



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,  
179<sup>th</sup> 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:**

December's "meeting" (Christmas Party) will be held at K & M BBQ on Saturday, December 14. Details follow:

## **Presidents Message**

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends and didn't eat so much that they felt miserable.

We won't have our regular meeting this month, and as normal, we will have our Christmas party instead. The **Christmas party** will be held on **December 14th at K&M BBQ in Spring Hill. The address is 603 N. Webster Spring Hill KS.** We have their meeting room reserved for 6:30 PM and everyone can order whatever they want off their menu. There will be a very short meeting with presentations of awards for "Barnstormer of the Year", "Event of the Year", and "Crash of the Year." We will also have four \$50 gift certificates that will be drawn from the participation tickets.

The **January Freeze Fly** meeting will be on **January 1 2025 at 10:00AM** at the field no matter what the weather is like. We have had miserable cold days and some days that were nice and warm and perfect for flying. Either way it is a good way to start the new year with a flight and getting together with good company to shoot the bull. Feel free to bring food and snacks. I know Carl is bringing Chili that gets heated up on the camp stove and others generally bring Chili, donuts, cookies, coffee, etc.. Pat will probably have his heater there and we will put up some tarps to block the wind if needed.

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DuBro puts on a podcast the first and third Monday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00PM with Joshua Orchard a master builder that is generally interesting. This session he is refurbishing an AT 6 Texan that was built many years ago and then was put away on a shelf in DuBro's warehouse. There are a lot of things like covering and painted plastic that need repaired and or replaced, including new air lines and connections that need replaced plus many other items that need to be looked at. The previous podcast can be found on YouTube.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party and the New Years Day freeze fly. If you can't make these I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Steve Milam, President**

## **Vice President's Message**

A little about myself: I grew up in an Aviation Family. I took my first airplane ride at 6 weeks old in a Aeronca Champ, my dad was the pilot and my mom held me on her lap. At the time my dad's regular job was being a Crew Chief on a B-47 Bomber at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka. After the Air Force my dad continued in his aviation career becoming a Flight Instructor, Commercial Pilot, and an Airframe and Power Plant Mechanic and he started restoring his first of many antique aircraft. In 1969 he joined the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller at the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Olathe (the same place that I work as an Electronic Technician). Having been around Aviation all my life it was only natural for me to have an interest in anything that flies. As a kid I built and sometimes successfully flew control line planes. I didn't have any experience with R/C until 1979 when a friend in high school got a trainer and him and I tried to fly it. It was not a success. My next R/C experience was in 1982 when I started dating my wife. When I met her

parents, I noticed a lot of R/C planes in the basement of their house. Her dad (Bill Payne) flew R/C and belonged to the R/C Barnstormers. Over 40 years later both of us are still flying R/C and are proud to be R/C Barnstormer members.

**Troy Hamm, Vice-President**

## **Dues Paid for 2024**

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, Jim Frickey, Gary Gasser, Tim Gasteringer, 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

## **LOST!**

If someone found a 2-channel HITEC battery charger with leads at the field, it may well be Charley Swain's. If you have it, please text him at: (913) 488-7871. THANKS!



## **RC BARNSTORMER NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2024**

Presiding: Steve Milam  
Members Present: 11  
Visitor: Justin Chrisjohn (new member)

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

Motion to accept: Kevin Schmidt with amendments.  
Second: Art Kittler. **Approved.**

### **Treasurer's Report – Pat McGhee**

Motion to accept: Gary Gasser.  
Second: Larry Klusman. **Approved.**

### **Old Business:**

Christmas Party (Dec 14): Starting at 6:30 pm.

Motioned: *Corrections* by Kevin Schmidt.  
**Accepted.**

Christmas Party Awards: Steve Milam. Gary Gasser moved to give out gift certificates.  
Seconded: Charlie Swain. **Passed.**

Charlie Swain moved for the club to purchase 4 \$50 gift certificates.  
Art Kittler: seconded. **Passed.**

Frequency Board (Larry Klusman): Would like the club to consider taking the 72 MHz board down. Club decided to take the 72 board down in the spring.

Weather Station: Kevin Schmidt: moved that we do not purchase a weather station for the field.  
Carl Melin: seconded. **Approved**

### Club Awards Voting:

Barnstormer of the Year – Write ins.  
Crash of the Year – Vince Bortone, Gary Gasser, Don Kuehn  
Event of the Year – Float Fly, Pattern Contest, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Fly-In/Picnic

Cedar Trees Pruning in the parking lot: Gary Gasser. These trees need to be trimmed.

### **Upcoming New Business:**

January 1 Freeze Fly: Steve Milam. Carl Melin is bringing his famous turkey chili. Justin Chrisjohn will bring pulled pork. Need to bring condiments.

Mower: Gary Gasser. Need to have it taken in and serviced. It has an oil leak. Take it in in December or January.

2025 Events: Be thinking about what events we should have next year.

Club Instructor: Jason Chrisjohn.

Club Programs: Steve Milam. Alex Rillos will be putting on a program in February.

Hay: Steve Milam. The contract is still active. But we are not able to reach him.

Club Articles for the AMA magazine: Larry Mowrey. We need to make sure our newsletters are sent to our AMA District IX VP. Also send articles with pictures to him as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry J Mowrey  
Secretary



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Santa Madness Sale

**Hobby Haven** is bringing back the annual Santa Madness Sale on **Saturday, December 7th from 10am - 6pm!** Come in for great savings on R/C planes, cars, boats, helis, radio systems, batteries, motors and ESC's and more! Don't miss it!

Brian Berlin  
Hobby Haven



**Barnstormer Christmas Party December 14<sup>th</sup>** (details on page 1)

**Barnstormer Freeze Fly** will be held on **Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am.** This event will take the place of what would be a January business meeting.

Another twist from previous Freeze Fly events is that for this year we will also have a short work day to **trim the evergreens** along the fence (between the shelter and the storage shed). This will allow for easier mowing around these trees during mowing season.

Assuming the weather is favorable (little or no precip), if you are able, please come with work gloves, loppers or chainsaw, and perhaps a rake. With 4 to 5 guys available, I think this task could be knocked out relatively quickly. I understand Gary G will bring a chainsaw. Art plans to bring an electric chainsaw, rake, and loppers, and apple fritters.

**KCRC Swap 'n Shop** will be held the first Saturday in February: see included flyer.

### INDOOR FLYING in Desoto KS

The indoor flying season is Once Again approaching! This year we are shifting to all times being 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. So grab some fresh batteries, fix up your planes, and I'll see you then!

**Where:** Desoto Community Center, 32905 W. 84th street DeSoto KS 66018

#### **When:**

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 18th  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, 15th  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

There is a small cost involved to participate.

Don Wilson (Event Organizer)  
Email: [dwilson117@att.net](mailto:dwilson117@att.net)



# Swap 'N' Shop

Saturday, February 1, 2025



## 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 for Breakfast & Lunch

**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, 2025  
All table locations will be assigned by KCRC  
One Vendor Admission for each 8' table

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

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