

# BARNSTORMERS RC RACEWAY

## PURPOSE

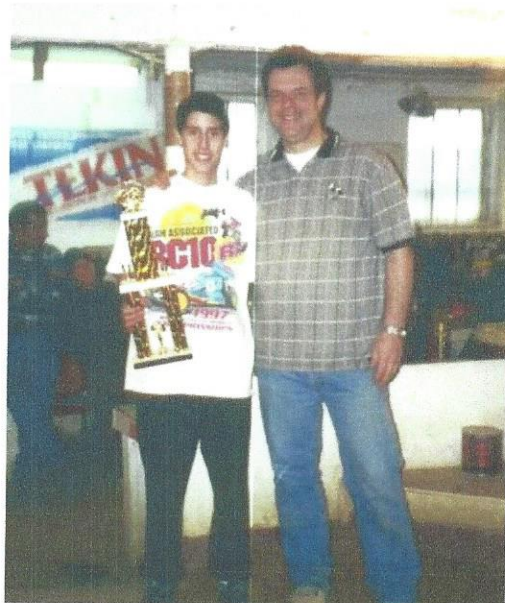
The purpose of this document is to provide a narrative of the purpose and intent of Barnstormers RC Raceway located at 205 Greycourt Rd.

## INCEPTION

In 1990, Lou Sytsma and his son Christopher purchased a Radio-Controlled Car from the local hobby shop in downtown Chester. They lived right up the street from that shop at 9 Railroad Ave with Chris being in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Lou and Chris spent countless hours together playing with the toy, inspiring them to build a small dirt track in the back yard to play on. As any good father would, Lou took notice of the attention that RC Cars drew from Chris and foresaw that this sport would provide a common interest to promote more Father-Son time together and also keep Chris off 'the streets' as he was growing and becoming more social with the local kids. Instructed by his father, Chris began praying for a location where a larger track could be made so that he, his father and his friends could play together with their RC Cars. Then the opportunity to rent the barn at 205 Greycourt appeared and Barnstormers was born.

## YEAR TO YEAR OPERATIONS

Not only has Barnstormers provided a location for bonding and learning for Chris and Lou, it has afforded the same atmosphere for other children and families as well. Truthfully, the intent behind the opening of the RC Car track was to promote family bonding and good Christian values. Children and newcomers have always been the focus of Barnstormers. The goal is to boost morale, build self-confidence, promote responsibility and teach good ethics while providing a safe, social atmosphere for children and families to spend their time. Below are some photos that illustrate this concept.



John & Will Deloi, Vernon NJ

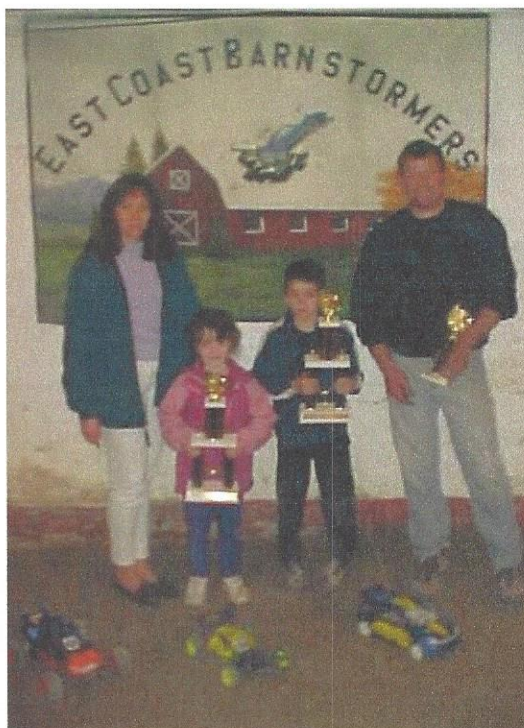


Chris & Lou Sytsma, Chester NY





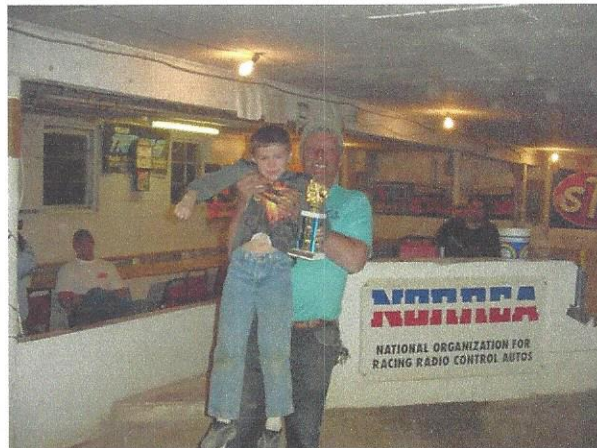
The Breimaier Family, Pearl River NY



The Lawton Family, Bloomingburg NY



Beginner Racing Group Photo



Timmy's First RC Race



Justin's First Trophy



Dan Helps Groom the Track



## GIVING BACK

Barnstormers has always aimed at giving, rather than taking. Annually, Barnstormers does not turn a profit. In fact, year after year it operates at a net loss. The additional expenses to keep the track running come out of Lou's personal income. He does this because of the friendships that have been cultivated and the safe haven that Barnstormers provides for families and children.

