



## Barnstormers' Newsletter - February 2024

### President's Report

**Welcome Barnstormers!**

***Renew, renew, renew!***

If you are planning on continuing your membership in our Barnstormers club, get your membership renewal completed before Monday, our next meeting. Remember too that you need to provide a currently active AMA membership number with your renewal.



As mentioned previously, if your AMA membership is current now, it may be expiring over the course of this year and you need to ensure that it is renewed if you want to continue your Barnstormers membership. We have developed a process to determine AMA status on an ongoing basis and will send you a notice in addition to what the AMA does.

So, please act now and get it done. Use PayPal or send a check to complete your renewal. If not renewed this week, you will be dropped at our February meeting.

We will meet at Wilamette Aviation at Aurora Airport Monday, February 19th starting at 7:30 PM. If you need directions, they will be at the end of the newsletter.

**We will have a raffle so be sure to come!**

Departmental reports are below.

Calendar of Events planned for 2024:

April 20 - Field Runway work day (April 27 fallback date)

June 22 - Open House - food truck, flying events

July 20 - Fun Fly

July 27 - Field Work (if necessary) or Flitetest type event

August 17 - Swap Meet - open to public and other clubs

Other dates:

McMinnville swap meet - March 16, 2024 - check [mcminnvilleaircraftmodelers.com](http://mcminnvilleaircraftmodelers.com)

Hillsboro Air Show - May 17-19

McMinnville Air Show - August 31-September 2

Cubnuts - August 17-18

We still have some Barnstormers hats if you are interested. Let me know.

Regards,

Larry

## February Field Flying!



Some excellent flying days over the past two weeks! Ken Melville was there last weekend and demonstrated his 4S lithium ion batteries in a small EDF.

### Vice President's Report

#### Winter Flying - some key reminders!

Winter flying can be a bit chilly on the fingers but can be a great time to fly.

**First of all**, always keep your batteries at a reasonable temperature. I always try and remember to keep them in the house when storing and charging. While charging or flying your batteries, they will not be as efficient if they are cold.

**Secondly**, remember the colder air is thicker, more dense than warmer air. Therefore your aircraft handle more efficiently in these colder temperatures. I actually have an airplane that will easily hover on the prop in the winter time and struggles in the warmer summer time. I love the winter air!

Remember – Airspeed is everything! Cheers.



**Kyle Huberd**

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## Field Manager's Report -

Just to let you know The field conditions for flying have improved - until today! Less standing water as you have seen over the past few weeks.

But you still need to be careful where you drive on the grass. I will be changing the lock for the gate and the red shed at the February meeting and information will be sent to the membership after that.



Hope to see more of you at the meeting.

Harry Lenz

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## Treasurer's Report and WebMaster

We are coming to the deadline for renewing your membership. We have sent out reminders, however the February meeting is where we will drop all members who have not paid their dues or renewed their AMA membership.

Please update now!

Our finances are in good shape. Harry has done great this past year keeping all of our field and equipment top notch often using our own resources to keep the price down.



We have an adequate amount of felt to fix the taxi ways. The next field work day is on the Web under the Calendar link. Plan ahead.

If anyone would like to learn web site maintenance, I would be happy to teach you and divide the duties.

Thanks  
John

## Secretary and Safety Officer

Greetings Barnstormers! Nice to see some great flying days lately.

As I have mentioned before, I am committed to ensuring the safety of everyone and their model aircraft while flying. Safety is everyone's business and responsibility. I previously indicated that there are a growing number of EDF jet model aircraft being flown by our members.



The smaller size and increased speed of these models can be challenging to operate within the designated flight area of our field. I ask for everyone's cooperation to ensure that all flights stay within the designated area.

Dave Derhalli  
Safety Officer and Secretary  
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## Flying Instructor's Report

I will be out of town at the end of the month and won't be at the field Saturday March 2nd.

Greg will likely be at the field that day but you may want to double check if you need assistance.

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](mailto:gms1021@gmail.com)

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## Membership Committee

**Need more renewals! Please get them in!**

This time of the year from October to March is the most busy time for your Treasurer and Membership Chairman. I want to give all the board members a great round of applause for a tireless job well done. It has been enjoyable to serve you as membership chairman for this year.



A big thank you to all who have gotten your membership current through the end of the year 2024. Please - if you haven't done so yet, do so before next Monday's meeting as those who are not current will be voted out from membership!

If your AMA membership expires between now and the end of 2024, you may renew it until the end of the year so that your AMA & Barnstormers memberships expire at the same time. If you want to know more about this contact me.

As a reminder also, paying your AMA dues two years at a time gives you a savings!! For those of you who haven't gotten your FAA Certification to me, please do!

Renewal can be obtained at [faadronezone.com](http://faadronezone.com) Also, we need to know that you have completed your TRUST certification, which can be done by going to the AMA site and following the prompts to the TRUST certification. All we need from you is a copy of your FAA certification and verification that you have passed the TRUST certification. You may either email or text me a copy of those when completed. If you need help getting these completed contact me and I will assist you.

Have a great February and March until we see you at the field or at our next meeting.

Again, if you need a name badge, please let me know.

Should any of you not have my contact information, it is:

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Directions to Willamette Aviation Conference Room:

From the south take I-5 to Exit 400A to Court #1. Head east on Court #1. Willamette Dr. is on the right.

From the north, take 15 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.

Willamette Aviation

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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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