

Benzie Area RC's

August, 2013 Newsletter



BARC's 16th Annual Air Show

On August 24th, from 10 am to 3 pm, BARC will host its 16th Annual Air Show at the Thompsonville Airport, on Lindy Road, about one mile west of M115.

BARC has a strong and cooperative relationship with the committee that manages the Airport. During our events they run the food booth and use those proceeds as their main source of income to cover airport operations. The Airport Committee has informed us that, commencing this year, the airport will be closed to full size aircraft, thus eliminating any possible conflicts with their normal operations and the large number of vehicles and people that we attract at our events.

Public events that BARC presents each spring and summer are managed by an Events Management Team whose personnel made up of BARC members, registers all participants, and then using data collected, monitors and manages flight line activity to insure field safety, and keep spectators informed of current performers on the field.

BARC sets up two separate but conjoined venues, one for fixed wing aircraft who use the 2900 foot black top runway, and another flyway for helicopters. Each system is monitored and managed by a two man team of flight line supervisors, whose job it is to act as an on the spot agent for BARC in the pits, lending help and assistance to guest pilots to help them feel welcome and comfortable with their arrangements.

The BARC administrative canopy, situated along the pit line, controls orderly use of the runway, limited to up to 4 pilots at a time at the pilots stations placed along the edge of the runway. Each pilot is required to use a spotter to keep him aware of runway activity as he concentrates on his craft in the air. They receive a numbered orange paddle and are asked to raise it in the air to notify others that they are about to use the runway for takeoffs or landings, or to retrieve craft that cannot return to their pilot remotely.

Keeping records of who has what number, permits the PA system announcer, to inform the crowd of flight line activity, and to advise the name and residence of pilots at the flight line, and sometimes comment on the craft he is flying.

BARC has reached out to all former guests who have attended our events over the years, and have also invited other regional AMA chapters to participate this time owing to the special program. We usually register more than 40 AMA guest pilots at our Spring Thing and Annual Air Show.

Traditionally, two 50/50 raffles are conducted during the day, with half the proceeds used as prizes, and the other half split between the airport and BARC. This year BARC is dedicating its show to the Wounded Warrior Project, (WWP) a national 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, lending financial assistance to the rehabilitation of

injured service men and women who have lost limbs or eyesight and require the employment of wheel chairs or artificial limbs and other devices to restore their lives to as near a normal condition as possible. Currently television ads conduct an appeal for public donations in the form of a pledge for a monthly payment of \$19 or more.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has announced the launch of a nationwide program, to have its 152 thousand members include a fund raising drive to help the WWP in their public events. The BARC event is an initial third party event, and is probably first in Michigan. BARC has applied to the WWP for an agency partnership and has been accepted by them as a "Proud Sponsor" organization. All checks prepared will be made payable to the "Wounded Warrior Project" in any amount, and will be bundled up and submitted to the WWP, who will then mail official receipts to each contributor which can be used for income tax purposes. BARC will issue a temporary receipt at the show.

To take maximum advantage of all the publicity of the WWP connection, the drive has been expanded to include a one-time mail-in program for those in Michigan who want to help out the WWP but cannot manage attendance at the Air Show. Their checks should be mailed in to WWP, 6758 Platte Rd, Beulah Michigan 49617 to be included with the proceeds collected at the Air Show.

Being one of the first WWP events for the AMA, we are proud to announce that the national AMA Executive Vice President Gary Fitch from New York State will be our guest that day at the show. Gary is looking forward to his visit and a chance to meet BARC and other AMA members attending.

A special program will be presented at the opening ceremonies at the field at 10 am sharp. The Benzie County Band will play the national anthem, while local VFW members will provide a special team to present the colors on behalf of all veterans. Following the national anthem, a musical salute will be played by medley of the anthems for all five services.

While final commitments are still being awaited from some groups, plans are to have the Benzie County Sheriff and some of his staff present, including a mounted patrol, and hopefully an EMS vehicle will be on display on the tarmac in front of the hangers and airport terminal. We have also applied for the presence of the Coast Guard helicopter out of Traverse City, and a team from the Black Knights, the Manistee-based National Guard unit, who will have a few Hum Vees on the tarmac for public inspection.

Beyond the raffle, BARC will be setting up a contributions tent just behind the BARC administrative canopy. Accepting contributions, either as cash or check, will be handled by BARC wives. Our thanks go out to these ladies for their help.

