

BARC Newsletter

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From your editor: Chris Bobek

Already October and I am not happy to see the flying days cut short. It has been a great summer with lots of fun at the flying fields and the float flies in the water. This is my first real year of flying. I would like to thank all of the members who have helped me along. A special thanks to **Fred Stafford** who is so patient training a new pilot. We sure couldn't ask for a better president.

This winter Sally and I will be in Florida. We will still be doing a newsletter to keep our club informed. Please email us pictures of the projects you are working on or that new plane you bought. If you are flying indoors or out, send us some pictures or stories and we'll get them in the newsletter. As for me, I will be building my butt off this winter – and flying any chance I get!

Our email is sallybobek@acegroup.cc. We'll be in Zephyrhills, if you're nearby give us a call!



New Member, Joshua, with Jim Tyler.



The annual BARC potluck dinner was Saturday, October 5 at the Thompsonville Hall. We had about 20 members with wives and families attend. What an assortment of GREAT food and desserts. Nobody went home hungry.

Congratulations to our newest member, **Joshua Bancroft** . His family joined us for dinner and saw Joshua receive his certificate and wings for flying solo.

We also saw a great presentation and slide show from **Ed McIntosh** about our air show.

For myself (Sally) I love these events where I can meet the guys Chris has been telling me about and meet the wives to commiserate about all the time you guys are spending flying!





Hi, I'm Doug Stolz. My wife, Tanya and I live in Benzonia and I've been here since 1980. I grew up in Milford, MI and, though it took a few years for us to re-find each other, Tanya and I are high school sweethearts.

I started flying in 1959. I flew everything from rudder, to stick, to u-control and free flight. In 1982 I flew my first radio controlled plane, a Gentle Lady Sail Plane. During the last 30 years I've flown everything from micro-indoor planes to small ¼ scale planes. My favorite is a Scale AT-6 Texan.

I joined BARC in 2010 with some encouragement from my brother, Jay, who is also a member. Like most of you, I've had some good – and some not so good attempts at flying. But, I have had a blast with BARC, a great bunch of guys. I know I'm a better flyer, especially with the help I've gotten from Fred Stafford. I enjoy the building and set up as much as the flying. I love helping guys at the field whenever I can.

I enjoy most things mechanical. I've had lots of cars through the years to work on. I've also built several RC boats, everything from small electric to large gas models. I also belong to APBA, American Power Boat Association. I built and raced full size outboard boats with Jay 1972-1981.

I was a cabinet maker when I lived downstate. In 1980 I started finished construction work in the Beulah area and in 1996 I started Doug Stolz Finish Carpentry.

In my spare time, besides flying, I enjoy Kayaking, motorcycle and motocross and snowmobile riding.