Week in and week out Barnstormers teaches and directs those who attend the facility. They learn how to build their model cars, set the suspension and tuning options and repair any damages to their vehicle. And while driving their cars on the track with others they learn hand eye coordination and quick decision making. After a race is over drivers congratulate each other which instills good sportsmanship and comradery.

Barnstormers has also taken place in an outreach program for children that are mentally disabled and/or have social disorders. This was in concert with McQuade's Children Services in New Windsor, NY. RC Cars were provided for the children to drive. The intent was to provide a socially safe atmosphere for these children so that they could enjoy an interactive pastime. They were thrilled each week to attend and wrote Lou many letters of gratitude for the time that he put in with them.

Similarly, together with a hobby shop in Middletown, NY, Barnstormers hosted an RC Expo Event aimed at the inner-city youth. The expo consisted of a track, constructed in the parking lot where the DMV is now located, with free-to-use RC Cars. The goal was to provide an alternative pastime option to people in that area.

Since 2005 Christopher has operated a hobby shop located in Florida, NY. This has become his full-time job and passion, of course inspired by Barnstormers Raceway. Through the hobby shop Chris has been able to make fund raising donations to the Florida and Goshen school districts in an effort to support extracurricular youth activities. Donations are also made to the Hadley Junior High School RC Car Club in Glen Ellyn, IL which has been in existence since 1988. This group consists of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and aims to provide an educational activity for those not suited for sports, band, or other traditional school activities. They receive no budget from the school district, relying solely on donations. Barnstormers has always shared this same concept with Hadley Junior High, supporting and directing the youth. Below are just a few photos from the Hadley RC Club.







Barnstormers has always stood for giving, teaching and supporting families and youths. And these ideals have been passed on to Chris' hobby shop operation as well.

## CLOSING

In summary, over the past few decades, Barnstormers has been positively influencing families, youths and enthusiasts by providing a location to spend time together bonding over a common sport. Whether it be ethics, physics, responsibility, self-value, respect, or friendship, these have been and continue to be the objectives taught at Barnstormers RC Raceway in Chester, NY.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AT BARNSTORMERS

There is a dirt track with lanes that people drive their RC Cars on. There is a designated area on the side of the track where people stand when they are driving their car. There are bench tables and chairs for people to set up their equipment and toolboxes on so that they can maintenance, clean and prep their RC Cars when they are not driving them.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Nearly eight years ago, my son Jared and I, had an experience that was to change the direction of his life.

As an 11-year-old boy in 2009, Jared's interest in racing was fueled mostly by hours of playing video games at home by himself. One day, though, Jared discovered a YouTube video of a different kind: radio-controlled cars racing around the inside of a cow barn. It looked exciting and challenging, and I made a mental note to take Jared to this place where they did this sort of thing. I too had never seen such a thing in person.

After a little digging around, we found that this place was called Barnstormers RC track in Chester, N.Y. I will never forget that fateful Sunday afternoon when we walked in the door and saw a car literally flying four feet in the air. There were guys young and old, fathers and sons, mothers and a few daughters, standing on the driver's stand racing their cars, working on them at the provided benches, or just enjoyably watching it all. There was so much exciting activity. As we stood there, I turned to my little buddy and said "would you like to do that?" His response was immediate and so enthusiastic. "Yeah, Dad!!"

Since that day, our lives together have been an adventure beyond description. I bought him his first car, a Traxxis Slash truck, which he drove many, many Sundays and Fridays at Barnstormers. With the help and support of his fellow racers--boys a bit older than him plus young and older men with a passion for RC racing and a passion for helping others--he grew his skills as both a driver and a mechanic, learning the basics of how a vehicle works and is put together. There were also many, many fun and exciting days that only a driver can know who is privileged to experience racing at such a well-run, well-maintained facility as Barnstormers.

Today, Jared and I still go RC racing an average of once a week. We travel together as son and father to Barnstormers as well and other tracks in the area. Jared's love of RC racing has blossomed into having a racing fleet of ½ dozen cars of different types that he races on dirt tracks, just like he has done since 2009. His knowledge and experience with these cars has inspired him to choose a career as a mechanical engineer, and he has just finished his first year as an Honor's Student at a local community college. My wife and I are so proud of him.

