



Hello

Here comes April already and I hope it melts some snow. Not a lot to report here yet, just looking forward to some spring weather. I really miss flying. Most of my fleet is ready, I have not done any real building just some clean up and going over my planes looking for damage and making sure everything is ready for the flying season.

Dust off one of your best ones to show at our bank window set up at First Security / Glacier Bank on Main Street this Monday, April 1st till Monday April 8. please contact Brian Westberg if you have any questions. Our Mall show will follow on May 4th which is always a great time so get your planes ready.

I hope to get to the field soon and see you there,

Destry



Bank Window Display

April 1 to April 8 (Monday-Monday)

Security Bank (downtown) Window Display. A chance to display your planes and promote the club. Planes brought to the bank between 12 noon and 4pm on the 1st, removed on the 8th between 9am and 1130am.

Please dust off your best display planes and bring them to the bank at noon on Monday, April 1st. If possible, include an informational sheet on the aircraft.

Make, model, engine size, wingspan, and any interesting details.

Typical format posted below.

Thanks.

Brian Westberg

Aircraft Model: Four-Star 40

MFG: SIG

ENGINE: SAITO .56 4-Stroke

WINGSPAN: 60"

COMMENTS:

With a wing loading like a trainer, the Four-Star is easy to fly, yet will perform all the free-style aerobatics your thumbs can keep up with. The flight capabilities of the aircraft are limited only by your imagination. Very popular model in this club, at least half a dozen Four-Stars are flown.

OWNED & FLOWN: BRIAN WESTBERG

Recent Flying

Adam S and I went flying last Monday. The field and runway are still under about 2 feet of snow; however, the gravel lot north of the runway is clear of snow. MSU has plowed the area. There were spots that were actually dry. The air was smooth and flying was great. Adam, watch out for the shed jumping out in front of you.

There are other places in the area that can be flyable as well. School parking lots on weekends and streets in new subdivisions will work as a landing field.

Spring is around the corner. Don't forget to check your airplanes for damage and cycle your batteries!

Larry Nelson

FAA Registration Requirement

Just a reminder, as our outdoor flying season is about to begin, that ALL radio controlled aircraft that weigh between .55 and 55 pounds (pretty much everything we fly) MUST display the operators FAA number on the outside of the aircraft! To obtain an FAA registration # go to: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/> For more information on this requirement, see page 3 of this newsletter.

Stan Johnson

Club's Flight Simulator

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the third CD for the flight simulator, please contact Larry Nelson: lnelson568@gmail.com or 599-4222.

Back from Arizona

We returned from Arizona on the 18th of March. We went to two meets there with the 2nd one the Scale Master qual meet. I saw some wonderful aircraft and took lots of pictures. We also hit a few hobby shops to look around.

My sailplane is coming together and will fly this summer. I'm putting in a nose hook so we can try towing. The snow is going away fast - flying season will be here soon.

Chuck Curtis

Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events:

April:

1 - 8, Monday - Monday, Bank window display at First Security Bank downtown.

9, Tuesday, 7 PM Meeting at the church

May:

4, Saturday, Mall Show

7, Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training at field.

14, Tuesday, 5 PM Pilot training, 7 PM meeting at field.

18, Saturday, Armed Forces Day Fun Fly. 10:00 AM - ? Emphasis on Military themed aircraft, but bring anything you wish to fly!

For more information on club events see our website: gallatineagles.org/calendar

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FAA Issues Interim Final Rule for External Marking Requirement

The FAA issued an Interim Final Rule today that will require drone pilots and model aircraft pilots to display their FAA-issued registration number on the outside surface of their aircraft. The rule will take effect on Monday, February 25, which means the markings must be in place for any outdoor flight beginning on that date.

Although most AMA members already have their FAA registration number posted on the outside of their aircraft, AMA will be submitting comments to the FAA requesting a waiver process for those who might be burdened by external markings, such as members who fly scale replica model aircraft. Most importantly, this rule does not change the original acceptable methods of external marking, nor does it specify a particular external surface on which the registration number must be placed. The requirement is simply that the registration number must be seen upon visual inspection of the aircraft's exterior.

As you know, the registration requirement is not new. Congress reinstated this requirement in December 2017 with the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act. Although this rule was flexible and allowed the registration marking to be placed in an enclosed compartment, law enforcement officials and FAA partners have expressed concerns about the safety risks a concealed explosive device could pose to first responders when opening a compartment to find a registration number.

If you would like to submit your own comment on the Interim Final Rule, simply visit www.regulations.gov and search for "RIN 2120-AL32." You can also visit www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=93045 to learn more. The deadline for public comment ends on March 15, 2019.

If you are uncertain if you have a valid FAA registration, you can access your FAA account at <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#>. This site will allow you to view your personal FAA registration number and expiration date. We strongly advise you to avoid registering your model aircraft anywhere other than the official FAA website. If you register under Section 336, there is a \$5 fee for a three-year registration, and hobbyists receive one identification number for all of their aircraft. Please be aware of unofficial registration websites that charge exorbitant fees or require separate registration fees for each recreational aircraft.

We continue to work closely with the FAA to determine the best path forward regarding recreational UAS operating requirements. We have already received numerous questions from our members and have posted the most frequently asked questions and answers below. As always, thank you for your continued support, and please reach out with any further questions or concerns at amagov@modelaircraft.org.

Q: How does UAS registration affect my membership?

A: AMA club or member benefits are not contingent on UAS registration. We encourage all members to follow Federal regulations, but we are not policing UAS registration.

Q: Do I have to register every aircraft?

A: You only need to register your name, physical address, and email address once. You will receive a single FAA registration number which is to be placed on the outside of all of your aircraft along with your AMA number.

Q: Do only drones and multirotor operators need to register?

A: Anyone who flies a model that can freely navigate in the air and uses a remote control device (e.g. RC transmitter) is required to register. This includes drones, traditional fixed wing model aircraft, model helicopters, and other remote controlled model aircraft. If you exclusively fly models under a half pound (250 grams or .55 pounds), indoors, control line, or free flight models – you do not need to register.

Q: Do I need to list both my AMA number and my federal registration number on my aircraft?

A: Yes, you need to list both your AMA number and Federal registration number on your aircraft

Q: Should clubs, contest directors, or event leaders require all pilots be registered?

A: No, we are not asking our clubs or contest directors to police UAS Registration. That decision is up to each individual club and event leader.

Q: I only fly CL, FF, or indoors – do I need to register?

A: No. If you exclusively fly indoors, FF, or CL you do not need to register.

Q: Does my large model aircraft require an N number?

A: AMA representatives, including AMA's legal counsel, met with the FAA on January 15, 2016, and this was one of the many questions that were raised. The FAA representatives confirmed that AMA members, operating models under the Large Model Airplane Program, should not have to apply for an N number.

Q: I am an Affiliate Member, do not live in the US, or I am not a US Citizen. How do I register?

A: Everyone, including foreign nationals and tourists, who operate a UAS for hobby or recreational purposes outdoors in the U.S. must use the FAA's online registration system. These non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent U.S. residents will receive the same registration certificate as U.S. Citizens or permanent U.S. residents. However, this certificate will function as a "recognition of ownership" document. This document is required by the Department of Transportation for foreign nationals to operate legally in the US.

Visiting pilots can only use a computer with a United States IP address to register. When arriving in the states, pilots can register using a US computer at a hotel, guest home, or even at AMA HQ. For assistance you can call 877 396 4636 or email FAAHotline@faa.gov.

Thank you,
AMA Government Affairs
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