



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



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

DAY: First
Thursday of Each
Month

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are

WELCOME!

Here is the address for our Facebook
Page!

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

Next Meeting

March 7, 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!

Larry Mowrey, Pat McGhee, Jon Felver,
Chris Bush, Nick DeGennaro, Keith Baker,
HL Eilenstine, Kevin Schmidt, Clark
Jacobson, Vince Bortone, Art Kittler, Jerry
Davidson, Gary Harshman, Richard
Haskell, Duke Haskell, Carl Melin, Chris
Liermann, Gary Gasser, Larry Klusman,
Cecil Davis, Rick Phillips, Steve Milam,
Don Kuehn, Steven Hucksoll, Chris Routh,
Jon Routh, Mike Bare, Mark Bare, Doug
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Gordon McWilliams, Tim Gastinger, Jay
Ellis, Jim Frickey, Dave Van Unen, Michael
Pratt, Mathew Pratt, Troy Hamm, Charles
Swain, Brian Berlin, Bill Payne, Pat Rayne.

Ralph Brown has contracted
PanCretic Cancer and is in Hospice Care
at his home! He wants to sell all of his R/C
gear and airplanes and is hoping to raise
some money for Medical Expenses! His
phone number is 913-608-1884 & his email
is rwbus@hotmail.com

RC BARNSTORMER FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2024

Presiding: **Kevin Schmidt**

Members Present: 10

Secretary's Minutes – **Larry J Mowrey**

Motioned to accept: **Steve Milam**.

Seconded: **Larry Klusman**. Approved

Treasurer's Report – **Pat McGhee**

Motioned to accept: **Steve Milam**.

Seconded: **Art Kittler**. Approved

Old Business:

2024 Barnstormer Pattern Contest – **Vince Bortone**. Would like to have it on the first weekend in June. Vince said that he would co-CD the Float Fly with Pat.

Charles Swain moved to table this until we can gather more information. **Art Kittler** seconded. Passed. Seconded by **Larry Klusman**. Approved.

Flyers for Hobby Haven – **Kevin Schmidt**. Will create these.

Club Jacket Giveaway – **Charlie Swain** got it!!

Pattern Aerobatic Fun Fly – **Vince Bortone**. May 4-5. He invites the Pattern and IMAC guys to come. Vince motioned. **Gary Gasser** seconded. Approved.

New Business:

AMA Rating – **Kevin Schmidt**. **Art Kittler** is going to get the checklist and present it at the next meeting.

Trimming Schedule – **Kevin Schmidt**. Steve motioned that we leave it alone. **Charles Swain** seconded. Approved.

Club Meeting Time – **Carl Melin**. **Art Kittler** moves that we stay at 6:30 forever. **Pat McGhee** seconded. Approved.

March Lawnmower Service Day – **Gary Gasser**. **Steve Milam** moved that we do this on March 23. **Gary Gasser** seconded. Approved.

Tree Trimming – **Art Kittler**. **Wade Axmann** volunteered to bring his tractor

out. Need to bring chainsaws out. Need trees trimmed on the east side of the field.

FRIA Approved Sign – **Larry J**

Mowrey. **Gary Gasser** is going to ask his son to route it out. Been moved and seconded. Approved.

Program – **Art Kittler**.

Favorite tools.



Model of the Month:

Steve Milam – **Balsa USA**

Northstar, OS 55, 8.5 pounds.

Had to put a lot of weight in the front for balance.



Larry J Mowrey – **Flite Test F22**.



Submitted,
Larry J Mowrey, *Secretary*

Vice Presidents Thoughts!

Greetings Barnstormers! It has been certainly nice to have temperatures climbing lately. Although, at the time of this writing, the forecast was calling for frigid temps and possible snow mid-week! All I can say is, "It's still winter." Anyways, when weather conditions look favorable AND my home schedule looks relatively light, a trip to Barnstormer Field usually becomes part of my agenda.

And speaking of agendas, I hope to briefly review the AMA Safety code sometime during the March meeting. I will do my best to make it quick and as pain-free as

possible. This is a first step (non-elective) towards gaining AMA Leader Club status.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Also note that the time change is scheduled for **March 10th**, which is the weekend that follows the club meeting night. Let's hear it for more available daylight!

Art

Art Kittler, Vice President

EVENT SCHEDULE

R/C BARNSTORMER EVENTS HILITED!

Mar 23 - Field Workday!

May 4-5 - At the field; Pattern Aerobatic Fun Fly

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 tares 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

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