



Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 7:15 PM at Methodist Church basement.

The church is on the Northwest corner of Willson Ave. and Olive St. Use the Alley side entrance.

Hello all,

Well, sorry I missed the last meeting. I have had the bad cold that it sounds like everyone has had. Thank you to Mike for taking over.

The New Years fun fly was a great success, thank you to all that came out and for all the help. I believe at one time there were around twenty five or so people out at the field. We could not ask for any better weather and the chili was not burned! Thanks Joni for the home made chili, it was the best! Looking forward to next year. I think Stan has some photos of the day.

I think the next event we have will be the Mall Show on April 9. It is always a great time, we always have a lot of lookers. I will send out a reminder before the show, so come out and bring some planes or quads to show.

I have been trying to keep the runway plowed this winter for flying so keep a look out on Facebook and emails for runway conditions. Every time I plow it snows.

Spring is on the way and moving closer to our new runway project!

Keep Flying! Destry

First Security Bank Window Display

A chance to display your planes and promote the club. Please bring to the bank between 12 noon and 4pm on April 11th and removed on the 18th between 9am and 1130am.



New Years Day Fun Fly activity.

This photo was contributed by Larry Nelson.

More photos of NYD FF on following pages!

Spring Break

Roxie and I plan to go to Arizona over spring break. The 2nd weekend we are there is the Scale Master Qual meet. This is always a fun meet to go to. I take lots of pictures, get some good building tips, and meet the pilots and builders. Keith and I manage to get to quite a few hobby shops too.

We're set up for the Mall display on the 6th of April. We usually get a member or two out of this show. We also have the bank window display coming up.

This looks like a fun year ahead of us. I hope to get to Helena for one of their meets. They fly out north of East Helena which makes it easy to get to. Daughter Shari is a reference librarian in Butte now so I plan to take a plane over there a few times.

See you at next month's meeting.

Chuck Curtis

Build Parties

In addition to the events schedule at right, Mike Hutchinson is having winter build parties at his garage on the 19th of January and 16th of February. Both are 6 - 10 PM. Contact Mike for more info at mscotthutchinson@gmail.com

or 570 0427

**Events in 2016:**

February

12 The Commons, indoor fun fly, 6 - 10 PM

March

26 Helena AELS

April

30th Helena AELS

May

21st Helena fly-in

28th Helena AELS

28th Bozeman fly-in

June

4th Missoula, Hobby Town swap meet

4th Shelley, ID R/C Combat

11th-12th Billings pylon race, 424 and 426 class

16th-19th Paradise Valley fly-in

18th-19th Spokane war bird fly-in

25th Helena AELS

25th Great Falls float-fly, Ft Benton

July

9th Helena float-fly

16th-17th Great Falls fly-in / open house

23rd Bozeman Combat meet

30th Helena AELS

August

6th Missoula fly-in / swap meet

11th-14th Paradise Valley fly-in

20th Shelley, ID R/C Combat

20th-21st Helena AELS

27th Great Falls scale fly-in

September

3rd-5th Helena pylon race, 424, 426, EFI class

10th-11th Kalispell fly-in / swap meet

17th Missoula scale fly-in

24th Helena AELS

25th Helena float-fly

October

8th Great Falls float-fly

Photo on left, our runway on July 22nd after Destry plowed!

Indoor Fun Fly at The Commons, January 22

Phil and Max Battle - had a nifty little device which clips onto a paper airplane and allows it to be controlled via cell phone. Propeller and rudder in the back, receiver and tiny battery up front. They had some very respectable flights with it.

Brian Westberg

More scenes from New Years Day



Photos above are from Brian Westberg.

Left and first on next page from Mike Hutchinson.

Last on next page from Destry Jacobs.

Thanks to all for the photos, it was a great day out there and quite a way to start the New Year!

Stan Johnson



FAA Registration

In case you haven't heard the latest from the AMA on the new FAA registration requirements, the following letter from the AMA was forwarded to me by Brian Westberg. Larry Nelson, our safety officer wishes to add: "the results of my comparison of the FAA and AMA safety guidelines indicate no additional safety rules are imposed by the FAA at our field".

Dear (AMA) Members,

Last month the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that it would require owners of model aircraft to register with the agency by February 19. AMA participated in the task force designed to provide recommendations to the FAA on the registration of small recreational unmanned aircraft, and we urged the FAA to exempt AMA members from registration. AMA also recommended the FAA consider several factors, not just weight, when determining which model aircraft would need to be registered.

Instead of exempting our community, the FAA created an unnecessary burden for our more than 188,000 members who have been flying safely for decades. As you know, AMA members already abide by a voluntary registration system that fulfills the safety and accountability objectives of the federal registration system. We made this point very clear to the FAA and other task force members.

We are exploring all options to alleviate this burden on our members and we are actively engaged in talks with the FAA. For now, the requirement is federal regulation and therefore we must advise all of our members to comply by the February 19 deadline.

We have an existing petition with the US Court of Appeals regarding FAA's 2014 interpretation of the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft" and we will continue our advocacy work in Washington D.C. Recently, our leadership brought representatives from the FAA to one of our flying fields to witness AMA's safety protocols, observe club camaraderie and mentoring, and speak with AMA members firsthand about their concerns. In addition, this week AMA staff and the Executive Council will arrive at Capitol Hill to speak to members of Congress and their staffs about the importance of protecting model aviation for future generations.

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. Once registered pilots will receive a Federal registration number that is to be placed on or within aircraft over 250 grams (0.55 lbs.). Members are encouraged to continue placing their AMA numbers on their aircraft as well. Members only have to register once, they do not have to register each unique aircraft. The FAA requires registration regardless if you fly a multirotor, helicopter, fixed wing, or any other type of radio control model aircraft that uses a ground control system with a communication link, such as a transmitter. You can read more in our Frequently Asked Questions at www.modelaircraft.org/gov.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can ensure the future of our hobby.



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