In closing, I just have to thank the father-son team of Louis and Chris Sytsma for building and maintaining such an outstanding facility as Barnstormers RC track. This track truly did change my son's life, as well as my life with my son, and for it I will be forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Matthew Phair

Croton on Hudson, NY





**Jared Phair** with Staff Rcamerica.

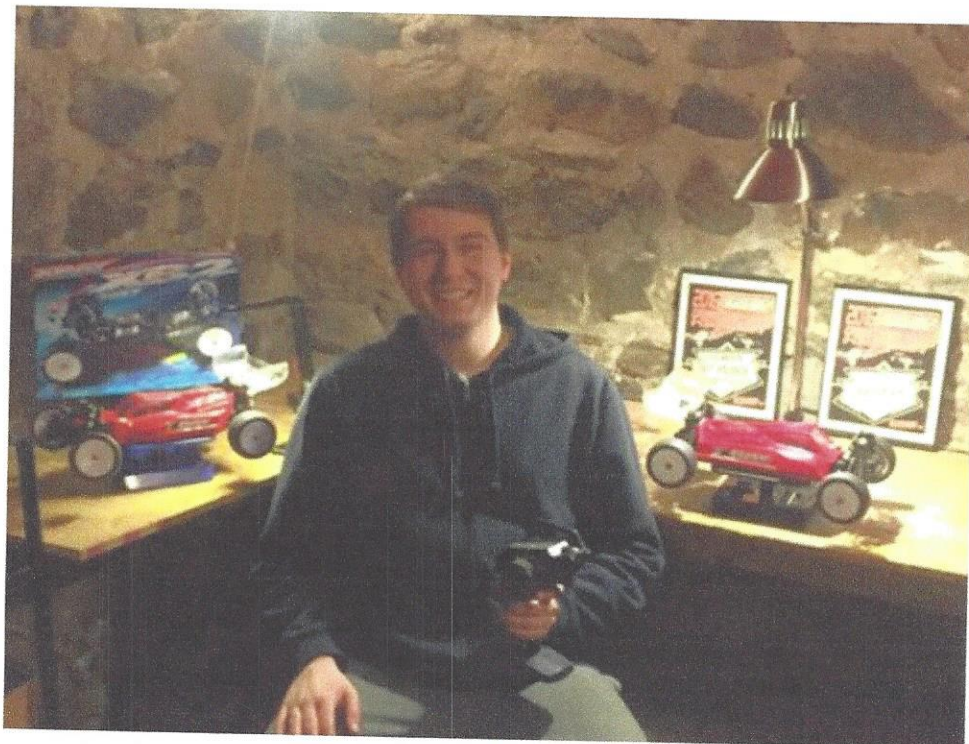
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I am very thankful and thrilled to announce that I have been invited by North American Team Manager Gord Tessmann to join the XRAY/RC America Team.

Joining the team is a great honor for me--especially with [Ty Tessmann](#)--and I have a number of people to thank for the opportunity. First to my dad [Matt](#) who gave me my first car, the 2WD Traxxas Slash nearly 7 years ago. Then with the help of [Lou](#) and [Chris](#) at Barnstormers, Ed (then) at Gallimods, [Will](#) at RCHR, and [Ron](#) and [Steve](#) at Cruzin, as well as the Barneys, Team Cruzin, and other fellow racers, I was able to improve my talents as a racer and a mechanic to get to where I am today.

I also want to give a special shout out to my sponsor [Powerhobby](#) and Muhammad. They are a great company to do business with that I am proud to represent. They have supplied the kinds of products and service that has helped me show up and win at races consistently.

Having had great success with the XB4'15, I look forward in 2017 to running XRAY's XB4 '17, the XB2C '17, XT2 and XB8E at my local tracks and representing the XRAY/RC America brand. I will be bringing my XRAY buggies to a number of RC tracks in the Northeast including Barnstormers, Tracktime, Cruzin, Wolcott Hobbies, Crispy Critters, Full Throttle, RC Madness, RC Excitement and Motorama.



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**Jim Hustins**

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This weekend made me reminisce about my days as a novice driver racing in the old days at the Barn. I'm thankful that I had a good person like Lou Sytsma to get me going in the hobby and help teach me what I know.



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May 15, 2017

To Whom This May Concern,

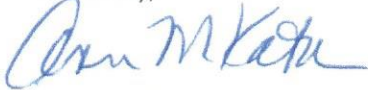
It is my pleasure to write you a letter in support of The Barn on Greycourt Road. As parents of two teenage boys, our sons have been participating in racing remote control cars at The Barn and it has been nothing but a positive experience for them.

The Barn is and has been a worthwhile organization that our boys have made good friends, learned to work together, learned sportsmanship and focused on working towards being better at what they are doing. It has taught them responsibility of taking care of their equipment and that involvement is important to being successful.

We fully support the efforts to any program that can teach and advance anyone as an individual or a member of a team to work towards a goal to be a better person, and this is the one we chose and will always be thankful that The Barn has done that for them.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ann M Kata