

# Newsletter of the R/C Barnstormers Model Airplane Club AMA Charter Club #1725 Website: www.rcbarnstormers.info



#### **MEETINGS**

PLACE: Paola Country Club, 29651 Old KC Rd, Paola, KS 66071 DAY: First

Thursday of Each Month

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

Visitors are

WELCOME!

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https://www.facebook.com/RCBarnstormersOlathe

**Next Meeting** 

# May 4, 6:30 at the Paola Country Club!

### **Presidents Message**

Hi RCB!

Just a reminder that our
May meeting will be Thursday May 4 at the
Paola Country Clubat 6:30pm.

See you then!
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Kevin Schmidt, *President* 

## Members who have paid their 2022 Dues!

Chris Routh, Jerry Davidson, Larry Klusman, Lyle Meyer, Vince Bortone, Kevin Schmidt, Don Kuehn, Art Kittler, Pat McGhee, Steve Hucksoll, Chris Liermann, Wade Axman, Gary Gasser, Pat Rayne, Bill Payne, Gordon McWilliams, Charles Swain, Cecil Davis, Steve Milam, Troy Hamm, Mike Bare, Jeff Stephens, Brian Berlin, Tim Gastinger, Gary Harshman, Alex Rillos, Larry Mowrey, Carl Melin, Richard & Duke Haskell, Steve Helsper, Jeff Rusk, Mark Bare, Keith Baker, Doug Scherrer, John Rayne, Clark Jacobson, Jon Felver, Rick Phillips, Jim Frickey, Karl Krown, Nick DeGennaro, Jaden Austin and Jon Routh, HL Eilenstine!

# APRIL R/C BARNSTORMER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2023

Presiding: Art Kittler Members Present: 9 Location: At the Field

#### Secretary's Report – Larry J Mowrey

Motioned: Gary Gasser Seconded: Steve Milam

Approved

#### Treasurer's Report – Pat McGhee

Motioned: Steve Milam Seconded: Carl Melin

**Approved** 

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>Charter and Insurance</u>: Larry J Mowrey. Received the 2023 charter and insurance from the AMA.

AMA Grant: Pat McGhee. Putting together a grant for the solar panel installation. Possible \$500 return on our investment. AMA does not work on grants until May. Sanctions: Vince Bortone. Sanctions for both the Barnstormer Pattern Aerobatic Fun Fly in May and the Barnstormer Pattern Contest in September have been approved.

Work Day Report: West side done. East side will be done next weekend.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Hay Field: Kevin Schmidt. 4 difference scenarios: In March I received a call from Mark Nepote (Park Manager) stating that if we want to rent out the field for agricultural activities, e.g., haying the field, that the Corp of Engineers has a policy that the lease must go to public bid. Either we must bid it out OR we let the winner of the bid just do the work. The paperwork for us to post and or bid on it isn't finalized yet and seems to be a bit complicated. While talking to Mark we came up with these four options:

 The hay that came off of our field last year was pretty poor; there's a lot of weeds and not a lot of brome. We have talked about having it burned off in the past, but we really

- didn't want to give up the \$650. However, because of the paperwork mess, and because the hay isn't that good, I would propose that we ask the state to burn it off this year.
- Kevin can continue to work with Mark to get the paperwork done and figure out how fast we can get it rented out for hay this year. Mark does have a copy of last year's Hay Rental agreement so we can make sure the bid sheet has our requirements in it.
- 3. We can mow it and leave it lay; this would be the most expensive option.
- 4. The final option is to do nothing with it, don't mow it, or burn it and let it be a habitat for the wildlife, Mark was also good with this idea.

Carl Melin moved that we have the field burned. Seconded by Gary Gasser. Approved.

Submitted by, Larry J Mowrey Secretary

### **Vice Presidents Thoughts**

Greetings Barnstormers!
It's getting nicer out as each week passes. There was a nice showing of pilots out Monday April 17. Reasonable winds and temperatures prevailed. I got 4 sorties in on the P51: specifically 4 takeoffs, 3 greaser landings. We had to leave town on Tuesday and didn't get back until Friday. I'll spare you the trip details. I say this to jump onto an important aspect of post-flight inspections.

Following the 4th landing, which was a non-greaser, it was time to call it a day. I started looking over the plane during cleanup, making mental notes. When I got home, I started addressing the items that were noticed during "the field" post flight. Then we went out of town. Upon return, I went to look the plane over to take up where I left off. I found a few more items, and before you know it, the plane was torn down even more to address the findings. So, what did I learn from

this? Inspections post or pre require a concerted effort to take time to look at and assess airworthiness of the aircraft. More often than not, I just want to get something over with as quickly as possible so I can move on to something more interesting or exciting. Inspections should not be that way. They require time....and patience: something this ol' boy lacks.

As of now, I feel the plane is ready to fly again, having taken a little more time to conduct a more thorough inspection and then to address the issues without being rushed. Post-flight and pre-flight inspections are a good thing, when done in a "timely" fashion.

Art

Art Kittler, Vice President

#### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

**R/C BARNSTORMER EVENTS HILITED!** 

MAY 20-21- AEROBATIC FUN FLY-RCB FIELD

JUNE 3 &4- RCB FLOAT FLY- LAKE MIOLA

SEPT 30-OCT1- PATTERN CONTEST-RCB FIELD

OCT 7 - RCB FUN FLY- RCB FIELD

On behalf of the Tulsa Glue Dobbers, I would like to extend an invitation to all of your members, to attend our annual Mike Pennell Memorial event, May 13, 2023 (Rain Date May 14, 2023.) Please take a moment to extend this invitation to all of your club members.

NO landing fee Free food

500 foot paved and grass runways A great way to celebrate the life of Marine Pilot and life-long RC'er, Mike Pennell. Many Thanks,

John Vesper Secv.

Tulsa Glue Dobbers

# See Flyer for this Fly-In on the last Page of this Newsletter

Just a Reminder!! May is dues Month and the combination of the Field Lock will be changed on June 1!! Bring a Check to the Meeting Thursday, or mail one to Pat McGhee,11579 W 177thSt, Overland Park KS 66221

## **Safety Column**

Here we are planning on another great year of enjoying our RC airplanes. Now is a good time to look over all of our equipment to see if there are any maintenance items that need to be performed or anything that might need to be replaced.

How about our airplanes? Have you checked your hinges to make sure they are still secure? Have screws been checked to see if they are tight? This would include control horns, servos, motor mounts, motors, mufflers, etc..

Have your airplanes suffered any hanger rash that needs to be repaired? Does your motor or carburetor need cleaned up to remove built up varnish to look and run better? When is the last time you cleaned or replaced your fuel filter?

Then there are the batteries that need to be checked in your airplanes and radios. Have you checked your batteries lately? When was the last time you checked their capacity? How old are they?

Now is a good time to check over everything so that as the weather gets nicer you are prepared to go out and have a safe and enjoyable day at the field.

Steve

Steve Milam, Safety Officer

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