

Barnstormers' Newsletter - September 2025

President's Report

Welcome Barnstormers!

Our upcoming meeting will be at the Willamette Aviation facility this coming Thursday, September 11 at 7:30 PM. If you do not know where it is and how to get there, instructions are at the end of the newsletter.



I am pleased to announce that John Woods has accepted the position of being our club Safety Officer whose responsibility is to ensure we properly fly under our club operating guidelines and those of the AMA. John is very conscientious about the necessity of our having a safe RC flying environment and we look forward to his focus.

I need to point out that there is to be no flying west of the flight line of any type of aircraft, whether fixed wing, helicopters or drones with the only exception being control-line flying in the designated prescribed area at the south end of the field. We have had recent incidents violating this requirement so I ask for everyone's attention to maintaining this safety rule.

We will review the latest revision of Barnstormers bylaws that will be presented by Jerry Eichten, who has been diligently going through them and bringing them up to date.

Fir Point – here we come!

We will be supporting Fir Point and our club again with the Fir Point Octoberfest program at the end of September through October as we have mentioned before. Our bottles and cans collection effort has been most successful in providing funds for the club and is appreciated by Fir Point. If you have not already volunteered to assist in the effort, please consider volunteering for the schedule and contact Bob Duncan at n6tu@comcast.net.

Since we have changed the meeting schedule, we will vote on changing the election of officers from September meetings to October meetings starting next year.

Finally, I am completing my second term in office at the end of the month. At present, we do not have a commitment from someone to replace me so John Wytsma will stand in until such time that a president can be elected. We will continue to search through our membership to find a person who will be willing to step up and fill the role.

I want to thank everyone for your support and I have enjoyed the past four years I have been honored to be president of the Barnstormers. It has been gratifying to see the membership continue to increase, including with more young members, and to see the renovation of the field that shows an outstanding presentation as one of the best fields anywhere. I look forward to improving my flying skills with more time to do so! Thank you.

Club Activities

As mentioned previously, Dan Phillips and Greg Meyers need some help on the instruction side of the club. Please seriously consider stepping up to provide some assistance on Saturdays.

Odds and Ends

Remember to bring bottles and cans! Dave Tozer wants to go well beyond the excellent contribution he has generated for the club since 2020, a great achievement.

We will have time for Show and Tell so if you have a project you would like to share, bring it! Always want to see interesting or challenging projects members are working on. Even if it is a plane that tried to defy gravity!

See you Thursday!

Larry



Vice President's Report

Hey guys! Join our WhatsApp group for the Barnstormers!

Our members-only site is a great way to communicate when you and others may be headed to the field or raise and answer questions members may have.



To join, download the WhatsApp free app.

Text me at 503.475.5900 with your first and last name through WhatsApp and I will add you to the list.

Also, check out the videos on the website!

Remember – Airspeed is everything! Cheers.

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Treasurer's Report

Our finances are in good shape. As we go into the time when renewals come up, please be sure to use PayPal and select the 'Family and Friends' option to avoid us paying a fee.

Members need to contribute to the club so volunteer when asked. That will help us keep expenses down. We cannot have just a few handle all the club functions.



Thanks

Arnold

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Flying Instructor's Report

Training continues on Saturdays with sessions

starting around noon, weather permitting. Be

sure to factor in the wind because anything

over 10 MPH and gusty conditions can be challenging for new pilots.



If you will be working with a new or unfamiliar radio, it is always helpful to bring along the user manual.

Instructor Greg Meyers is willing to work with new pilots during the week, depending upon his schedule. Contact him at 541.517.5036 and gms1021@gmail.com

Dan Phillips

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Membership Committee

Great to see the number of new members that have joined the Barnstormers!

Please ensure your AMA membership is current. You do have to have a current AMA Adult/Senior membership to be a member of Barnstormers. The Park Flyer level is not acceptable.



Dan Williams

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Safety Officer

I look forward to working with everyone and

will be happy to address any concerns members have about the guidelines we need

to follow for safe flying at the field.

If you have any questions, let me know.

See you there!

John Woods

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Directions to Willamette Aviation Conference Room:

From the north, take I5 to Exit 282A to Canby/Hubbard after crossing the Willamette River.

At first traffic light, turn left (east) on Arndt Road. At next intersection, a traffic light, turn right onto Airport Road NE. In 1/2 mile, turn right into Willamette Aviation through the gate. The conference room is to the left as you can see in the photo here.

From the west, or northwest, take 219 South from Newberg to Champoeg Road, head east past our flying field through Butteville to Arndt Road and you run into the airport. Proceed through the Canby-Hubbard Cutoff intersection to Airport Road NE, turn right and go down to Willamette Aviation.

Coming from the south, most people should know where Aurora Airport is located since you probably pass right by it going to and from. Take 99E to Hubbard Cutoff and that goes right by the airport on the west. Turn east (right) on Arndt Road, then south (right) on Airport Road NE.





We thank Brad for allowing us to use his software to draft our newsletters and distribute to our mailing list. Thank You.

Note from Brad:

Keep us in mind when your friends and neighbors start talking about a real estate move. Having someone you know and trust who also is in the top 3% in the state is a strategic advantage.

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