

# The Transmitter

*Suburban RC Barnstormers since 1980*

AMA Chapter 640

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Hello Barnstormers.

The club has voted and approved a simpler structure designed for today's schedules and interests. While still protecting what matters most: **our flying fields, our sanctions /FRIA standing, and our ability to represent model aviation within our community.**

We are looking forward to a great year!

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

Next general membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 7, 2026 at PWW at 9am. Rain date would be next day Sunday at 9am. Should weather conditions not be favorable, will send out emails to all club members by 7:30am.

Hope all members can attend, meetings are generally short, then all members can fly and or engage in great conversation.

If any member would like to take some time and propose a fun fly date, please let me or Kurt know.

Also, have attached the Winter Warriors Spreadsheet, a program created by



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If you wish to become a Suburban R/C Barnstormers member, please click on the "Join SRCB " link at the top of our website page. An application form is available as well as the clubs bylaws and payment options.

### Please Support The Following Hobby Shops

<a href="#">HobbyTown</a> *	341 N. Randall Rd., Batavia, IL.	(630) 587-1256
<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

3/9/26

### Attendees:

Kurt Krempetz	Ernie Blenkle
Wally Hoschouer	Jim Tarmichael
Lionel Randall	Bob Sulla
Bob Vance	Merv Keeney
Paul Kramer	Douglas Penney
Ron Wickett	

### Meeting started 7:03PM

Kurt opened the meeting with a statement informing the participating club members the general state of the club and asking for volunteers for the vacant President and Vice President positions.

There were not any volunteers for the positions, Wally asked if the members present had a chance to read the alternative downsizing proposal of the board due to current circumstances. Bob Vance suggested we proceed with the downsizing plan with Kurt as the leader of the club going forward. All attendees voted for the plan, there were no objections.

All members were asked about the proposed bylaws sent out prior to the meeting. There was some discussion leading to a vote of this proposal. All members in attendance voted to adopt the new bylaws to reflect how the club will be operating going forward, there were no objections.

Having adopted and all those attending voting for the new club structure and Bylaws, three directors had to be nominated. Kurt Krempetz was nominated for "Director of Administration", Wally Hoschouer was nominated for "Director of Communications", Lionel Randall was nominated for "Director of Safety & Field Liaison".

Nominations now complete, attending members voted for Kurt Krempetz for "Director of Administration", Wally Hoschouer for "Director of Communication", Lionel Randall for "Director of Safety & Field Liaison".

Some discussion ensued about the possibility of incorporating other types of RC vehicles into the Suburban RC Barnstormers. David Bella, Paul Kramer, and Ernie Blenkle led this discussion introducing the possibility of club expansion into crawlers. The idea of the possibility of entertaining racing drones was also discussed. Kurt stated the club is open to expansion ideas and asked members to explore these ideas and report their findings to the club, the board would always be supportive.

Kurts budget report for 2026:

Current Balance is \$4975.51

Expenses for the year will probably exceed this years receipts by \$163. New membership would close this gap.

Attached the Treasury Spreadsheet below for the first three months of this year.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM**

**Surburban RC Barnstormer's Treasurer Report****2026**

Treasurer Kurt Krempetz

Revision Date: 1/2/2026

This Sheet is the Summary Sheet from all the months of the year. It also includes the carry over amount from the previous year.

Only input data on Green cells

Past Year Balance

Cash Box	\$33.31
Checking	\$4,553.18
PayPal	\$275.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,862.1</b>

*January Summary*

Monthly

*Balance* \$70.92

Cash Box	\$47.31
Checking	\$4,553.18
PayPal	\$332.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,933.0</b>

Check Balance OK

*February Summary*

Monthly

*Balance* \$0.00

Cash Box	\$47.31
Checking	\$4,553.18
PayPal	\$332.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,933.0</b>

Check Balance OK

*March Summary*

Monthly

*Balance* \$42.45

Cash Box	\$47.31
Checking	\$4,553.18
PayPal	\$375.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,975.5</b>

Check Balance OK

## 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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
		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	Diamond
Ernie Blenke	14	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	Diamond
Kurt Krempez	6								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	14.00								0	%
Ernie	14.83	x	x	x	x	x			83.333	%
Doug	13.00								0	%
Kurt	6.83	x	x	x	x	x			83.333	%
Larry	4.00								0	%
Chuck	3.00								0	%
Jim	3.83	x	x	x	x	x			83.333	%
Bob	1.00								0	%
Bob	0.00								0	%
Bob	3.17			x					16.666	%
Tom	1.00								0	%
Hogan	0.00								0	%
Ron	0.00								0	%
Wally	0.67	x	x	x	x				66.666	%

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