



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:**

November 7th at *St Francis Episcopal Church,*  
*corner of 179<sup>th</sup> and Metcalf*

## **Presidents Message**

We will be voting on the Crash of the Year, Event of the Year, and Barnstormer of the year with the awards presented at the Christmas party. This year's Christmas party will be held at K&M BBQ in Spring Hill on Saturday December 14th at 6:30. (Note that this will be on the second Saturday in December because both meeting rooms were already reserved for the first Saturday.) We will also be deciding on what to give out for the participation awards.

A little about myself: When I was four or five years old I had a neighbor who had rubber powered and plastic model airplanes hanging from the ceiling of his bedroom. I always wanted to have the same thing in my bedroom. My father use to take me to City Park where they had a u-control circle and I knew that I was going to fly one of those some day. My father and I also built a rubber powered tissue and dope covered airplane. It met its demise when a football destroyed it. The next step in my modeling hobby was a Cox U-control with the .049 and then balsa models with .049 and .051's. When I started college the airplanes were put away and didn't get picked back up until about 1977 when I was on a bowling team with an old high school friend who belonged to the Shawnee Mission RC club. {continued}



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I bought a transmitter from him and a really under powered three channel foam airplane with another .049. Between its marginal flying characteristics and the fact that we were starting a family, and work requirements there wasn't much progress in learning to fly. In 1979 my wife saw an add in the newspaper from a hobby shop in Olathe that was going to have a meeting to organize a RC Club. That was the beginning of the RC Barnstormers and when I finally learned to fly.

**Steve Milam, President**

## **Dues Paid for 2024**

Wade Axman, Keith Baker, Mark Bare, Mike Bare, Brian Berlin, Steve Bernard, Vince Bortone, Mike Brandyberry, Chris Bush, 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

## **RC BARNSTORMER October Meeting Minutes**

**October 3, 2024**

Presiding: Kevin Schmidt  
Members Present: 11  
Visitor: Dave Thomason

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

Motion to accept: Steve Milam.  
Second: Art Kittler. **Approved.**

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

Motion to accept: Steve Milam.  
Second: Gary Gasser. **Approved.**

### **Old Business:**

Fall Fun Flyin (Oct 5): Art Kittler. Will remain a club event. Pay for your own meal. Volunteer to bring condiments. Pat is bringing baked beans. Weather-related. Spotters are required. Carl bringing potato salad. Art is getting the meat. Charlie bringing condiments. Don bringing water. \$5 for lunch.

Fire Extinguisher: Steve Milam. Going to get it filled as Vince had used it to put the fire out on his plane.

Christmas Party (Dec 7): Consensus is to go back to K&M in Spring Hill. Steve Milam will call. Starting at 6 pm.

Fall Fertilizer: Let's put a good pre-emergent down next spring.

Motioned: Art Kittler.

Seconded: Carl Melin. **Approved.**

Frequency Board (Larry Klusman): Would like the club to consider taking the 72 MHz board down. Discuss at the November meeting.

Weather Station: Kevin is going to research this.

### **Upcoming New Business:**

Club Awards: Barnstormer of the Year, Crash of the Year, Trainer of the Year, and Event of the Year. I would like for the Trainer of the Year Award to go away.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry J Mowrey  
Secretary



## October 2024 Barnstormer Fall Fly-In recap

The third annual Fly-In/Picnic was successfully held on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, despite the predicted/actual winds. We had great participation among the members. Many brought aircraft and flew. Others brought aircraft and elected not to fly. And there were a few folks who did not bring anything to fly, yet hung around to gab, spot for pilots, eat, and then repeat. Regardless of level of participation, a big THANK YOU for coming out! Check out the photos...

The club had positive cash flow from the event (which will be part of the treasurer's report at the November meeting).

Thanks also to those who donated food (various side-dishes, desserts, etc) and also helped by lending a hand to make this event go as smoothly as possible.

Respectfully submitted, Art Kittler



*Gabbing*



*Plotting*



Flying, Spotting, Prepping    Airborne Instructing    Ground Instructing

## FOR SALE

Hitec X4AC Pro Multicharger (4-port AC/DC charger). Works fine for 3 and 4 cell Lipos, but the charge capability (wattage) is lacking for charging 6 cell batteries (especially big batteries) efficiently. Comes with EC3, EC5, XT60, "servo" connectors for charging RX batteries, & JST charge cables + 4 balance boards and instruction manual. Also comes with toolbox for transport. Asking \$60. Contact Art Kittler if interested.

Training setup. Tundra airplane (no floats, but has float landing gear wires). No flap servos (flaps are taped in place). No cowling as the plane was in a crash, but has been repaired and has flown since. Main Tx is a Futaba 10CAP (FASST) and the buddy box is a Futaba 7C without the TX function; trainer cord is included. Both transmitters have 3S LIFE batteries installed. Comes with 2 Lipo 3s 2200mah batteries with XT60 connectors (for the plane). Also included is a Dualsky FC151 6-axis flight control that is installed in the airplane. Selling for a friend that is downsizing. Asking \$150 for whole package. Contact Art Kittler if interested.