



ARCS News

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Zoom Meeting Friday, December 11, 6:30PM

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President's Message:

Times are changing. A few short years ago we were in excellent shape financially with many members young and old. In the last few years things have changed significantly and we need to come up with a solid strategy to remain a viable club.

- In order to keep us safe and comply with local laws, our meeting this month will be using the "Zoom" meeting app. I will try a test run with just the club officers and later in the week I will email details about how to attend the meeting. You will need a smart phone, tablet or computer with an internet connection in order to participate. If you haven't used it before, it isn't too difficult. You will have to allow it to install an app and then you can just click on the link that I will provide in an email and you're in! They have some good tutorials on <https://explore.zoom.us/resources> so take a look there. More info will follow by email in a couple of days.
- Due to the Covid-19 problem, there will be no Christmas Party this year.
- Along those same lines, we must cancel our annual New Years Day fun fly. This event has been going on forever and it is really sad to have to cancel it but the current Covid regulations forbid it.
- Between us and the STARS we all agree to hold off on the Model Forum until the Covid-19 thing is under control. It may be possible to hold it some time later in the year but for now, no one knows.
- The same thoughts have been happening regarding the Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast. We will need to make a decision about that in late April. I don't think things will be back to normal by then so we really shouldn't count on any income from it. A suggestion has been made to hold several smaller Chicken BBQ's throughout the year. These could be "to go" events and could net us some cash.
- The STARS have cancelled or postponed most of their events too, including the annual auction.
- If you're itching to fly, check out the Camillus Indoor Aviators. It's a good way to keep your flying skills through the winter. Flying is permitted with all current Covid-19 restrictions. For more info, contact Phil Artese or me.
- As communicated earlier by email, we are proposing an increase in dues to offset our loss of Pancake Breakfast revenue. A detailed explanation is on page 2 along with a bit of good news.
- Be sure your AMA is paid up.
- FAA renewals are due in Dec. Here's a link to the renewal site: https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope you can make the Zoom meeting!

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New Dues Structure– To be voted on during the meeting.

We are facing a financial crisis due to several factors:

1. Covid-19 restrictions on our activities, specifically the cancellation of the pancake breakfast, which has been a significant source of income for us.
2. Declining membership for a variety of reasons, some being FAA restrictions, deaths and other reasons, varied and unknown.
3. A shift of our paying membership from primarily regular members (18 to 64) to primarily senior members (65 and up). Seniors pay less than regular members.

After many discussions we have come up with the following proposal:

Regular membership increases from \$45 to \$65

Senior membership increases from \$25 to \$45

Junior membership increases from \$10 to \$15. Will still be free if an adult relative is a member.

Using 2020 membership numbers, at the current rates we would take in about \$1110. At the new rates we would take in \$2025. This would represent an increase in annual revenue of about \$915. This almost covers our field rent of \$1080. It also approximately makes up for our loss of revenue from the pancake breakfast. It is uncertain if the pancake breakfast can happen in 2021.

Our basic costs for the year are:

Field rent- \$1080

AMA recharter- \$120

Port-a-potty- \$500

Gas for the mower- \$80

Mower Maintenance- \$100

Total- \$1880

There are other unforeseen expenses throughout the year. This proposed increase will allow us to continue to function as a club in an austerity mode. No frills, no freebies, no extras.

I am appealing to all club members to support this change. Please think about the facility we provide and how you can go there at any time during the summer and the field is mowed and ready for you to fly. The club has always been there for you (since 1950) but now the club needs your support. Without this increase I don't know how we can continue on as a club. I'm sorry to be such a doom and gloom person but this is the reality of it. When our situation improves, we can revisit the dues structure and lower it accordingly. Increasing our membership numbers is one way to offset this problem. Please do what you can to recruit new members, especially younger ones. This proposal will be voted on at the next club meeting. Thanks for your consideration.

Here's a ray of sunshine in all of this doom:

An anonymous donor has put up \$1000.00 with the intent that it be used as matching funds for contributions to the club. The \$20.00 increase in the dues is eligible for this match so, for example, when you pay your dues at the new rates, an additional \$20.00 will be given to the club from this fund. If you want to contribute more, please do so as the contribution will also receive this match. This is a huge deal for us and I hope we won't let this slip past us.

