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<< To all returning members for 2019 >>

If you have not paid your 2019 renewal dues yet, please plan to pay them as soon as possible. As always, we count on these funds for our club projects. Thank You.

Swan Harbor Club Meeting:

Saturday, February 9, 2019 – Golden Corral Restaurant

Old business:

- **There is serious interest from a contractor at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds to use our field to do testing of RC aircraft.**

New Business:

- **A contractor from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds has inquired about using our field for testing of RC aircraft. We discussed this at the last meeting and seemed to have ironed out most of the details and will probably come to an agreement with them as soon as a proof of insurance certificate (COI) is produced. Proceeding with this will go a long way to paying off our existing bill with the Havre Grace Parks and Recreation Council for the electricity to the field.**
- **No other real new business.**
- **The AMA EXPO in the Meadowlands in New Jersey is Feb 22-24th this month.**
- **Next month is the Lebanon Flea Market on March 9th. We will reschedule the club meeting to March 16th.**
- **As soon as the weather breaks we will finish up the mowers and proceed with the weed preventer and fertilization of the field.**

Treasurer Report: Submitted by Steve Snyder

Club Photo Gallery:

Bob Walker's pic:

Bob Sinsky's Flight Battery Charging Box:

.....making use of our new field electric installation



[A message from the AMA regarding the FAA Interim Ruling](#)

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Dear members,

We're writing to let you know the FAA issued an [Interim Final Rule](#) today that will require drone pilots and model aircraft pilots to display their FAA-issued registration number on the outside surface of their aircraft. The rule will take effect on Monday, February 25, which means the markings must be in place for any outdoor flight beginning on that date.

Although most AMA members already have their FAA registration number posted on the outside of their aircraft, AMA will be submitting comments to the FAA requesting a waiver process for those who might be burdened by external markings, such as members who fly scale replica model aircraft. Most importantly, this rule does not change the original acceptable methods of external marking, nor does it specify a particular external surface on which the registration number must be placed. The requirement is simply that the registration number must be seen upon visual inspection of the aircraft's exterior.

As you know, the registration requirement is not new. Congress reinstated this requirement in December 2017 with the [passage](#) of the National Defense Authorization Act. Although this rule was flexible and allowed the registration marking to be placed in an enclosed compartment, law enforcement officials and FAA partners have expressed concerns about the safety risks a concealed explosive device could pose to first responders when opening a compartment to find a registration number.

If you would like to submit your own comment on the Interim Final Rule, simply visit www.regulations.gov and search for "RIN 2120-AL32." You can also visit www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=93045 to learn more. The deadline for public comment ends on March 15, 2019.

If you are uncertain if you have a valid FAA registration, you can access your FAA account at <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#>. This site will allow you to view your personal FAA registration number and expiration date. We strongly advise you to avoid registering your model aircraft anywhere other than the official FAA website. If you register under Section 336, there is a \$5 fee for a three-year registration, and hobbyists receive one identification number for all of their aircraft. Please be aware of unofficial registration websites that charge exorbitant fees or require separate registration fees for each recreational aircraft.

We continue to work closely with the FAA to determine the best path forward regarding recreational UAS operating requirements. As always, thank you for your continued support, and please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
AMA Government Affairs



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Drone External Marking Banner FAA Makes Major Drone ID Marking Change

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) posted a rule in the Federal Register requiring small drone owners to display the FAA-issued registration number on an outside surface of the aircraft. Owners and operators may no longer place or write registration numbers in an interior compartment. The rule is effective on February 25. The markings must be in place for any flight after that date.

When the FAA first required registration of small drones in 2015, the agency mandated that the registration marking be readily accessible and maintained in readable condition. The rule granted some flexibility by permitting the marking to be placed in an enclosed compartment, such as a battery case, if it could be accessed without the use of tools.

Subsequently, law enforcement officials and the FAA's interagency security partners have expressed concerns about the risk a concealed explosive device might pose to first responders upon opening a compartment to find a drone's registration number. The FAA believes this action will enhance safety and security by allowing a person to view the unique identifier directly without handling the drone.

This interim final rule does not change the original acceptable methods of external marking, nor does it specify a particular external surface on which the registration number must be placed. The requirement is that it can be seen upon visual inspection of the aircraft's exterior.

The FAA has issued this requirement as an Interim Final Rule—a rule that takes effect while also inviting public comment. The FAA issues interim final rules when delaying implementation of the rule would be impractical, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. In this case, the agency has determined the importance of mitigating the risk to first responders outweighs the minimal inconvenience this change may impose on small drone owners, and justifies implementation without a prior public comment period.

