeff Rusk, Robert Becker, Steve Milam, Carl Melin, Troy Hamm, Jim Frickey, Cecil Davis, Steve Helsper, Jeffrey Rusk, Kurt Becker, Keith Baker, Don Kuehn and Bill Payne, Rick Phillips, Gordon McWilliams, Joe Howe**

RC BARNSTORMERS' OCTOBER MINUTES

October 1, 2020 @ 7pm

President: Kevin Schmidt, presiding

Members Present: 13

Secretary's Report – Larry J. Mowrey

Motion to accept by Steve Milam.

Seconded by Art Kittler. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Pat McGhee

Motion to accept from Gary Gasser.

Seconded by Steve Milam. Approved.

Old Business:

Camera: Kevin Schmidt. Spy Point - \$100. \$5/month get 50 pictures/month. Need to purchase two signs that say, "You are on camera." Gary Gasser moves that we purchase this camera. Steve Milam seconded. Approved.

Wind Sock: Kevin Schmidt will get one for the field. Not ordered yet.

New Business:

Monthly Meetings: We will meet at the church beginning next month either personally or on Zoom. This will be at the President's discretion.

Christmas Party: Carl Melin moved that we allow \$500 toward prizes at this party. Gary Gasser seconded. But having the Party and/or its location is still on hold.

Nominations for Yearly Honors: Kevin Schmidt. Kevin will forward to all paid members the list of Honors that we will vote on. Be thinking about who you would like to honor.
Barnstormer of the Year
Instructor of the Year
Event of the Year
Crash of the Year
Blades of Fury

Drawing:

Gas Tank – Jeff Rusk

Gift Certificate to Hobby Haven: Larry Klusman

Butter: Bill Payne, Kevin Schmidt, Pat

McGhee, Don Kuehn, and Steve Helsper

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Mowrey, Secretary

Vice Presidents Report

Go Big or Go Home

Well, it is the first official full day of Central Standard Time. I was very lucky today and got to spend part of the afternoon at our field. Started to get cold and dark as I packed up. Couldn't believe it was just 5:15pm.

The time change means one thing to me. It's BUILDING SEASON!! Starting about right now you will find me in my basement model shop on most evenings. As most of you know, I'm one of the growing number of Flite Test builders in the club. www.flitetest.com Not sure how many designs Flitetest has offered over the past 7 years but I believe it has got to be around fifty? I have build a great number of these and for me it has been the most rewarding adventure I have taken in over 50 years of model building and flying.

Several club members have asked me If Flitetest was planning on any larger designs? Actually, FT has teased several giant designs in recent videos, but I have to tell you, they are almost too big. I can see transportation being a big problem for most people. (they tend to be one piece)

Not waiting for FT to find a right size. (not to small and not too big) I recently starting scaling up Flitetest designs into a size that I really like. My first endeavor was with their P40. Chris Bush and I have built several of these and have always been impressed by their aggressive looks but extremely gentle flying qualities. The process was very simple and easy. I just downloaded the full size plans from the web site to a flash drive and took the drive to Kinko's. At Kinko's I used their large format printer to print the plans at 130%. I cut the plans into templates and before I knew it I had a nice P40! Wingspan is close to 60 inches. It probably falls somewhere in between a 40 and 60 size glow airplane. It flies great on a 2200mah 3 cell pack. 4 cells would make it a

rocket but not necessary. And it is probably true? Yes...bigger flies better!

My second attempt at scaling up was with a big version of my favorite Ercoupe design. Its' not an official Flitetest design but I found the plans for it on their site. It turned out great and is a blast to fly! My current project is the Flitetest Kracken. It doesn't need to be scaled up as the wing span is already nearly 7 feet! It will fly on twin brushless motors. (may be the coolest airplane I've built!)

Anyway, my enthusiasm abounds for these projects. I plan to bring as many as I can fit into my truck to the next official club meeting at the church. (January I think) We will hold a round table discussion about the models and the process and will have some full size expanded plans to look at. Attend this meeting and you might just find yourself with a very rewarding little winter build project? If you can't wait, don't hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to talk you through the details of starting a project on your own.

See you at the field!

Mike

Mike Bare, Vice President

HOBBY HAVEN OPEN

It is important that we all support Hobby Haven, one of the few hobby shops still in business to support our hobby. It is difficult for local hobby shops to compete these days. It has been especially difficult time for all small businesses during this Covid-19 crisis. Brian has been great to support the R/C Barnstormers over the years and he deserves our support. Remember if he doesn't have what you need he can probably get what you need within a few days.

Safety Officer

I am drawing a blank for this month's safety article.

Steve Milam, Safety Officer

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