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FAA Registration

By Allan Worrest

According to their latest communication, *Academy of Model Aeronautics Member Communication* dated January 25, the AMA is now advising “all of our members to comply by the February 19 deadline” in registering with the Federal Aviation Administration. The registration applies to r/c model aircraft weighing between 0.55 and 55 pounds. Pilots are assigned a single number which is to be affixed to all their aircraft that meets the weight criteria. It will cost you \$5 to get a registration number lasting three years.

The AMA had been hoping its members might be permitted some leeway. The latest communication is mum on this point. It seems the AMA is resigned to not being able to mitigate any of the FAA rules by the February 19 deadline. They say, “We will continue to work on behalf of our members, but since a solution to the registration requirement is unlikely by February 19, members should register at www.faa.gov/uas/registration.”

Registration is a two-stage process. First you have to set up an account. They will simply ask you for your email address and a password of your own choosing. You will almost immediately receive an email from the FAA your account has been verified. Go back to website and on the second page tell them you have logged in. Use your password and you will get a different page asking for your name, mailing address and credit card number. Also they will ask if you will obey FAA rules. Stay on the site and shortly after they have verified your credit card, you will receive your FAA number. They will also email your FAA number to your email address.

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Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, February 2
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE

Meeting Notes

By Tom Wild

President Wilson Hardy called the Dec. 1st LASS meeting to order at Greg’s restaurant at 1202 N Cotner Blvd. There were no objections to the minutes taken at the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Midwest Slope Challenge lost a friend and contest director. Mike Tallman passed away on September 26 losing his battle to cancer. Mike was active in many areas of the hobby and has served as a District IX Associate Vice President. Wilson reports he has been asked to be the contest director for the upcoming MWSC and will be studying to take his contest director test with the AMA.

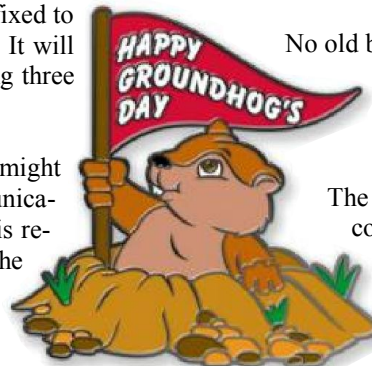
No news from the Lancaster Event Center concerning our rental contract. The question of what we pay last year for our field lease and no one present could remember. Jim Baker reminds us to contact the Center when flying; he sends an email to Susan Bulling (sbulling@lancastereventcenter.org).

Willard Community Center would like us to have a presentation over the Christmas holiday for the kids. After a short discussion it was decided Tuesday Dec. 29th at 1:00 pm would be the best time.

The SAC museum will be hosting an indoor airshow, info from their website shown below.

Indoor Air Show (Jan 16) – The Indoor Air Show brings the fun and excitement of an air show inside with radio-controlled (R/C) models. Starting at 10:00 A.M., model pilots will demonstrate all of the loops, flips, and

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February 2nd, Winter is half over

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barrel rolls in the museum's climate-controlled Durham Restoration Hangar. The public is invited to come out to the museum and experience flight! Several R/C clubs will fly throughout the day. Viewing will be set up in Hangar B and on the Gilbert M. & Martha H. Hitchcock Observation Gallery. The event is from 10 a.m. – 2 a.m.; admission applies. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2016:

It was a clean campaign this year with limited debates. The results are as follows:

President	Wilson Hardy
Treasurer	Jim Baker
Secretary	Steve Dworsky

Tom Wild received an email from AMA headquarters with the option to pay our 2016 club charter early to save \$30.00. The membership agreed to this option.

FIELD REPORT:

Jim Baker reports the field was good this fall once the grass was mowed.



December club meeting at Greg's Restaurant
President Wilson Hardy has his back to the camera.

Regional Events

Jan. 31, 2016 Lincoln Sky Knights Indoor Flying,
Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell
St. Lincoln NE, See attachment to
December newsletter.

Feb 6, 2016 LSK Auction., Waverly Foundation
Center , 11120 N. 141st Street Waverly
NE, 68462 See attachment to December
newsletter.

Feb 14 & 28, 2016 Lincoln Sky Knights Indoor
Flying

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

There was no model of the month but Thane showed us a video of his homemade CNC machine milling out a female wing mold for their next generation slope glider. We eagerly wait to see the results of this collaboration between Thane, Jim and Colt Carson.

The meeting adjourned around 8:10 p.m.

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There are fraudulent registration sites on the web. If they ask you how much your drone cost, the site is not legit! While the FAA seems to be fixated on drones of the multicopter type, don't let this put you off from registering. The FAA has been very clear that all pilots operating r/c model aircraft of a certain weight must be registered.

Of more questionable nature is adherence to the FAA rules if you are an AMA member. Will the FAA or the AMA rules take precedence? Of particular interest to sailplane pilots is the FAA 400-foot ceiling restriction. This may take some time to sort out as there appears to be a conflict between the FAA and Congress as to who can establish new rules for model aircraft. Congress has expressed its desire that the FAA not make any new rules for model aircraft but leave that up to the community-based organization. In setting up the registration process, the FAA states it is not making any new rules but just exercising the authority it already had.




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Jim Tiller sent the following message January 20:

We have arranged for a club leadership meeting in Kansas City Saturday, February 20th, 2016 10 AM - 3 PM Wonderbread



District IX Leadership Meeting Kansas City Saturday, February 20th, 2016 10 AM - 3 PM Wonderbread Bakery Conference Room 8960 Marshall Dr, Lenexa, KS

Please send two officers or representatives from your club to this informal, idea sharing forum. This event will be chaired by District IX Vice President, Jim Tiller and several Associate Vice Presidents. No charge. Lunch included. The most important part of the meeting will be a round table discussion of club concerns, events and activities. RSVP requested. Feel free to suggest additional agenda items.

Agenda Items

- FAA Regulations and other Governmental Issues
- District IX Scholarship
- Community Involvement
- Education Programs and Youth Outreach
- Round Table Club Discussion.
- AMA Benefits and Coverages
- Membership Renewal

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Bakery Conference Room 8960 Marshall Dr, Lenexa, KS. We are requesting that you send two officers or representatives from your club to this informal, idea sharing forum. Meeting flyer is attached.

Jim Tiller AMA District IX VP 605-390-3878

Willard Session

The 2015 paper airplane folding session was held at the Willard Center on December 29, a cold, winter day with snow-covered ground. So, it was held entirely indoors. Four club members, Jim Baker, Jack Barry, Loren Blinde, and Allan Worrest conducted the session. We were assisted by the Willard staff. According to one staff member, there were about forty kids of predominately early grade-school age.

The session started with Jim demonstrating his DLG and giving a talk, which he does well. This year only one plane was chosen to be made, the Condor which is on the website, <http://www.funpaperairplanes.com/>

After making their planes, the kids went across the hall to fly them. We started shortly after 1:00 p.m. and finished a little over an hour later. Tom Wild couldn't make the session this year but sent along a box of safety goggles. Unfortunately their presence wasn't known until near quitting time. Instead we required that only the blunt-nose plane that was the subject of the session be flown and sharp-nose planes be prohibited. That rule was about 90% successful. There were no accidents and the kids had a good time. - AW



Some of the kids flying their planes in the meeting room at Willard. The picture was taken just at the conclusion of the session. Most of the kids had retired to the other room for refreshments.