

CHARTER NO. 3079

## McMinnville Swap meet March 12

## CLUB MEETING

This months club meeting will be held on Thursday March 10th. at

## PUD \#3

## 2621 E John's Prairie Rd Shelton, WA

Treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.
Minutes were read and accepted as read.

Jody talked about the FAA registration, The board has made FAA registration a condition of membership just like the AMA registration. You must be registered with the FAA and present you number to the club secretary just like your AMA number. One of the conditions of our lease is that we follow all State and Federal laws. This way, if asked, we can show that we are.

Marc Winz had an issue with the way the process was implemented by the board. He felt that it should have been brought to the meeting first. The response was that it is a Federal
law and that we have no choice but to insure we are complying with Federal law as per the lease. Marc also brought up the fact that your AMA number is also required to be in or on your plane somewhere. The FAA number must be accessible without tools or visible and legible on the outside of your plane.

The property committee met with the race track people, the site they looked at was too close to the road but they sound very interested in finding something for us. We will continue to meet with them. Marc noted that the port could deny us permission to fly within 5 miles of the Airport and that we need to cross the T's and dot the I's should we happen to get a site at the race track.

Paul Fleming gave an update on scale events, from May through September there are scale contests around the Northwest. There are also many noncompetitive events during the same time period. For more
information visit Northwest Scale Aero-Modellers at: http:/ / www.nwsam.org

They have tried to get people to schedule events so as not to conflict with others. He noted that they are looking for new judges and would be happy to put on another class on judging if we are interested. Please let one of the officers know if you are interested.

Sharon Diaz motioned to make the free indoor flying cap $\$ 150$, Seconded and passed

Welcome new members Paul Fleming, Scott Patzold and Justin Roberts

Indoor flying will probably resume in March.

Bill Judge was drawn for the year end membership drawing.

Meeting adjourned 7:25

## AMA INFORMATION

## AIRR Act passes Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

We have good news to share. Thursday, February 11, 2016 the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives passed the Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act, which preserves and strengthens the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.

We would like to thank Rep. Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and Rep. Mark Sanford of South Carolina for their efforts to ensure that this important legislation protects the hobby of flying model aircraft.

The AIRR Act is critical to preserving our voluntary, communi-ty-based approach to managing the model aviation community. By strengthening the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, this bill will enhance safety across the recreational community and allow our members, who for decades have flown safely and responsibly within AMA's community-based safety program, to continue enjoying our hobby without new burdensome regulations.

Among the bill's provisions, it provides a clear definition of a community-based organization (CBO) and tasks the FAA with developing a process for recognizing qualifying CBOs , both long-overdue tasks for the agency. In addition, the bill makes clear that model aircraft can be used as a teaching tool for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as aeronautics.

The AIRR act is a strong bill that we are proud to support, but Congress isn't done with it yet. The full House of Representatives still needs to vote on the AIRR Act and the Senate still needs to work on its own version of the bill. AMA has been actively advocating for our members' interests on Capitol Hill, and we will continue working with Congress on additional changes that could further protect our hobby.

We may need your help in reaching out to members of Congress to urge them to support the Special Rules for Model Aircraft, which provides critical protections for the model aviation community. Remain vigilant and continue to monitor emails, social media, and www.modelaircraft.org/gov for more information and updates.

## Drone Registration Scam Sites

As previously mentioned, shortly after the drone registration task force announced their recommendations to the FAA, fake registration websites began to appear. These sites are scamming model pilots to register in an attempt to steal personal and credit card information. Many of these fake sites look credible or appear to belong to the FAA. The FAA has warned pilots to avoid sites that offer paid services assisting model pilots in the registration process in a post at http://www.faa.gov/news/ updates/?newsId=84245.

Individuals who are registering their model aircraft should only use the official FAA registration website: https://registermyuas. faa.gov/.

For more information regarding the FAA registration process and how it applies to AMA members, please visit AMA's Government Relations blog frequently. You can also find more information in our FAQ section at www.modelaircraft.org/abou-tama/faa-uas-faq.aspx.

Thank you,
AMA Government Relations Team

## TOP FLITE GOLD EDITION P-47

by Bob Beatty
As some of you know, I recently lost my . 60 sized P-47 after installing a VVRC 21cc gas engine in it. It was a Model Tech ARF of the "Bonnie" (wife's name by the way)

Happily the engine was not damaged. I picked up a Top Flite gold edition P-47 at Monroe and what do you know, it has the same trim scheme. I got all the scale details with it, dummy radial, cockpit kit and drop tank. I'm also doing electric main gear and mechanical tail retracts. Tom Jr. has offered to help with the painting so I guess it's another fiberglass job for me.


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## AMA DRONE Q\&A

Q: How do I register?
A: You can register at www.faa.gov/ uas/registration/. If you need assistance, please call 8773964636.

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 inside all of your aircraft along with your AMA number.

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. We are advocating to allow members to use their AMA numbers. We believe an AMA membership already meets the intent of registration, but at this time place both numbers on your aircraft.

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: 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: Am I required by law to comply with the guidelines listed on the UAS Registration site?
A: The FAA acknowledged that AMA members should continue to follow AMA's community-based safety code. We also discussed and the FAA confirmed that the language on the FAA registration site is a guideline, not regulation. This guideline is not directed at the AMA community but rather, it is a simplified set of safety guidelines geared to the general public.

Q: Why did AMA change its position on registration? Why are they telling members to register now?

A: AMA has not changed its position. We continue to be disappointed with the registration rule and believe it is contrary to Congress's intent within the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, which is part of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act. We have been working with our legal counsel and the FAA to find a solution for our members on the registration rule. To date, the FAA has agreed in principle to several items that will help ease this process for our members.

Q: Am I permitted to fly first person view (FPV)? Can I fly at night?
A: Yes. AMA members are still protected by the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, which is part of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act. As long as AMA members continue to follow AMA's safety guidelines for these activities, they can continue to fly. The guidelines listed on the FAA UAS website do not negate the modeling activities and related safety procedures established in AMA's community-based safety program.

Dues are \$75 if paid before Jan 1st, \$100 Thereafter.

If you pay by mail send your dues, PROof of 2016 AMA MEMBERSHIP AND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED envelope to the Treasurer:

Jack Mitchell
P.O. Box 1393

Shelton WA 98584
Make checks payable to SFRCF

## Club Officers

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## Board Members



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Training nights are ALWAYS weather permitting, check the weather at the field before leaving Sold days can change, check out the website before heading to the field.
http://sfrcf.quintex.com/event/events.html

## Club Scheduled Events for 2015

Event dates in black are scheduled. Events in gray are complete.
The new contract allows us to schedule non-exclusive days again, however if the car clubs don't go to the new track we may not keep many.

January 1st 9:00 am $\qquad$ First fly of the year - Sanderson field - Locks will be changed!

May 14th, 15th $\qquad$ .USSMA qualifier and Scale rally

Aug 27th\&28th $\qquad$ Pylon Race

Nov ??th $\qquad$ .Joint Swap meet - Olympic Flight Museum 9-3

December 8th $\qquad$ .. Christmas Party @ ?????? from 6 to 10

