



ARCS News

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Zoom Meeting Friday, January 8, 6:30PM

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President's Message:

Happy New Year to all! 2020 was a terrible year for a lot of reasons but, as I regularly tell my grandson when things don't go well, "Lets focus on the good things". Here's some of them:

1. We had a good season of flying. Attendance was a little light but we still had a great time.
2. We've taken on some new members.
3. No one got sick because of our flying.
4. We held a successful Pattern contest in July.
5. We finally got a new tractor shed.
6. The weather hasn't been too bad.
7. When times got tough, several generous members have stepped forward to help out with our financial problems. I am truly thankful to these individuals. It appears that we will be in fairly good shape because of this. The membership really comes through when it is needed.
8. Most recently, the FAA released its final rules for UAS's and it's not as terrible as what was originally proposed last year. More info on page 2.

- Our meeting this month will again be using the "Zoom" meeting app. It worked well last month so we'll do it again. 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.
- The dues increase was unanimously approved at the last meeting. The new rates are posted on the renewal form, page 3. Please pay as soon as possible to avoid the \$5.00 late fee after Jan 31st.
- Be sure your AMA and FAA is paid up. Here's a link to the FAA renewal site: https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/
- Model Aviation January edition had a nice 1-page article about our own Walt Throne and his indestructible DeBolt Champ. Take a look.
- I'm working on an application for an AMA flying Site improvement grant to help fund our shed purchase. If approved it could get us \$1000.00.
- 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.
- Happy New Year!

I hope you can make the Zoom meeting!

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Eric Williams set up a district 1 and 2 zoom meeting to discuss the FAA ruling with the local AVP's. Lots of good information and ideas were shared. As with any new ruling, there are many unanswered questions.

A great summary of the new rules can be seen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brmWASOgqM4>

Please spend the time to view this. It will answer many questions.

Some of the things that affect us are:

- There are 3 ways to comply with the remote ID requirements.
 1. Purchase of new, ready to fly equipment will have remote transmitters built in. They will not allow flight without transmitting.
 2. Kits, ARF's etc. where some building is required will need a remote transmitter module attached to the aircraft which will transmit location data. Only one module will be required for each pilot. It is tied to your FAA number. The thought is that they will be "the size of a postage stamp and will cost between \$20 and \$50". These will be required if you're not meeting #3 below.
 3. FAA Recognized Identification Areas (FRIA'S)- Most AMA flying fields will be able to be established as a FRIA. At these sites, no remote ID will be required as long as you're following the AMA rules. There is no time limit on registering for the FRIA and they can be re-established if a flying site changes, etc. This is a huge deal for us. Most of us will fall in this category but if you fly at a park you'll need to follow #2 above. The FRIA approval process will be handled through the AMA although there are no details yet.
- Some things that were DROPPED from the original proposal:
 1. Requirement for internet connection for the remote ID transmitter.
 2. Individual registration for each model. Your FAA number will cover all your aircraft.
 3. Time limit and non renewability of the FRIA.
 4. The 50% amateur built part, where a kit would be exempt from the requirement of having a remote ID built-in from the factory. It was deemed impossible to judge the percentage of home building.

This is a huge win for the modeling community. The original wording a year ago would have doomed our hobby. Tyler Dobbs and Chad Budreau at the AMA have been working constantly to get our voices heard. They credit our 53,000 responses to the proposed rulemaking as a key element in their being able to get some positive changes made. The FAA recognizes the AMA's stellar safety record and is listening to their input. Tyler and Chad also mention that it is more important now to follow all the AMA rules. As long as we can maintain our safety record we should be able to keep the FAA at bay. If the opposite happens, the FAA will surely step in and impose more regulations. Lets be sure this doesn't happen.

Approximate Timing:

- The new equipment transmitter requirement will be implemented in about 20 months and compliance with the rule in 30 months.
- Establishing FRIA sites starts in 20 months.
- FRIA's are good for 48 months and can be renewed after that. Clubs will want to be sure theirs doesn't elapse.

Thanks to all who responded to the FAA's proposed rulemaking and thanks to Tyler and Chad for carrying this through. A wise man told me in the beginning of this fiasco that "Clearer heads will prevail". He was right.

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) \$15.00

Zip: _____

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

Phone _____

 Senior Member (over 65) \$45.00

E-Mail: _____

 Regular Member (18-65) \$65.00

AMA Number: _____

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

FAA Number: _____

Submit this form and payment to:

Add up all applicable fees \$ _____

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Make checks payable to ARCS

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News Flash! Club member is a famous journalist!

Stefani Reynolds is part of the press crew covering President Trump in Florida. She was the recipient of our Doc Schwarz scholarship when she was in school. We knew her before she was famous! Congratulations Stefani. I wonder if she was able to show the pilot how to fly the plane?



Calendar 2021

Fri Jan 8	6:30	Remote Meeting	Club Meeting "Zoom"
Fri Feb 12	6:30	Remote meeting	Club Meeting "Zoom"
Sat July 31	All Day	At the field	Pattern Contest