The FAA will consider comments from the public on this Interim Final Rule, and will then review any submissions to determine if the provisions of the ultimate Final Rule should be changed. The 30-day comment period will end on March 15, 2019. To submit comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for “RIN 2120-AL32.”

As Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao promised last month, the FAA also posted proposed new rules to let drones fly routinely at night and over people, and to further integrate them safely into the nation's airspace. The comment period for these proposals is now open and ends on April 15.

Tech Corner: “RC Vendor listing”

Request: if you have a “Vendor” that you use and would like to add it to our “RC Vendor Listing” and share it with other members, please send me an email with the details and I will add it to the list. Sharing this information will help new & old members alike. Thank You... ronlazzeri@verizon.net

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Valley View RC	www.valleyviewrc.com
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B&B Specialties	www.bennettbuilt.com
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Chief Aircraft	www.cheifaircraft.com
Wrong Way RC	www.wrongwayrc.com
NoBS Batteries	www.hangtimes.com
RC Extreme Hobbies	www.xtremerchobby.com

Note: The Musser's hobby shop has been downsized and is now a combination of outdoor hunting, fishing, and RC products store. The website will eventually be renamed to the new store's name.

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Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00pm - 4:00pm

Upcoming Events for 2019

March Club Meeting:

The next club meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Golden Corral restaurant located on Route 40 in Aberdeen, MD. Members are urged to attend and participate in the meeting discussions and planning for the club.

Indoor Flying Cancelled for Remainder of the Winter Season:

To all Members: We have been notified by HDG Parks & Recreation that the gym is no longer available during the times we wanted to fly. Unfortunately that means that all indoor flying is cancelled for the remainder of the season.

Club Meeting Schedule

- January thru April and October thru November:
 - *Monthly club meetings will now be held at the Golden Corral in Aberdeen, MD on Route 40 on the 2nd Saturday of each month 10:00am-12:00pm. We will be meeting in one of the small dining rooms and enjoy their full breakfast buffet.*
- May thru September:
 - *Monthly club meetings and a cookout will be held at the Swan Harbor RC flying field on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting at 10am. The Fall Club Picnic will be held on the same day as the September club meeting.*
- December:
 - *The December club meeting will be held at the annual Christmas Party. Details of this event will be made available in advance of the party.*

Club Dues:

To pay your club dues for the season, either as a renewing member or a new member, please forward them to Steve Snyder, Treasurer. As you all know we depend on our dues to fund projects and general maintenance for our club.

Existing Members:

- **Renewal fee:**
 - \$75.00 fee
 - Fee renewal period (1/1/19 thru 3/31/19)
 - All members are urged to pay the renewal fee as early as possible since club expenses are budgeted and paid based on membership fee receipts.

New Members:

- **Full Year Fee:**
 - \$125.00 fee:
 - Fee joining period (1/1/19 thru 6/30/19)
 - Fee Includes:
 - \$75.00 membership fee
 - \$50.00 initiation fee
- **Half Year Fee:**
 - \$87.50 fee
 - Fee joining period (7/1/19 thru 12/31/19)
 - Fee Includes:
 - 50% of \$75.00 full membership fee = \$37.50
 - plus \$50.00 initiation fee

Upcoming RC Events 2019

AMA Expo East 2019 – The Academy of Model Aeronautics

Date: February 22, 23, and 24, 2019

Time: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Location: Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, New Jersey
355 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

Central Penn Aeromodelers Association Flea Market

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Location: Lebanon Area Fairground and Expo Center
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042

Protection from the Sun

The nature of our great RC Hobby dictates that we are out in the sun while we fly our aircraft. We need to be mindful and diligent about taking care of ourselves against the harmful rays of the sun. It is very important to apply sunscreen and wear hats to protect our heads, necks and faces from sunburn and the problems that can cause down the road. Just friendly words of advice for our members.

What are Members Working On?

Building a new aircraft, assembling an ARF, working on an old reliable? We'd love to hear what you are working on. Send us some information and a couple pics of your project and we'll post it in the monthly newsletter. Send your emails to: ronlazzeri@verizon.net.

General Information

Newsletter: *To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: sslotnick@mac.com.*

Photos: *Anyone who would like to have new photos appear in the slideshow or the photo gallery is encouraged to send their photos to Stephen Slotnick at sslotnick@mac.com and he will add them as soon as he can.*

Interest in Joining the Club: *Please see the instructions on the Swan Harbor RC website www.SwanHarborRC.com under the heading "How to Join." Additional membership information or questions can be obtained from Steve Snyder at (443) 243-4324 or email: snyder800@gmail.com.*