

Newsletter of the R/C Barnstormers Model Airplane Club AMA Charter Club #1725

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ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

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,
179th and Metcalf OR at the Field

DAY: First Thursday of Each Month

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

*Visitors are **WELCOME!***

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Next Meeting:

May 1st, 2025 at the **FLYING FIELD**.

President's Message

We are getting into the time of year where we are going to have to deal with wind and rain interrupting our plans to fly. But that also means that we are going to have some beautiful flying opportunities.

By the time you read this, the Trail Life Scout Troup demonstration and training opportunity will have taken place weather permitting. Hopefully the weather was conducive for flying, and Art will have a report in this newsletter.

Besides the Trail Life event we have the RC Barnstormers Pattern Primer coming up on May 16th- 18th. Vince hasn't been released by his doctor yet so Johnathan Mowrey will be coming up from Derby to host this event.

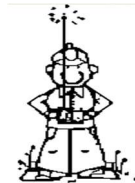
The annual Heart of America Float Fly will be held on May 31st - June 1st at Lake Miola in Paola. This event is coordinated by Pat McGhee every year with the assistance of club members. If you haven't tried to fly off water, come out and watch for a little while, you might just get the bug to try it.

The club meetings have moved to our summer meeting schedule. They will be held at the flying field beginning at 6:30pm on the first Thursday of the month. Come out earlier to join us to fly before the meetings.

Fly safely and I hope to see you at the field.

Submitted

Steve Milam, President



UPCOMING EVENTS:

RC Barnstormer Funfly: May 10th, 2025 at R/C Barnstormer field

RC Barnstormer Pattern Primer: May 16th-18th, 2025 at R/C Barnstormer field

Heart of America (RC Barnstormer) Float Fly: May 31st-June 1st, 2025 at Lake Miola

RC Barnstormer Pattern Contest: Sept 5th-7th, 2025 at R/C Barnstormer field

Helicopter Event: Nick DeGennaro POC. September 26th – 28th, 2025 at Jacomo Field (KCRC)

Dues Paid for 2024, 2025*

Terry Antoszewski*, Wade Axman, Keith Baker*, Mark Bare, Mike Bare, Brian Berlin, Steve Bernard, Vince Bortone, Mike Brandyberry, Chris Bush, Justin Chrisjohn, Jerry Davidson, Cecil Davis, Nick DeGennaro*, Lee Estingoy, Jon Felver, Gary Gasser*, Tim Gastinger, Brian Gillcrist, Troy Hamm, Gary Harshman, Duke Haskell, Richard Haskell, Steve Hucksoll*, Art Kittler, Larry Klusman*, Don Kuehn, Pat McGhee, Gordon McWilliams, Carl Melin, Steve Milam, Larry Mowrey, Bill Payne, John Rayne, Pat Rayne, Alex Rillos*, Mark Rodden, Chris Routh, Jeff Rusk*, Doug Scherrer, Kevin Schmidt*, Charles Swain, Dave Van Unen*, Wyatt Wittekind*

APRIL R/C BARNSTORMERS MEETING MINUTES April 3, 2025

President Steve Milam, presiding.
Members present: Steve Milam, Troy Hamm, Pat McGhee, Larry Mowrey, Charlie Swain, Art Kittler, Larry Klusman, Gary Gasser, Carl Melin, Jeff Rusk, Dave van Unen, Wyatt Wittekind (new junior member), Gordon McWilliams, Steve Hucksoll, Steve Bennard, and Terry Antoszewski (new member).

Motioned to accept: Gary Gasser.
Motion second: Charlie Swain. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report – Pat McGhee

Motioned to accept: Gary Gasser.
Motion second: Charlie Swain. **Approved.**

Old Business:

Field Work Day: Gary Gasser. Fertilizer and grass seed laid down. The frequency board was removed.

Trail Life Event at the Field: Art Kittler. Coming up on April 26th @ 9 -11:30 am. Two trainers available. There will around 20 youngsters. Bring all your planes for demonstrations.

Spring Fun Fly: Troy Hamm. May 10th. \$10 landing fee which includes lunch. Possible raffle prize.

Upcoming Barnstormer Events for 2025:

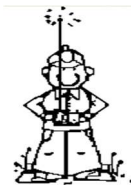
Spring Fun Fly – May 10
Pattern Primer – May 16-18
Float Fly – May 31-June 1
Pattern Contest – Sept. 5-7
Helicopter Event: Nick DeGennaro.
Sept. 26-28 at Jacomo Field
Club Fly In – October 4

Field Sign: Steve Milam. Spoke to the Rangers about getting a sign saying something like, "RC Field" with an arrow pointing to the field and placed just off the road west of the dam. They liked the idea. Now we wait.

Inside Meeting Locations: Larry Mowrey. Larry asked the members to think about looking for additional inside location for our meetings and not always depending on Kevin to be available to open his church. Two locations mentioned are at the Evergy Building and the Paola Country Club. Pat is checking on the availability of the Evergy Building.

New Business:

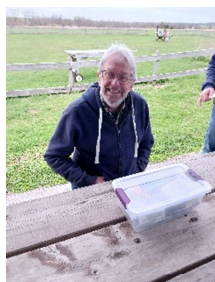
Solar Panel Lights: Art Kittler. The battery is shot on one of the lights. Art found that it



would be cheaper to purchase a new light than just replace the battery.
Gary Gasser moved that the club purchase a new one.
Gordon McWilliams seconded the motion.
Approved.

