



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good news! The Woodland Public Library has reopened the Leake Conference Room for meetings. We will be meeting there for our April 13 meeting, Board Meeting at 6 and General meeting at 7 PM. They will be charging occasional groups but have granted us free use as a continuing library program. They are also having us participate in model airplane related activities in library programs. Please contact me as soon as you can to help with this. I will be meeting with the library management and staff on this aspect soon and would appreciate fellow travelers.

The FAA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is in the comment period is very nearly at its end date of April 24, and it will be very helpful if as many of us as possible will make a comment. They have to consider every comment by law so your voice will be heard. The AMA sent out this communication which includes a suggested comment template. Please read this and make a comment.

AMA's Response to the FAA's sUAS NPRM

On February 23, 2015, the FAA published its proposed regulations for small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). This began a 60-day period during which the public can comment on the proposed regulations. When finalized, the proposed rules would become the safety regulations for operating small, non-recreational, unmanned aircraft.

In accordance with the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (the AMA amendment) established by Congress in the

FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95), the new regulations would not apply to model aircraft operated within the safety programming of a nationwide community-based organization. This is good news for AMA members; however, the FAA has said that to be exempt from regulations, model aircraft operators must operate within the parameters of the Special Rule set out by Congress in 2012.

The NPRM references FAA's June 2014 interpretation of the Special Rule. As indicated in detail in updates to our members last summer, the AMA has taken exception to several aspects of FAA's interpretation. The main areas of concern are that the FAA's interpretation:

- Asserts model aircraft to be "aircraft" and effectively makes model airplanes subject to all regulations applicable to full-scale aircraft.
- Makes model aircraft subject to airspace requirements that have never been applicable in the past and with which it is impossible or impractical to comply.
- Effectively changes the criteria for operating within 5 miles of an airport from the requirement of providing prior "notification" to a requirement of obtaining prior permission.
- Narrowly defines "hobby and

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GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2015

Members present: X Ed Morgan, X John Eaton,
X Jim MacDonald, X Mike O'Kane,
X Jeff Lovitt, ___ Rich Geertson ___ Doug Barton X
___ Randy Sizemore ___ Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by John Eaton.

Last month's minutes reviewed, motion for approval,
2nd, and passed unanimously.

Recognition of guests and new members. None

Officer reports:

President: Ongoing comments throughout the meeting

Vice President: Ed Morgan recapped the Board
Minutes listed in the Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Jim MacDonald reported on Club account.

Secretary: Mike talked about the FAA modernization
act of 2013, section 336 applies to modelers

Chair Reports:

Membership: Monty Pate reports we have
approximately 97 members.

Safety: John Lett is not present tonight. John Eaton
mentioned later in the meeting about Multi-rotor
(quads) operations and safety. While at the field last
week First person view safety came up while watching
an airplane model being flown.

Field Chair: The flag poles have been re-erected with
pulleys to allow flags, to be flown without having to
lower the poles to attach the flags. Lots of cutting and
spraying.

Numerous members have commented how well the
field looks, thank you to the mowing and field
maintenance crews. Your efforts are very much
appreciated

News Letter: Glen not present tonight

Points Chair: All points are currently posted on the
WEB page

WEB PAGE: Kerry is not present tonight but the Club
WEB is working fine

Events Reports:

Indoor at the Sports Center on Sunday the 15th, \$10/fee
Float Fly at Lake Minden April 17, 18 and 19. \$10/day, \$
15/for both days, \$25/night.

Probro, Profile airplanes, went off fine, good weather,
smaller turnout than before.

Pylon Event April 25-26. EF-1 Class, Quarter Midget and
Quickie Class. This will be the same in
September as well. Robert will e-mail for
volunteers next week.

Hats/Shirts: Forrest has organized this to be personal
order with the AMA, they have our logo on file.
You decide what you would like to buy. Forrest
will e-mail the order form, check the forum or
the WDA page for the order form

Old Business:

Work Parties:

RC Shade Structure

Small tin shed near Porta Potties

South flying pad construction

New Business: Multi-Rotor flying is increasing and the
methods of how to interface this new technology
safely into our flying field needs to be addressed

Break:

Guest Speaker: None

Show and Tell: None
Meeting adjourned.

BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2015

Members present: X Ed Morgan, X John Eaton, X Jim MacDonald, X Mike O’Kane, X Jeff Lovitt, Rich Geertson, X Randy Sizemore Doug Barton, Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by Ed Morgan

Meeting agenda as posted on the Club forum with any following additions.

OLD Business

1. Fill in the R/C shade structure gap. (Robert Koslowski). Material is onsite, Robert is leading a work Party on Saturday the 14th to install the panels.

2. Fire Extinguishers.

All the bottles need evaluation to determine if they are viable for servicing, some may be too old and cannot be refilled. Mike O

3. Status of possible low-water-crossing relocation. (Doug Barton)

This item is removed from the Board Agenda and will be updated as new information is learned.

Motion to waive membership fees for Eric Mills due to Medical/financial hardship, motion received a second and was unanimously passed.

Swap meet proposed

Jet fly date changes in the NEWS Letter, June 5-6 and 7.

WDA 2015 Events Calendar

Date

Event

Apr 17-19	Float Fly #1 @ Lake Minden
Apr 25-26	<i>EF1 Pylon Race</i>
May 16-17	Thunder Over the Valley Jet Fly
<i>June 27-28</i>	<i>AMA Pattern Contest</i>
June 27-28	U/C Stunt Fest
July 18-19	Wings of Victory
July 19	U/C ARF Off
Aug 15	Old School Vintage R/C & Nat'l Model Aviation Day
Aug 22	Golden Age R/C and Oldtimers
Aug 22-23	U/C Goyet Memorial Stunt Classic
<i>Sept 12-13</i>	<i>Burgdorf Memorial Race</i>
Sept 19-20	U/C Meet n' Meat Stunt
Sept 24-26	Scale Heli Masters
Oct 2-3	Float Fly#2 @ Lake Minden
Nov 7	Toys for Tots
Jan 1	Chilly n' Chili Fun Fly & Pot Luck

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recreation" and puts in question the activities of the supporting aeromodeling industry and AMA's educational programs.

- Rigidly defines the requirement to operate within visual line of sight and targets the use of a specific aeromodeling technology/equipment, namely first-person view (FPV) goggles.

Overall, the AMA views the proposed sUAS regulations as a positive step. With one exception that may impact model aircraft manufacturers, it essentially takes the language in the 2012 Special Rule for Model Aircraft (the AMA amendment) and places it in the federal aviation regulations.

We encourage members to submit comments commending the FAA for appropriately separating model aviation from the new regulations. However, AMA would also encourage members to include in their comments the need to resolve the discrepancies stemming from the Interpretive Rule before finalizing the sUAS rule. In any case, it's important that our members provide their comments in support of the proposed rule. It's possible that there will be members of the public or aviation industry who will be opposed to a rule that protects the model aviation hobby, and we need to make sure that our voices are heard in support of continued community-based self-governance.

Comments on the proposed sUAS rule can be made by going here:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FAA-2015-0150>

Read the proposed rule carefully, particularly the sections concerning "model aircraft," and submit comments on areas where you have a concern as well as thoughtful and productive comments in areas where you feel there could be improvement. AMA has created a suggested template for comments, which we strongly encourage you to edit and personalize. Unless extended, the deadline for submitting comments is 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015.

Template Comment for AMA Members

(copy the template, click the comment now button below, and paste into the comment field)

I am writing in response to the FAA's proposal to regulate small unmanned aircraft systems, including model aircraft. [Insert personal introduction details such as: I am a [job/profession], a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and have been safely and responsibly flying model aircraft for ____ years. I am also a model aircraft club officer/educator/designer, etc.]

I support the exemption of recreational model aircraft from the regulation of unmanned aircraft systems. As Congress recognized, self-governance under community-based safety guidelines has worked exceptionally well for decades, and should remain in place. However, I have the following concerns about the FAA's proposal: [choose all that you feel apply, and feel free to add other comments]

The FAA has repeated its June 2014 statement that model aircraft are "aircraft" subject to all existing aviation regulations. The FAA must revise this interpretation so that it is in agreement with what Congress directed in 2012, which is that recreational model aircraft are subject to community-based safety guidelines, not aviation regulations. Similarly, the regulatory proposal excludes ultralight vehicles, moored balloons, kites, amateur rockets, and unmanned free balloons from the FAA's aircraft operating regulations but neglects to expressly exclude model aircraft. The proposed regulation should make it clear that model aircraft meeting the criteria

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established by Congress are not subject to aviation regulations.

