

# The Transmitter

*Suburban RC Barnstormers since 1980*

AMA Chapter 640

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Hello Barnstormers.

As 2025 winds down it is time for me to wind down with the club as well. It has been a pleasure getting to know some of you over the last year. The events I have been able to attend were enjoyable and it was great watching everyone fly and having fun. I hope to see some of you at future Barnstormer activities.

I wish everyone a very happy holiday season and a safe and happy 2026.



## ***Hot News Items:***

We need volunteers for open Board Positions, please let us know if you are interested. Without Volunteers we will downsize the board and Kurt will take leadership of the club. Kurt is doing much of the heavy lifting already.

Membership meetings for next year will be every 3 months starting March 9, 2026. Meetings will be held at PWW or thru Zoom.

Take a look at the Winter Warrior program, a chance to join other members at least once a month to get a flight in and then escape to Dunkin Donuts for a cup of Coffee.

## Calendar of Events 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
1-Jan	12pm	FF #1 Frozen Finger	PWW
9-March	7pm	General Membership meeting	Zoom
7-June	9am	General Membership meeting	PWW
8-June	9am	Rain Date-General Membership Meeting	PWW
20-June	11am	FF #2 (Proposed)	PWW
21-June	11am	Rain Date-Proposed FF #2	PWW
12-September	9am	General Membership Meeting	PWW
13-Septemeber	9am	Rain Date-General Membership Meeting	PWW
19-Septemeber	11am	FF #3 (Proposed)	PWW
20-Septemeber	11am	Rain Date-Proposed FF #3	PWW
14-December	7pm	General Membership meeting	Zoom
		Calander will be updated due to changes	

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<a href="#">Motion RC</a>	760 Lakeside Dr. Unit C, Gurnee, IL	(224) 633-9090
<a href="#">Value RC</a>	1199 N. Ellsworth Ave. Villa Park, IL	(630) 948-0947

## SRB General Membership Meeting Minutes

11/10/25

### Attendees:

Sandy Hoschouer	Kurt Krempetz
Wally Hoschouer	David Bella
Bob Sulla	Tim Crowe
Paul Kramer	Bob Vance
Ron Wickett	

The meeting began at 7:13pm

Wally's recorder did not work, this from memory only, may not be 100 percent accurate:

### Open Board Positions

Discussion points

- Sandy (President) and Bob Vance (Vice President) will be stopping down from their positions at the end of this year.
- As of this meeting we have no volunteers for either position, the board has decided to wait until the next meeting on March 9, 2026 to see if any members will volunteer.
- Should these board positions not be filled by the next meeting, our treasurer Kurt Krempetz has offered to lead the club.
- Kurt already maintains the treasury, contact with AMA and serves as safety officer, legal documentation to support our FRIA with the FAA, and the required clubs fillings with the IRS. He also maintains the website and supports the Facebook Page.
- Should Kurt take over as the leader of the Barnstormers, the board will be scaled back to a total of three volunteers including Kurt. The AMA only needs a safety officer which Kurt already provides and to maintain the LLC we need a board of three.
- General Membership meetings will be held every 3 months. June and September meetings will be at PWW, remaining 2 meetings during winter months will be held thru Zoom.
- The club membership appears to be stable, however, most of our members just want to fly. Going forward, the club will not be handing out \$20 gift cards at meetings or events, but will still provide beverages and snacks at the summer Fun Fly events. The current membership dues will continue to maintain various club expenses. Zoom license, website expenses, costs associated with the AMA to name a few.

### Treasurer Report – Kurt Krempetz

Discussion points:

- Kurt gave an update of the 2025 financials. We currently have \$5277.23.

### Request for Library Donation-Bob Vance

Discussion Points:

- Bob requested a \$500 donation to the Itasca Library for providing free meeting space the entire time the club has held meetings at this location.

## General Board meeting Minutes

### **Request for Library Donation Continued:**

- The board had discussed the donation previously, Bob Sulla had seconded the motion and Sandy carried the motion to present the library with a donation.

### **Winter Warrior/Frozen Finger**

Discussion Points:

- Kurt advise this program has been active for about 14 years, until recently Ernie Blenkle had coordinated the event. The format is to fly at least once a month during the winter. This program has worked with the January 1st Frozen Finger to credit the members in attendance with a flight for the month. Please see below detailed information provided by Kurt.
- Please let Kurt know if you would like to participate, Wally and Tim have already joined with Kurt for this winter.

### **Club items stored at Bob Vance's Residence:**

Discussion Points:

- Bob has announced he will be leaving the hobby, he has been giving away items for the last few months.
- Several club items are still being stored at his home including the Club Mascot, a biplane with a 55 inch wing span, Tim Crowe has said he would take the plane.
- Below I have displayed pictures Bob Vance sent, if any member has interest in these items other than the mascot, please let us know.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm

## Winter Warriors Program

About 14 years ago, Ernie Blenke started a program at the Manville field called *Winter Warriors*. The program ran each year from November through the following April. The concept was simple: each month, participants needed to get at least one flight in. When you completed your monthly flight, you were encouraged to send an email invite so others could join you. Usually a few people showed up, flew a quick flight, and then headed to the local coffee shop to chat and enjoy each other's company.

If no one showed up to your invite—or if you simply decided to fly on your own—that was perfectly fine. You only needed to let Ernie know you had completed your flight and provide a little evidence that you flew. At the end of the season in April, Ernie would send out an announcement with the results and award the next-level Winter Warrior pin to those who completed the challenge.

Ernie has scaled back his RC flying and has handed the Winter Warriors program over. In his honor, I'm hoping to continue the tradition. I always enjoyed participating, and when I brought this up at the Suburban RC Barnstormers general meeting, there seemed to be plenty of interest—so we will be continuing it.

If you'd like to participate, just send out an email invite when you plan to fly, or let me know when you've gotten your flight in for the month. I'll keep the documentation updated.

I hope many of you will join me and earn your Winter Warrior badge!

Cheers,

Kurt

This is the aggregate total toward Winter Warrior accomplishment since 2011

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		11-	12-	13	14	15	16	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
		20	20	13	14	15	16	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
		12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Steve Thill	14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Diamond
Ernie Blenke	14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Diamond
Doug Penney	13		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Diamond
Kurt Krempetz	6								X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Platinum
Larry Novak	4						X	X	X				X				Gold
Chuck Weibler	3											X	X	X			Gold
Jim Tarmichael	3												X	X	X		Gold
Bob Vance	1												X				Silver
Bob Sulla	0																Bronze
Bob Sarley	3											X	X	X			Gold
Tom Volpe	1											X					Silver
Hogan Ngyuen	0																Bronze
Ron Wickett	0																Bronze

Current year progress toward Winter Warrior accomplishment

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		2025		2026						
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr			
Steve Thill	14.00								0	%
Ernie Blenkle	14.00								0	%
Doug Penney	13.00								0	%
Kurt Krempetz	6.17	x							17	%
Larry Novak	4.00								0	%
Chuck Weibler	3.00								0	%
Jim Tarmichael	3.00								0	%
Bob Vance	1.00								0	%
Bob Sulla	0.00								0	%
Bob Sarley	3.00								0	%
Tom Volpe	1.00								0	%
Hogan Ngyuen	0.00								0	%
Ron Wickett	0.00								0	%

	Award	OH
	Bracket	
3	Diamond (10)	0
1	Platinum (5)	2
4	Gold (3)	3
2	Silver (1)	0
3	Bronze (0)	7



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