



NEWS AT THE TOP

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Editor's Comments:

I am including below - as shown on the AMA website - several of the questions and answers regarding the current FAA's requirement regarding the registration of model aircraft:

On December 12, 2017, President Trump signed legislation that will reverse the earlier court ruling in the John Taylor case and restore the FAA's UAS registration requirement, including for AMA members.

AMA believes that registration makes sense at some level, but has pushed for a more reasonable threshold. While we address these issues, members will be legally required to comply with the FAA registration requirement.

Following are some frequently asked questions. Answers are based on the information available at time of press and are subject to change.

Q: If I already registered, do I have register again?

A: You will not have to register again since this bill simply reverses the John Taylor case. We will share more as details emerge.

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AMA Expo East show

The AMA Foundation is taking RC Resale on the road February 23-25 to set up in the Swap Shop at AMA Expo East in Secaucus, New Jersey. Thanks to a generous donation from Charles Sylvania, there will be over 20 planes for sale. This is the third time Charles has donated planes to the Foundation and the second time we will be selling from his collection at Expo East. Last year we had a great experience in the Swap Shop and sold all of the planes Charles had donated to us that weekend. To read about our experience at AMA Expo East in 2017, click [here](#). More information for AMA Expo East 2018 can be found at <http://amaexpo.com>. We hope to see you there!

All sales through RC Resale benefit the AMA Foundation and the programs it supports.

Below are 10 samples:

1. DO-27 w/Rx
2. F6F-Hellcat (EMS) w/Rx
3. C-310 Semi scale w/Rx
4. Mig-17 (EDF) w/Rx
5. SNJ (EMS) w/Rx
6. P-47 foam w/Rx
7. C-185 (EMS) w/Rx & Floats
8. AD-1 (EMS) w/Rx
9. P-39 foam w/Rx
10. T-45 EDF w/Rx

Secretary's Report: January meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. All of the club officers were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasures Report:

The year ending balance in the treasury was \$9,492. Craig gave an excellent report on the financials for 2017. He went into detail on areas where the club saved money. Going forward into 2018, the club has a general reserve of \$2000, an event reserve of \$2000, and a Reynolds Field reserve of \$5,492. The rest of the report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports:

Scott Geller gave an update on the next phase of construction at Reynolds field. All of the trees on the ridge have been taken down. The field has been made wider. Dirt from the forward side has been moved to the pit area. The work at the field is expected to be finished a few days following the meeting. Final grading will be done in the early spring.

There was no report for Hardyston field.

Membership:

We have one new applicant for 2018 and one on the way. We are looking for new members - members that are new to the hobby or not affiliated with any other club in the area.

Old Business:

Pat met with Green Township to discuss AMA District II fly in. The dates he proposed are good - August 24th for setup and the 25th and 26th for the event. Pat also met with the recreation director. We will be putting a static display on Green Township day in September. We may also get involved with some groups at Trinca Airport from time to time.

New Business:

AMA East is coming up in February 23rd, 24th and 25th. The Lebanon Flea Market is on March 10th. Thirty dollars will be added to the application fee bringing the total to \$125 to join the club. The \$125 represents the first year's dues, an application fee of \$25 and a Reynolds field construction fee of \$30. The \$30 construction fee will be added to the application fees for the next six years. Pat mentioned that members not paying dues in 2018 will not be able to fly as guests at any of our fields.

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Q: Do I need to register again if I requested a refund and asked to be removed from the registration list?

A: You will need to re-register only if you received FAA confirmation that your request to be removed from the database was honored.

Q: I did not request a refund/removal from registration database. Will my registration number and expiration date stay the same?

A: Yes, your registration number and expiration date will remain the same unless you requested that the FAA remove your information from the database, and received FAA confirmation of this removal.

Q: How do I register?

A: You can register at <https://registermyuas.faa.gov>. If you need assistance, please call 877 396 4636.

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 allowing 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: Can I fly my large model aircraft? Turbine jets?

A: Yes. The Special Rule for Model Aircraft, which is part of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act, allows AMA members to operate model aircraft over 55 lbs. as long as they are operating in accordance with AMA's Large Model Aircraft safety program. AMA members can also fly turbine jets provided the operator holds a current AMA Turbine Waiver.

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: 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.

Q: What happens if I don't register?

A: According to the FAA, failure to register an unmanned aircraft may result in regulatory and criminal sanctions.

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Event Schedule for 2018

Monthly Meeting	
January 18, 2018	
February 15, 2018	
March 15, 2018	
April 19, 2018	
May 17, 2018	
June 21, 2018	
July 19, 2018 Hardyston	
August 16, 2018 Reynolds	
September 20, 2018	
October 18, 2018	
November 15, 2018	
December 20, 2018	

***The next club meeting will be
on February 15th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report: January, 2018

We ended the year with \$9,492 in the Treasury.

We collected \$7,866, which is \$134 less than budgeted, and we spent \$7,009 on club operations, exclusive of Reynolds Field construction, of which \$1,000 came from reserves for the road in Hardyston.

Looking back, there were many areas where we were able to save money, which added to our ending balance.

We did not mow the weeds in Hardyston	Savings \$300
We did not have any picnics/food at meetings	Savings \$300
We did not make any donations	Savings \$150
We did limited field maintenance at Squatrito	Savings \$317
Budgeted 2.5 Porta Jons, but rented just one	Savings \$880
Donation to Friends of Waterloo never claimed	Savings \$200
Mowing 3 fields	Cost (\$300)

The result is a total savings of approximately \$1,817 for the year.

Moving into 2018, I have repositioned the club reserves as follows:

General Reserve	\$2,000
Event Reserve	\$2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	<u>\$5,492</u>
Total	\$9,492