Also, the proposal leaves out the part of the statute that excludes "an aircraft being developed as a model aircraft" from aviation regulations. This exclusion must be added to the regulations. Companies in the model aircraft industry should not be regulated as if they are aircraft manufacturers.

The FAA bases its proposal on its June 2014 interpretation of the law concerning model aircraft. There were 33,000 comments submitted last summer concerning that interpretation [including mine]. The future regulations for model aircraft should not be based on incorrect interpretations of what Congress wrote. Some of the interpretations that should be changed to the extent they form the basis for any current or future regulation include:

- Making model aircraft subject to airspace requirements such as air traffic control clearance, that have never been applicable in the past and with which it is impossible or impractical to comply. Congress indicated the maximum obligation, which is actually stricter than what the FAA's guidance has been for the past 34 years: notifying the airport when operating within five miles. That is the most that model aircraft hobbyists should have to do.
- Rigidly defining a requirement to operate within visual line of sight and that calls into question the use of a specific technology or equipment, namely first-person view (FPV) goggles. The language of the 2012 statute concerning "within visual line of sight" indicates how far away a person should fly the model aircraft, not what method of control may be used for the recreational experience. The proposal for commercial unmanned aircraft acknowledges that an observer (spotter) can be used to ensure airspace safety, just as the AMA's community-based safety guidelines do.
- Narrowly interpreting the words "hobby or recreational use." You should not regulate people who are flying model aircraft in connection with the hobby just because they receive payments. For decades, enthusiasts have participated in contests and competitions that have cash prizes, have been paid to instruct others on how to safely fly models, and have received compensation for aerobatic displays. These payments incidental to the hobby do not change the underlying recreational purpose of the activity or make the hobby any less safe, and regulating these activities would be highly disruptive to the hobby without any benefit.

Respectfully,

[Name]

[Optional] AMA Member Number: _____

Upcoming events are:

Apr 17-19	WDA Float Fly #1 @ Lake Minden
Apr 25-26	WDA Q40, Q500 EF-1 Pylon Races
June 5-7	WDA Thunder Over the Valley Jet Fly

Once again, 35 mph on the road please, take special care to minimize dust near homes. Take care to stay away from Christine's horses at the northwest corner of the field, please.

See you at the meeting. Woodland Public Library, April 13th.

Lastly, a pic of my recently completed Henry Struck 72 inch Benny Boxcar.

- John



BUILDER'S CORNER

I crashed my DO335 a few weeks ago due to elevator servo failure. It was in bad shape. With true grit and determination I am halfway to finishing the rebuild and thought I would send some pics by of the rebuild. Sorry I don't have any of the crash itself.... anyway I am hoping to get it completed for Castle coming up in May. Just about all the formers were bust out of the Fuse and the wing was badly damaged also.

Monty Welch



SECTION 8 AIR FORCE

MY FELLOW R/C PILOTS... ARE YOU TIRED OF JUST BORING HOLES IN THE SKY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT? THEN CONSIDER JOINING THE "SECTION 8 AIR FORCE". WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF "SECTION 8 AIR FORCE". IT IS TWOFOLD... ONE TO IMPRESS YOUR FELLOW PILOTS AND SECOND TO PROVIDE EXCITING ENTERTAINMENT FOR SPECTATORS AT DIFFERENT FLYING EVENTS. THE GROUP WAS FORMED IN 2004, AND CONSISTED OF EIGHT P-38's. OUR FIRST SHOW WAS AT CASTLE 2004 WHEN WE MANAGED TO PUT UP 6 P38's. FROM THERE WE WENT TO P-61 BLACK WIDOWS AND THEN TO B-25's. AT THIS POINT SOME OF THE PILOTS MOVED ON TO OTHER PROJECTS SO THIS AIR FORCE HAS BEEN AT A STANDSTILL UNTIL PRESENT. WE NOW HAVE 4 VQ P-38's, 3 ESM DO 335's AND 1 DO 335 BUILT-UP KIT WHICH WE HOPE TO HAVE AT CASTLE MEMORIAL WEEKEND 2015.. AND AGAIN AT WOODLAND/DAVIS "WINGS OF VICTORY" EVENT ON JULY 18-19, 2015.

FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT AWARE OF WHERE THE TERM "SECTION 8" CAME FROM.. IT ORIGINATED FROM WWI MIGHTY "8TH" AIR FORCE IN EUROPE. THE SECTION 8 PART CAME FROM THE MILITARY DESIGNATION OF A "MENTAL ILLNESS DISCHARGE". FOR PILOTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS GROUP (FLYING A BUNCH OF TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT) TOGETHER, MUST MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE A LITTLE "NUTS" TO ATTEMPT THIS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY MID-AIRS.



The above pic shows the Section 8 group at Castle 2004.
From left to Right Kim Lines (Deceased), Monty Welch, Jim Williams, Bob Delozier, Jim Adams, Glen Hoffman and Scott Rowan.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THIS NUTTY EXTRAVAGANZA CONTACT ME
MONTY WELCH VIA EMAIL OR PHONE...

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WOODLAND DAVIS AEROMODELERS



Spring 2015 Lake Minden Float Fly



April 17th to 19th

Lunch on Saturday

Pilot Fee \$10 for a day, \$15 for the weekend

Lake Day Use \$5 per day

Camping \$25 per day Friday thru Sunday

For more info please call Randy Sizemore (916) 804-4250

P.S., don't forget to bring any items you want to sell, every day is a SWAP MEET!

So come FLY, BUY, SELL, but most of all have a Ball!

Location 1256 Marcum Road, Nicolaus, CA 95659 (530)656-2700

R/C WAR BIRDS AT KINGDON AIR PARK

May 2, 2015
"Radio Control"

Information.....
(209)-476-8409
events@deltamodelers.org

Come and join
us for a great day of flying
R/C - "War Birds"

Gates open at 8:00am and open flying
starts at 9:30am

Lunch will be served \$8.00

The public are welcome no charge for
entry or parking

12145 De Vries Rd. Lodi
Ca.

Deltavalleymodelers

Pilot Fee... \$20.00



Delta Flying Club

March 29th

San Joaquin Fairgrounds

PILOTS :
\$10.00 TO FLY

Delta Valley Modelers Indoor small electric fun fly: Doors open at 8:00 am

Delta Valley Modelers will hold an indoor fun fly at building #2 at the San Joaquin Fairgrounds. All are welcome to come and watch pilots fly their small electric aircraft, fixed wing and helicopters. There are three places to fly. One for fixed wing and one for helicopters. A third area will be in the parking lot to the side of the building weather permitting for small electric aircraft also.

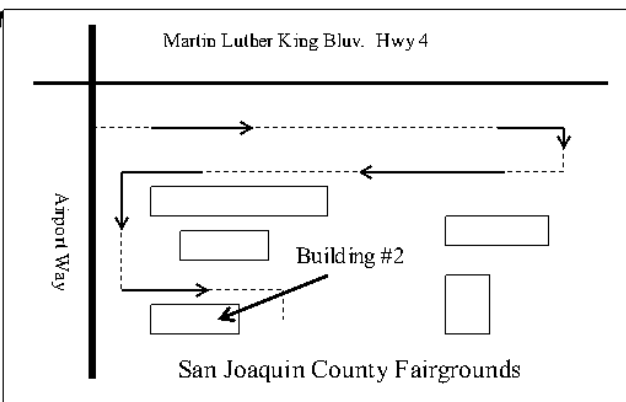
In addition to electric aircraft, rubber band power aircraft will be welcome to. If you are a serious rubber band pilot come and join us.



Swap Meet

If you have something to sell bring it along.
We will find you a place to set up and show
off what you have brought.

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Next Meeting: Monday, Apr 13th, 7:00PM
 Meeting held at Woodland Library @ 250 First Street



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