The membership form on page 3 reflects the new proposed dues schedule. Please give generously.

ARCS Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

AMA Number: _____

FAA Number: _____

Please Check all that apply:

- New Member initiation fee \$ 5.00
- Junior Member (under 18, parent *NOT* a member) \$15.00
- Junior Member (under 18, parent *IS* a member) \$ 0.00
- Senior Member (over 65) \$45.00
- Regular Member (18-65) \$65.00
- Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) \$ 5.00

Submit this form and payment to:

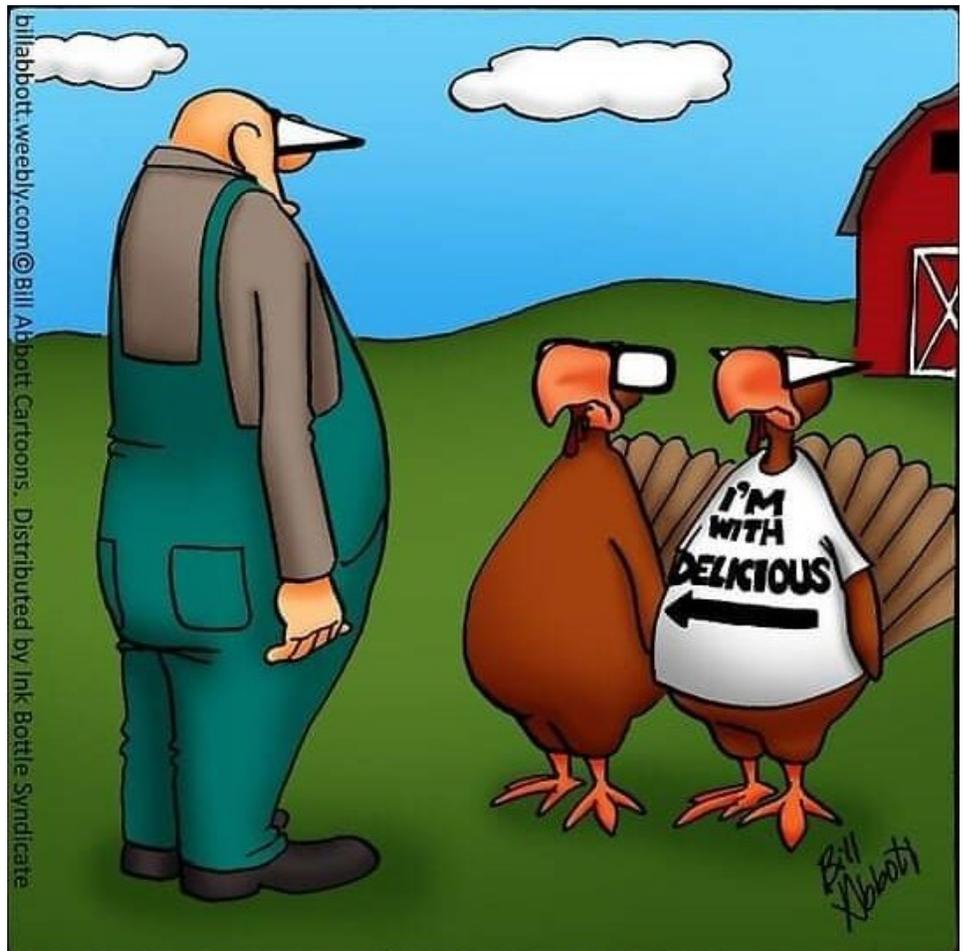
Add up all applicable fees \$ _____

Make checks payable to ARCS

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New Proposed Rates shown.

Some holiday humor...



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Calendar 2020/ 2021

Fri Dec 11 6:30	Remote meeting	Club Meeting “Zoom”
Fri Jan 8 2021 6:30	Remote Meeting	Club Meeting “Zoom”

It’s disturbing to see how empty this calendar is.