Gift Certificate Giveaway: Larry Klusman

Program: Making Servo Extensions: Gordon McWilliams.



Submitted
Larry J Mowrey,
Secretary

FOR SALE

Tower Hobbies Kaos 60 ARF. Ready-To-Fly with a G-Force motor, 100amp ESC, ESC programmer, Futaba & Tactic servos, 6S 4000mah battery. Add receiver and fly. Only a few flights on it. \$450



Contact **Troy Hamm** if interested. Ph 913-744-5745. Email: funfly@juno.com

Extra 300

World Models 80" span Extra 300, with VVRC 40cc Twin gas engine, Hitec digital servos; HS-7985 Elevator & Rudder, HS-5945 Aileron(s), HS-5625 throttle. I understand there is also a Falcon carbon fiber prop. This belongs to our friend Lonnie Finch, I'm just helping him list it for sale in the local area since it's pretty big to ship. Has LiFe batteries for the radio and for the ignition. Essentially Plug & Play. He does mention that he has repaired it where the I/g was knocked off on a landing.

Asking \$550.00



Contact **Gordon McWilliams** if interested.
Ph 913-406-8950. Email:
gordonmcw@aol.com

Futaba Tachotimer/timer in clean working condition, complete with instructions and original box. Takes two AA batteries, appears to be working fine. Asking \$20.00

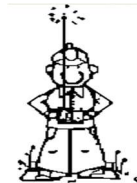


Contact **Gordon McWilliams** (see above for contact info)

Flex Innovations Yak 55m. New. PNP. Complete except for wheel pants. Asking \$150



Contact **Art Kittler** if interested. Ph 913-328-2195. Email: a4j2425@gmail.com



Trail Life Scouts Outing with RC Barnstormers

The RC Barnstormers hosted the Trail Life Scout group on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9am until 11:30am. The goal for the outing was to introduce the RC hobby to interested scouts and scout leaders through one-on-one flight training via buddy-boxes as well as present various aircraft flight demonstrations. A few Barnstormers brought various aircraft to show and fly which included a variety of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. Two fixed-wing training stations were set up to introduce RC flight to the scouts. The weather was on the cool side with predominantly cloudy skies and southeast winds varying from single digit to lower double-digit speeds.

Prior to taking flight, several Barnstormers gave brief descriptions about their aircraft. Nick DeGennaro shared about his rotary-wing aircraft and Steve Milam, Pat McGhee, and Art Kittler talked about their fixed-wing aircraft.

Buddy-box flights then commenced with demonstration flights being inserted into the action. The morning went by too quickly, but by the end all scouts had the opportunity to fly an RC aircraft. The event was deemed a success and was validated by the overwhelming scout and leader response to "do this again next year."



L-R: Art instructing, group photo, Steve instructing, Nick presenting his rotor-wing aircraft



L-R: Flightline (2 photos), Brian Gillcrist readying his Twin Beech.



L: The crowd being wowed by Nick's rotor-wing demo flight.



RC Barnstormers Aerobatic Primer

May 17-18, 2025

AMA membership is required to participate in this event.

LOCATION: Hillsdale Lake, Kansas.

TIME: You can come anytime during the day. See more details below.

Sponsored by: RCB – RC Barnstormers Radio Control Club.

RCB website: <http://www.rcbarnstormers.info/home.html>

This activity is for all pilots that are interested in improving his or her piloting skills. Therefore, it will work for all seasoned aerobatic pilots or any RC pilot wanting to learn precision aerobatics (IMAC, F3P, FAI-F3a, F3S, SPA or AMA pattern) flying.

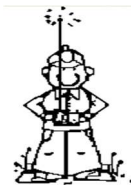
Here is the tentative schedule. All these activities are optional and will evolve as each pilot decides what he would like to do:

1. Coaching from some of the top RC Aerobatic pilots in the area. This year we are going to use the program Flight Coach (FC). Jonathan Mowrey and Robert Green are going to help to use and analyze each flight.
2. Judging of practice flights or specific maneuvers and flight elements using FC.
3. It is recommended to be at the field by 10 AM for the pilots' meeting.
4. More important. The main objective is to come and have fun with fellow pilots.
5. The event is sanctioned by AMA # 17880.

The activity is free. Pre-registration is not required but please send an e-mail to Vince Bortone (vincebrc@gmail.com) if you are thinking of attending or have any questions concerning the event (913)-449-5670. Please use the link below to pre-register:

<https://nsrca.us/index.php/list-events/eventdetail/1218/-/rc-barnstormers-pattern-primer-2025>

Unfortunately, due to health issues, I won't be able to serve as the CD for this event. However, my good friends **Larry and Jonathan Mowrey** have generously stepped in to help us out.



ROCKETMAN RALLY

Presented by Jayhawk Model Masters

8AM - Pilot Registration

9AM - 3PM Open Flying

Landing fee \$10

**Saturday May 24th
at Clinton International Model Airport**

Food & Drink available for purchase

Raffle Prize: Nexa Taipan 1570mm (61.8") Wingspan - ARF

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Contest Director - Scott Stordahl - AMA Sanction #17976

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