



ARCS News

Jan 4, 2016

Club meeting, Friday Jan 8, 7PM At Walt's Hobbytown

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President's Message:

Winter has arrived. It waited until January 1st to show up but there is no doubt-ing that we will have winter now. The CIA Flying site sure looks good now!

- We had a great Christmas party at Anheuser Busch once again. Thanks to Kevin Kiniry for securing the facility and Mike Amie for arranging the food!
- Attendance was a little lighter than usual on New Years Day but everyone who was there got plenty to eat and there was plenty of hot air to go around.
- The AMA has asked us not to register our aircraft with the FAA yet . They are weighing the legal options. They have also asked that we comment on the proposed rules. See page 2. I understand that the registration site had to be taken down for repairs almost immediately after opening up. I guess they didn't allow themselves time to work out the bugs. I'll keep you in-formed.
- The planning for the 20th annual Model Forum is under way. It will be on February 6th at the Syracuse Academy of Science. We will need help set-ting up on the 5th at 6PM. The next planning meeting will be on Friday, Jan 15th at the CIA Gym, 7:30. We welcome fresh ideas!
- We have been asked to do 3 flying demos by the MOST. The dates and times are listed on page 4. I'll need a few volunteers to help out on those dates. The program involves a large group of scouts participating in an overnight event at the museum. We do a half hour demo for them and allow them to ask questions. They are usually very interested and well behaved.
- **Just a reminder, with winter approaching, along with the potential for bad weather, our meetings will follow the schedule for the Marcellus Schools. If school is cancelled for the day, our meeting is also cancelled. If afternoon and evening activities are cancelled at the school, our meet-ing is also cancelled.**
- Bad weather cutting into your flying time? Consider joining the Camillus Indoor Aviators. For more information see <http://camillusindooraviators.blogspot.com/> or contact John Spencer (315-247-2716) or Phil Artese (315-382-5841) or Bob Preske (315-487-1286).

See you at the meeting!

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The AMA has recommended that our members hold off on registering their model aircraft with the FAA until advised by the AMA or until the FAA's legal deadline of February 19. Holding off on registration will allow time for AMA to fully consider all possible legal and political options for alleviating this unnecessary regulatory burden on our members.

In the meantime, you can help by making your voice heard with the FAA. Specifically we are asking all AMA members to submit comments on the FAA's interim rule on registration. The deadline to submit comments is January 15, 2016. All comments can be submitted at <http://1.usa.gov/1Jegj0C>.

Below are recommended messages to convey in your comments:

- Express your disappointment with the registration rule. As a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), I am disappointed with the new rule for UAS registration. I am a long time model aircraft flyer, who has operated under the guidance of the largest community-based organization (CBO) in the world for many years.
- Highlight AMA's history and safety record. Since 1936, AMA has published safety standards and offered training programs for our members - more than 20 years before the FAA was created. Our National Model Aircraft Safety Code has been recognized by Congress as well as by state legislatures as a safe and effective means of managing model aircraft enthusiasts like me
- Note that you already register with AMA. Additionally, AMA's safety program already instructs me to place my AMA number or name and address on or within my model aircraft(s), effectively accomplishing the safety and accountability objectives of the interim rule.
- Make it clear this rule is contrary to the intent of Congress. The new rule is contrary to the intent of Congress in Section 336 of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act. Section 336, also referred to as the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft," clearly prohibits the FAA from promulgating any new rules for recreational users operating within the safety guidelines of a CBO. In addition, the FAA's contention that model aircraft should be considered aircraft is currently the subject of pending litigation.
- Affirm that as an AMA member you should be exempt from federal registration. The registration process is an unnecessary burden for me and the more than 185,000 other AMA members. AMA members should not be required to register with the FAA.

Thank you,
AMA Government and Regulatory Affairs Team
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Phil Artese On NYD



Christmas Party!

ARCS Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

Name: _____

Please Check all that apply:

Address: _____

 New Member initiation fee \$ 5.00

City: _____ State: _____

 Junior Member (under 18, parent *NOT* a member) \$10.00

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

 Junior Member (under 18, parent *IS* a member) \$ 0.00

Mobile Phone _____

 Senior Member (over 65) \$25.00

E-Mail: _____

 Regular Member (18-65) \$45.00

AMA Number: _____

 Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) \$ 5.00

FAA Number: _____

Submit this form and payment to:

Add up all applicable fees \$ _____

Kevin Kiniry (ARCS Treasurer)

Make checks payable to ARCS

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Here is the official 2016 New Years Day photo.



Calendar 2016

Fri, Jan 8	7PM	Walt's Hobbytown	Club meeting
Fri, Jan 15	7:30 PM	CIA Flying site	Forum Planning Meeting
Sat, Jan 16	6:30PM	MOST	Scout Demo
Fri, Jan 29	6PM	Walt's Hobbytown	STARS Annual Auction
Fri, Feb 5	6PM	Syracuse Academy of Science	Set-up for Forum
Sat, Feb 6	9:00-4:00	Syracuse Academy of Science	20th Annual Model Forum
Sat, Feb 6	6:30PM	MOST	Scout Demo
Fri, Feb12	7PM	Walt's Hobbytown	Club meeting
Sat, Jan 27	6:30PM	MOST	Scout Demo