



Barnstormers' Newsletter - April 2026

President's Report

Welcome Barnstormers!

Our April meeting will be at the Maple Auditorium at Springbrook Newberg Community Center Thursday, April 9th 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.



We refreshed our rolls in February removing a number of members who didn't renew. However, we continue to receive membership request and the executive committee has conducted a number of Zoom calls with prospective members to vote them in as a result of reduced member meetings.

Also, as mentioned the Exec Committee has met twice, once over zoom and once in person to conduct business. I have posted the minutes of those minutes below so members can follow and keep up to date with Exec discussions. Jerry Eichten stepped up to coordinate our May swap meet which is much appreciated. We are still looking for individuals to step up and coordinate a Family Fun Day with a Pancake Breakfast July 11 and a Fun Fly event Sept 12th..

Just a reminder we continue to have indoor flying on Fridays from 9-12, which will continue throughout the year. Come join us, it's a large gym and plenty of room for those small indoor flyers. Some of those who like to fly indoor are creating their own design, lightweight and agile. Here is a picture of Brand Ivavle's creation below. Here is the address for Friday flying: 9845 SW Walnut Place, Tigard, Oregon 97223



Minutes of February 26, 2026 Barnstormer Zoom Call

Present: Dan Williams, John Wytsma, Larry Hughes, Jerry Eichten, Arnold Craig

Call to order at 2pm by President John Wytsma.

Membership coordinator Dan Williams presented prospective members

+Joel Owens is a previous Barnstormer member. Says he now has time to rejoin club. He's an airline pilot. Likes almost ready to fly airplanes and eager to get back out to the model field.

+ Trevor Polverini grew up flying RC with glow models and some jets. Also likes RC boats and cars. Getting new plane soon. Looking for volunteer opportunities.

+ Steve Polverini is Trevor Polverini's father. He has formerly lived in Seattle and California. Now here to be closer to family. Has park flyers, excited to be here, club Web site led to us. He's looking forward to restocking his airplane supply.

All 3 of these gentlemen were approved for Membership by vote of the executive committee. Welcome to Barnstormers guys! We're glad you're here.

Arnold talks about training help available at the field Saturdays at noon.

\$250 approval for Jerry to purchase a Turbo Timber 1.5 meter or equivalent airplane for the Swap Meet raffle prize. John/Larry motion. All in favor.

Purchase BBQ/griddle to replace rusted out BBQ and also support griddle format for future Pancake Breakfasts. \$260 John/Larry move to approve. All in favor.

Name tags – Larry asks if we should proceed with name tag project. Dan will ask members for name desired and preferred type of attachment (pin or magnetic).

Deadline to supply info is March 15.

Next Meeting April 9. John will work with Larry to request Newberg meeting venue once again

Minutes 3/19 Barnstormer Executive Meeting at Springbrook Meadows in Newberg

Present; John Wytsma, Larry Hughes, Dan Williams, Arnold Craig, Jerry Eichten

Call to order by President John Wytsma at 2pm

Larry describes communication from Dustin Kelly of the University of Portland School of Engineering. He's curious if our field may be available for flight testing an RC aircraft designed by their team of UP engineering students. The fixed-wing VTOL aircraft would perform an autonomous mission including capture and delivery of a payload. Larry will gather more info regarding dates, etc.

John will contact AMA to learn if outside parties are covered by AMA site insurance.

If UP visits our field we would like to share the event in our club newsletter. Jerry will check on a photo release form to allow distribution of images on our website and social media.

Larry reports 148 name tags for members would cost \$1,129. 5-0 vote in favor of approving for this project. Our swap meet date of May 16 may have coincided with an event at the Skyknights. Larry learned Skyknights have rescheduled. Jerry will send out our flyer once again to execs.

Arnold asks about \$300 contributed by our members in memory of Dave Tozer. Larry will confirm with Linda, Dave's wife, where she would like these funds directed. Barnstormers will also make a donation in Dave's memory. Motion approved to send \$500 from our club on Dave Tozer's behalf to the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) of Hood River, Oregon, where Dave was a member.

Arnold summarizes financial status. John would like to see a big picture Statement of Activities on club income and expenditures including our operating and reserve funds. Main topic for today is John's unveiling of a CiviCRM database of Barnstormer members. Goal is to move beyond spreadsheet-based record keeping and use many database features available through our web hosting site. This system makes many tasks easier such as emailing, photo directory assembly, record keeping, renewals, and allow for special categories such as visitors and former members. John has been working on this with Dan Williams, Barnstormer Membership Coordinator. Jerry will send the Swap Meet flyer to other club officers in our area.

As a reminder, full membership meetings are April, July, October, and February
See you at the meeting on 4/9,

John

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Treasurer's Report

We have started the year on a strong footing. We continue to add new members monthly.

We have started mowing now that the grass is growing and the contract personnel are doing a good job.



Membership Renewal Report

As of April, 2026, we will have 127 members.

We have ordered name tags for those who wished them. I encourage everyone to wear them when you come out to the field so fellow club members will get to know you by name.

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 three new members during Zoom call meetings,

I've been contacted by a potential members who plan on attending the April meeting to join.

Dan Williams

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Safety Officer

It's great to see so many Barnstormers out flying as the weather warms up. I keep in touch with those that have braved the cold to fly, but the old adage applies: with safety no news is good news. Keep flying (when possible) and keep safe always.

If you have any questions or concerns, let me know.

See you at the field!

John Woods

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Recycling is working for us, Our club is continuing to collect recyclable cans & bottles to earn \$\$'s to help fund our club's treasury. I volunteered to carry on the legacy of Dave Tozer to this end. The monies earned in the past 5 years substantially offset a large portion of the recent runway re-work. I want to thank all who have contributed to this effort. Please continue to deposit bagged bottles in "the red shed" (combination is the same as the gate).

Curt Boardman

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 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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