



NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AMA's appeal to hobbyists and Leader Member Message for February 2020:

You all are needed now to save our hobby. If you don't help now, we could lose our privilege to fly!

I'm sure you are aware of the FAA notice that was released at the end of December proposing to regulate and severely handicap our ability to fly our model airplanes. The AMA is doing everything in its power to direct and help create those rules to protect us from government overreach.

The FAA has to hear the views, opinions, and comments of the public before the rules are implemented and everyone's voice does count. Dispelling misinformation and unique comments are preferred, but the opinions expressed through a form letter is important in letting the FAA know how many people think there is a problem and the proposal needs to be changed.

You certainly can write your own unique letter with information and data the FAA needs such as explaining how the proposed regulations would be cost prohibitive. Suppose you have 100 airplanes and each model has to be registered individually at a cost of \$5 each, totaling \$500. You would likely have to give up the hobby.

The comment period will be closing soon so time is of the essence. Don't wait! Act now and get everyone you know to submit a comment. Don't just sit back and think the other guy will do it. If you don't act, model aviation will be changed forever.

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AMA has created templates for you to easily submit comments, alter the templates with your own information, or inspire you to write your own response. Go to the website listed below and choose one of the template letters. Copy the text of the letter and at the bottom of the letter is the link to the Federal Register comment form. Paste the letter in the comment box, fill in your name and answer several other required questions, and click on Submit. You can return to the AMA page and choose another template to submit another comment.

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2020/01/20/submit-a-formal-comment>

All comments are considered and all matter. Contact our Government Affairs team at **(765) 287-1256** or amagov@modelaircraft.org with any additional questions or concerns. The latest information can be found at MODELAIRCRAFT.ORG/GOV, in Model Aviation, and on social media. We all need to work together to save the hobby!

More related links to the FAA NPRM:

Notice of FAA Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) Web Version:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/31/2019-28100/remote-identification-of-unmanned-aircraft-systems>

Downloadable PDF of NPRM:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-31/pdf/2019-28100.pdf>

AMA's summary of the FAA NPRM for UAS Remote ID:

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2020/01/02/summaryremoteidproposal/>

Make a comment to the NPRM:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/31/2019-28100/remote-identification-of-unmanned-aircraft-systems#open-comment>

I will do my best to stay on top of this and keep the club informed with any updates.

The next club meeting is Tuesday February 18 at 6pm.

Fly well, fly safe!!

Bob Templeton

President – RCRC





Minutes for RCRC monthly club meeting: 21 January 2020 Meeting: 18:04-18:40

Attendance:

- 2 board members
- 8 voting members
- 10 Total

Meeting Opened:

- January Expense Report: Passed
- January Safety Report: Passed
- January Previous Meeting Minutes & Newsletter Content: Passed

Old business:

- Army Corps of Engineers event report. A large laminated aerial map of the field was made for the club.
- Second layer of gravel was put down in the repair areas.
- Update on FAA fixed flying site map. FAA has acknowledged that the location is incorrect and will update the map. An estimated of when this will occur was not provided.

New Business:

- AMA Leader Program (John Pieczynski): No program for January.
- FAA NPRM (Remote ID Proposed Rules)
 - DON'T use the AMA's template form letter. While the AMA templates are acceptable, a comment in your own words will carry more weight.
 - Keep it respectful and constructive.
 - Keep in mind that it will take years to finalize and implement.
 - More information to be provided as discovered.

Closing remarks: None

Adjourned: 18:40

A Board of Directors meeting was not held for February 2020...





Important Links:

RCRC Website:

<https://rocketcityrc.com>

Direct link to the current weather conditions at the field:

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KALHUNTS256>

FAA Registration:

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov>

FAA Recreational Flyer Information, Guidelines, and Policies:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/

RCRC YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBPcz2UzsCDMR-oAO-PaA4g>

Academy of Model Aeronautics:

<https://modelaircraft.org>

