

THE CARRIER WAVE



PHANTOM FLYERS R/C CLUB



ama #393 SAINT CHARLES, MO

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Newsletter of the Phantom Flyers R/C Club

<http://phantomflyersrc.com>

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**Phantom Flyers R/C Club
November 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Club President Ed White at 7:00 pm. There were 9 members in attendance. The meeting was held at Mark Twain Hobby Center.

Secretary's Report

The October, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved as amended. Ed White is the President, not Dave Evans as reported the in the original minutes. Club membership is at 49 regular members.

The Secretary has a new phone number: 636-387-0804

Field Managers Report

Don Grzina reported we lost some shingles on the pavilion roof from a wind storm.

Don changed the oil in both mowers

Need stabilizer in the gas

Don had trouble with the blades on the green mower

The steering bar repair was completed on the Craftsman mower

Christmas Party

Will be held at the Mexican Restaurant near Cave Springs on December 5th.

New Business

There is to be a Toy Swap meet at the West Port Sheraton on February 5 to 7. There is a possibility that there will be a model Airplane swap meet on Sunday the 7th. More information can be found at Gatewaytoyshow.com

Indoor flying will start Nov 22 at Moscow Mills. The time is 8:00 to 10:00am. The owners would like to see 20 people. Not really enough people showed last season. Ed will send a memo to invite the Sprits and the Saints.

Club Officers

* A motion to close nominations was made and approved.

* A motion was made and approved to accept the current slate of club officers by acclimation.

We will have the same Officers as last year.

Dan Sundman and Dave Evans will be on the Board of Directors

Dues Increase

*The dues increase proposed last month was voted on and unanimously approved.

The 2016 Regular Membership Dues will be \$135 per year

The 2016 Family Membership Dues will be \$140 per year

The 2016 Non Participant Dues will remain at \$15 per year

Lease Negotiations

Lease negotiations will start next spring to June. The lease ends at the end of September

Meeting was adjourned.

Here is a reminder that club dues for 2016 are now due and payable. There is a \$15 late renewal fee after December 31, so get your renewals in.

Please be sure to use the latest application form from the website that shows the 2016 dues of \$135 per year (\$140 for a family). Send signed renewal forms and checks along with an SASE (self-addressed stamp envelope) to the club secretary Jim West.

Indoor Flying at Jeff City

<http://www.jcrcmo.com/indoor-fun-fly-ymca/>

On Wed, Nov 4, 2015 at 12:18 PM, Ed White <edvwhite4@gmail.com> wrote:

First date is this weekend! Here are the current list of dates:

11-07-2015
11-21-2015
12-12-2015
01-23-2016
01-30-2016
02-13-2016
02-27-2016
03-12-2016
03-26-2016

Ed

A word from the Bridge! Club President

Club members,

I know that this issue raises a lot of strong feelings among some club members. I've been thinking of getting a t-shirt that says "I [heart] FAA" - just because I've never seen anyone's head literally explode. But I'll pass on it since too many people have concealed carry permits and almost certainly they would never be convicted.

Joking aside, the club has means of encouraging discourse among members. We currently have three primary means of digital communication: the Carrier Wave, the member's mailing list and the club Facebook page. You do all know we have a Facebook page right?

<https://www.facebook.com/Phantom-Flyers-RC-Club-139791882811519/>

But I don't know that any of these are really well suited for this discussion. I would strongly encourage you to write something for the Carrier Wave, preferably avoiding NSFW and the wrath of the editor. If you don't know what NSFW means, find a teenager and ask.

But Carrier Wave articles are not really a discussion. Any Facebook member can post to our Facebook wall. But I'm not thrilled with the idea of our Facebook page being filled with this discussion and I really want this to be for club members. Lastly, I'm a bit leery of suggesting people post to the membership list. This is

because that list goes to a lot of people some of whom, believe it or not, may not want to get deluged with hate email about the FAA. I'd like to keep the membership email list for club business and general info.

But I do think the club has a need to have a means of expressing opinions on this issue. At some point in the future, what the club ultimately needs to do about this may need to come before the club as a voting matter and everybody's opinion should be heard.

So I am attempting (keyword - attempting, please bear with me on this) to set up a club email list dedicated to this topic. My initial thoughts are that this list would be limited to club members who specifically ask to get these emails. Any club member who asks to be get access will get access. Anyone with access should be able to post to the list without any moderator approval (this is where the attempting comes in, this should work, but I'm not sure it will). I don't want to play net nanny to this list, but please, we are reasonable people, let's keep it reasonable.

Anyway there now exists a mailing list that, once you have access, you can send a message to

FAAregistration_thoughts@phantomflyersrc.com

Messages sent to this email will go to everyone on the list. Just send me an email and ask to get access. If you have a suggestion for a better way to have a club-wide discussion on this matter, please let me know.

end

From the AMA

Hold Off On Registering

On Wednesday, December 16 the AMA Executive Council unanimously approved an action plan to relieve and further protect our members from unnecessary and burdensome regulations. This plan addresses the recently announced interim rule requiring federal registration of pilots who fly model aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) weighing between 0.55 and 55 pounds.

AMA has long used a similar registration system with our members, which we pointed out during the task force deliberations and in private conversations with the FAA. As you are aware, AMA's safety program instructs all members to place his or her AMA number or name and address on or within their model aircraft, effectively accomplishing the safety and accountability objectives of the interim rule. AMA has also argued that the new registration rule runs counter to Congress' intent in Section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, otherwise known as the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft."

The Council is considering all legal and political remedies to address this issue. We believe that resolution to the unnecessary federal registration rule for our members rests with AMA's petition before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. This petition, filed in August 2014, asks the court to review the FAA's interpretation of the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft." The central issue is whether the FAA has the authority to expand the definition of aircraft to include model aircraft; thus, allowing the agency to establish new standards and operating criteria to which model aircraft operators have never been subject to in the past.

In promulgating its interim rule for registration earlier this week, the FAA repeatedly stated that model aircraft are aircraft, despite the fact that litigation is pending on this very question. The Council believes the FAA's reliance on its interpretation of Section 336 for legal authority to compel our members to register warrants the Court's immediate attention to AMA's petition.

While we continue to believe that registration makes sense at some threshold and for flyers operating outside of a community-based organization or flying for commercial purposes, we also strongly believe our members are not the problem and should not have to bear the burden of additional regulations. Safety has been the cornerstone of our organization for 80 years and AMA's members strive to be a part of the solution. As we proceed with this process, we suggest AMA members [hold off on registering](#) their model aircraft with the FAA until advised by the AMA or until February 19, the FAA's legal deadline for registering. Holding off on registration will allow AMA time to fully consider all possible options. On a parallel track, it also allows AMA to complete ongoing conversations with the FAA about how best to streamline the registration process for our members.

In the near future, we will also be asking our members to make their voices heard by submitting comments to the FAA's interim rule on registration. We will follow-up soon with more detailed information on how to do this.

Thank you for your continued support of AMA. We will provide you with more updates as they become available.

Kind regards,

The AMA Executive Council

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Random pictures from 2015!





Articles, pictures and tech notes for publishing in the Carrier Wave are always appreciated.

Let us know what you are building, repairing or flying!

Send them to:

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