



Barnstormers' Newsletter - February 2026

President's Report

Welcome Barnstormers!

Our February meeting will be at the Maple Auditorium at Springbrook Newberg Community Center Thursday, February 12 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.



Our January meeting was a success with 30+ people in attendance and two new persons signing up for membership, one being a youth. The facility is first rate and we will be meeting there again this month before we move back to meeting at the field when the temperatures warm up. As in January, we will again have a raffle of gift certificates for Tammy's Hobbies. So be sure to come.

The executive committee has been meeting over the winter and has established dates for certain Barnstormer events this year. Be sure to place them on your calendar. We are looking for individuals to step up and coordinate one of these events. These are:

1. Our annual Swap Meet - May 16
2. A Family Fun Day with a Pancake Breakfast July 11
3. And a Fun Fly event Sept 12

At our January meeting, George Rask brought his **E-flite DHC-6 Twin Otter 1.4m** for show and tell. This was a pretty impressive airplane with differential and reverse thrust. The model comes with gentle flap coupling. I think George has now maidenized it, so ask him what he thinks of it when you see him.



Also, Bob Duncan brought his very large Flex Innovations RV 8. It not only had navigation lights but the whole fuselage and wings are lighted internally for great night flying (if you are brave enough).



And we also saw Arnold Craig's nearly finished and beautiful Great Planes biplane kit. Great job at building. I'm excited to see him maiden this airplane.



Everyone loved seeing the "Show & Tell" airplanes in January. We have lots of room and lots of tables, so bring your airplanes or projects to share with other members.

Please come to the meeting on Thursday 2/12 as we will be honoring Dave Tozer (See his Dedication Form below). His wife Linda will be present to accept.

See you at the meeting on 2/12,

John

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Treasurer's Report

We have started the year on a strong footing. We have our long-time members to thank for their fiscal responsibility that they have shown over the years. Most of the club dues were collected between November and December of 2025. We are starting to close out the membership renewal drive. I don't expect to collect much more before the vote in February. The larger expenses for the month of January were the lease (\$1,905.75) and monthly lawn services (\$350.00).



Membership Renewal Report

As of January 27, 2026, we currently have 119 members starting off the year. We still have 10 members who have not responded to email and text messages. One member said he was going to renew, but we have yet to receive a payment. We have another 13 members who have informed us they will not be returning for one reason or another. And sadly, we had two members who passed away in 2025. Currently, we stand at a total of 26 members of our 139 members in 2025 not returning.

Thanks

Arnold

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Flying Instructor's Report

Training continues on Saturdays with sessions starting around noon, weather permitting. Arnold Craig has been helping on Saturdays also. 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 gsm1021@gmail.com

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Membership Committee

As a recap, we gained two new members at the January meeting, Eron Shultz and Brayden Boercker (youth).

I've been contacted by a potential member who plans on attending the February meeting to join.



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Safety Officer

It's great to see so many Barnstormers out flying in the winter months. I have personally not been out flying, but the old adage applies: no news is good news. Keep flying (when possible) and keep safe always. Prior to February we will be sending our new draft Field Guidelines. Look them over closely since 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 Maple Auditorium at Springbrook

[841 N Providence Dr.](#)

[Newberg, OR 97132](#)

Below is a picture of the Conference Center. Place the address in your GPS and it will bring you right into the parking lot. If you come into Newberg using Hwy 99 from the [North], you will take a left on Providence Dr, The hospital will be on your right, medical building on both sides and if you continue you will proceed to the retirement community.

If you come over the hills from the north on 219, which turns into College Blvd, continue till you get to Hwy 99 and head north till you come to the Providence hospital complex. Take a right on Providence Dr and continue till you get to the retirement community.

If you are coming from the West through Dundee stay on Hwy 99 through Newberg till you get to the Providence hospital complex. Take a right on Providence Dr and continue till you get to the retirement community.



We are pleased to have Linda Tozer, Dave's wife, attend our next meeting to receive the commendation we presented to the membership earlier this month. We will also show her the plaque that will be installed at the field in Dave's honor.

In mentioning this to her, she is very appreciative of the club's recognition of Dave's contribution over the years and is grateful for the club's honoring him.



Portland Barnstormers R/C Flying Club

Dedicates the Runway
in honor of

Dave Tozer

For his dedication to the club in his over forty year membership. Dave's commitment produced over \$13,000 from recycling over the past five years, assisting in funding the extensive renovation program in 2025.

The Barnstormers recognize Dave's spirit and volunteerism and sincerely appreciate all that he contributed to the hobby.

February 12, 2026



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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