All BARC participants, and their spouses, will be wearing special white T shirts, imprinted front and back with the WWP logo and text. These shirts and a BARC hat will be the uniform of the day. Some guest pilots have also bought one or more T shirts.

The BARC Events Management Team is as follows:

Event Chairman and CD	Ed McIntosh
Safety Chairman	Doug Stolz
Flight Line Supervisors	Dennis Holcombe and Jay Stolz
Registrations	Jim Tyler and Mark Harrison
Paddle Control	George Munn and Ron Nelson
ID Badge Control	Todd Mochmar
PA Announcer and Publicity	Ed McIntosh
Photography	Al Amstutz, Dennis Whipple, Sandy Tyler and Al Pepper
Raffle Chairmen	Chris and Sally Bobek
Grounds Preparation	Stafford, McIntosh, Doug Stolz, Tyler and many others
WWP and Displays	Doug Stolz
Contributions Supervisor	Judy Stafford
Tee Shirt Distribution	Ron Nelson

We salute the efforts of all who will support the event, especially our management team.

Hi! I'm Fred Wendland



I've been coming to Crystal lake since I was about four, starting in 1944. My parents and two uncles were looking for and found beachfront on south shore they wanted for summer vacation from Chicago area heat. They bought a set of buildings they converted to three cottages, and they came up each summer, driving 12 hours on old 12/20, then old 31, with kids packed in on top of boxes to level the rear seat area and lying on the rear window ledge for the long drive. The relatives still come up every summer for extended stays. My three sons and daughter and families are here every 4th for the fireworks in Frankfort.

I flew u-control from about 12 years old till college – and a few times after – mostly small stuff, .09's mostly, but I did fly free flight and constructed a built up glider from plans. Never flew that though. The 40" wingspan and fusilage of balsa and silkspan paper took to much time to build to watch it get destroyed – it ended up in an Elmhurst, IL shop as display.

I tried my hand at building a plane and transceiver set from drawings in the 70's from transistor components and used small electric motors for servos with a unique electronic control system – It worked but I crashed on the first flight and I never rebuilt the plane. May still have some of the parts somewhere in the garage.

I became more interested in RC flying in the 90's with the better electronics available, bought 75MHz equipment and built a Hobbistar60, then we had family health problems, my wife, Virginia and I moved to Del Mar, CA and I just never followed through. I continued to go to the local shows to watch others have the fun. This spring I vowed to try in earnest, so joined BARC, sent my money to AMA, bought a new electric Beaver, and brought out the Hobbistar. So far, I've dunked the Beaver a couple of times, and the SuperTiger engine I had bought blew a head gasket on attempting to run it in. Not an auspicious start. Hopefully I'll be flying before the end of August. I'm also working on converting a nice 30' boat model for RC control for my 3 yr old grandson, or 7 and 9 year old granddaughters to use up here when they visit to try to get them interested in the hobby.

I have a lot of interests - probably too many. Cars n motors especially - I still have an old '78 BMW motorcycle that I may ride once a year, a couple of antique cars (a beater 31 Ford 2door now used for two tracking – my first car, and a nice 32 Dodge DL 6 that could be restored as a museum piece for the occasional parade), a red '72 vette convertible, and a speedy '72 jaguar XJ6 with a chevy 305 engine and 5 speed transmission. Tennis doubles only at my age. An occasional golf outing. I have a 22' Catalina sailboat I love moored out front. I also do all handyman repairs and lawncare on the cottage and run a low cost handyman service in CA during the winter for local retirees and such to keep busy, and pay the cottage taxes.

Hope to meet you all on the field – good flying!



Thanks so much to **Doc Pepper and his wife, Ann**, for opening their home to us for the annual BARC picnic and float fly. What a great turn-out. Speaking from my perspective (Sally) it was great to meet so many of the wives.

The weather was not very co-operative so we didn't have many flyers. But once again **Peter Blitzer** did not let us down, and flew his plane out over the lake a few times. We didn't even need to take the rescue boat out, his landings were perfect.

Doc brought out the grill and cooked some hot dogs and we had a great assortment of potluck dishes. Trust me, no body went home hungry!

As usual the best part of the get-together was the time spent visiting. The guys discussed (and solved) all remote control issues. The women talked about what we are into when you are flying (and getting ready to fly). I enjoyed this get together and am already looking forward to our fall dinner.



**Your Club can use your help at the Air Show.
Contact Fred or Ed if you can donate a little time!**



Congratulations to George Munn who flew for his first time off the water. Four take offs and four landings. Great job, George!

