

April 2025

Barnstormers All -

Our final off-season meeting at Willamette Aviation at Aurora Airport will be Monday, April 21st at 7:30 PM. We will resume meeting at the field for the May 2025 meeting.

We will have a full-size glider brought to the field - no, it will not be landing! This will offer a chance to see the operation of a glider if you have not seen one. We need more suggestions for speakers who would be of interest for meetings so let me know.

Directions to Willamette Aviation are at the bottom of the email. Gate code is #1200 if the gate is closed. Be sure to bring bottles and cans for Dave Tozer to pick up.

Field renovation Project

The first and foremost business item involves the power-washing scheduled for April 26/27 and the necessity for members to sign up during one or another of the time periods. We require more volunteers for the two shifts on Saturday and again on Sunday.

As we have mentioned before, this project will fundamentally improve the condition of the runway, taxiways and adjacent areas, making for a much improved flying environment. To accomplish it, however, we need a sufficient number of members to pitch in and help.

Timing:

Saturday April 26, 2025

8 AM - 2 PM Saturday 2 PM - dusk Saturday

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8 AM - 2 PM Sunday 2 PM - dusk Sunday Seven volunteers are required for each shift and while we have some slots filled, we are not complete. Every member of the club physically capable should be contributing to the efforts of the club to maintain and improve the flying field area, so we need your help. Contact Arnold Craig at his email: arnold@amatocraig.com.

We will be providing food and drink for the work crews at appropriate times both days. We want to ensure your health by offering some sustanence for your efforts!

So, please support the Barnstormers on this important first phase of the overall field renovation project we have been discussing.

Follow-on work will be scheduled for early June and we will need some volunteers for then as well. Those requirements will be discussed in the coming weeks.

Meeting Date Change

As mentioned in the note distributing the minutes following the March meeting, it has been proposed that the Barnstormers change the bylaws to move the monthly meeting dates from the current '3rd Monday' of each month to the '2nd Thursday' of each month. The belief is that this change will increase monthly attendance and allow some members who cannot generally attend on a Monday to attend on a Thursday.

The consensus at the last meeting was in support of this change and we will vote on it at the April meeting. If enacted, the change would be effective with the May meeting which would then be Thursday, May 8 at the field.

Language pursuant to this change in the by-laws would state:

Article V Meetings

5.1 Regular Club business meetings will be held on the second Thursday of

each month unless otherwise scheduled by the officers with due notification

to the membership.

Field Maintenance - Mowing

Bob Duncan has been handling the mowing schedule quite nicely, but there are positions that need filling.

If you are not able to make the time you volunteered for, contact one of the alternates on your list.

Here is the schedule as it stands.

Contact Bob at N6TU@comcast.com if you need assistance. Kevin Walsh can be contacted at 503.810.4864 as well.

April 14-18: Jerry Eichten 503-310-1660

jeprovid@gmail.com

Kim Lovelace 971-678-9015

gtp314@gmail.com

April 21-25: John Ewing 503-754-4031

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Sid Valluri

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April 28- Jun 02 Monie Gaba 971-205-0648

monieg@omnium.net

Caley Davis 503-803-3379

caleyd@gmail.com

Swap and Shop

John Wytsma is setting up a page on the Barnstormers website that will provide members with an outlet for selling/swapping aircraft or equipment. The page is still in test mode, but the concept is to allow members who might want to sell/trade/donate anything model aircraft related to post on this page and perhaps find someone who might want whatever offered. Members would send John photos and information on the plane/equipment and he would place it on the page. Items will remain for 30 days unless a transaction has been consummated.

So, keep checking the website to see when the page is finally available and we will announce it when ready.

The Barnstormer hats and emblems will be on the site as well.

If you are interested in either hats or emblems, Bob Duncan will have everything at the April meeting. Or, you can contact him at N6TU@comcast.com and he will coordinate with you on whatever you are interested in. Photos and prices are at the end of this email.

Membership

We are currently at 123 members so, as we get into the full season, let us know what we might do to stimulate interest in joining the Barnstormers. When our renovations are completed, the field will be even more attractive than it is now.

Flight Instruction

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, please bring the user manual with you.

Instructor Greg Meyers is willing to work with new pilots during the week, depending on his schedule. Contact him at 541.517.5036 or through his email at GSM1021@gmail.com.

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Regards,

Larry





Emblem: 3" diameter \$8.00