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February 2020

Message from the Club President

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Here we are at the end of January all ready. I hope that this year will be great for all of us. Here's to great weather and good friendships throughout the Year.

Most of our members have renewed their membership for this year, we lost some members some went on to a better place and are watching over us, but we also gained some new members. So welcome them, when you see them and lend a hand, if they need it.

January has not been the best month for flying, with the temperatures hot and chilly, foggy and the winds kicking up. I hope it gets better soon, not to many members have found their way to the field; just a few diehards have enjoyed some great flying. We do have it better than other areas of the country.

The gate code was changed after the February meeting; it is posted for two month on your news letter in the e-mail subject line.

A bunch of our members will be going to Perry, Georgia for the annual Swap meet, these members normally attend our meetings, without them we do not have enough to have a meeting.

No Meeting in March

Don't forget our Club swap meet is on Saturday the 21st of March.

Hope better weather is on the way, see you at the field.
Werner

**All Members if you are not receiving the club newsletter by e-mail,
Please e-mail Gordon McLean at BCFSecy@gmail.com**

CLUB JACKETS

We will be ordering club jackets if we get enough people who are interested. These are first quality jackets like the last ones we ordered. The cost is \$75. Please contact Gordon McLean ASAP at BCFSecy@gmail.com if you want one. All orders need to be in by the end of November at the very latest.

Leader Member Minute

Mike Diesu, AMA Leader Member

Each month I condense the report from Scott Anderson, AMA Leader Member Minute coordinator, and post it in our Newsletter for the membership to read. This month I elected to post Scott's report in its entirety.

Leader Member Minute Report

January 2020

First, many members are trying to renew their FAA registration. It's important to remind members that the FAA extended everyone's registration through 2020 at no cost. There is no need to renew. In addition, some members are falling victim to bogus FAA registration sites. Please remember to use the official website for registration, faadronezone.faa.gov. The registration fee is only \$5. Many have seen through social media, RC forums, AMA emails, and the news media that the FAA released its proposed rule on remote identification (remote ID). A lot of the information on social media and other sites is misinformation. AMA is still reviewing the document, but please refer to these Q&As for any questions that might come up. This is not a final rule, and we will likely ask our members to help us shape the ultimate regulation by participating and providing comments and feedback to the FAA.

Q: What is the email that the FAA sent out about remote ID?

A: In 2016, the FAA announced plans to remotely track unmanned aircraft. On December 26, 2019, the FAA published its proposed rule on remote identification in the Federal Register. This is a proposed rule, not a final rule. Please continue to monitor AMA communication because we will likely encourage members to participate in the rulemaking process to comment and shape the final rule.

Q: What does this proposed rule say for recreational fliers and AMA members?

A: As we review the 319-page document, the initial read appears to show that AMA remains successful in advocating that our members will not require onboard equipage when at a flying field or approved location. The FAA gives flexibility for recognized community-based organizations (CBOs).

Q: What is AMA's stance on remote ID?

A: AMA has long advocated for a common sense approach to remote ID. Because our operations do not pose any new risk to the airspace, the burden of remote ID should apply to unmanned aircraft capable of navigating beyond visual line of sight of the operator or spotter, or operations outside of our safety programming. Some AMA proposals would allow recreational operators to meet the safety and security objectives of the rule without onboard equipage, by operating at fixed flying sites or by using a software-based app.

Q: Has AMA had any say in the remote ID rulemaking?

A: AMA has been advocating on behalf of our members from the beginning on remote ID, including as a voting member on the 2017 Remote ID Aviation Rulemaking Committee. AMA continues to serve on FAA advisory committees and safety teams addressing remote ID.

Q: I heard AMA mention fixed flying sites. What about members who are not flying at a fixed site?

A: For members not at a flying field, it's unknown if they can use a ground-based solution, such as an app, to satisfy remote ID without onboard equipage. We will share more as we read and review the 319-page proposed rule.

Q: Where can I read the proposed rule?

A: You can read the entire proposed rule and FAA's announcement at www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=89404.

Q: What happens next?

A: AMA will continue to shape the rule before it is finalized, including asking members to participate in the rulemaking process. Please monitor AMA communications for more information. In March 2020, the FAA will begin reviewing comments and feedback to shape the final rule. This process could take days or years.

This is not the end of RC model aviation and AMA is working hard for all AMA members. Feel free to contact me or contact the AMA Government Affairs team at AMA Headquarters with any questions.

Scott Anderson, AMA National Leader Member Coordinator

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Scott's reply to my questions:

Hi Mike,

Fly the way we always have until rules are implemented. In the mean time pay attention to the AMA gov emails, podcasts and blog.

Scott Anderson

Many of the imposed rules have not been resolved. As your Leader Member I will watch for all AMA gov emails, podcasts and blogs and keep the membership informed.

The small private airport located on route 52 does not have a control tower and is not considered a fixed air space. The 400 foot altitude restriction is not a problem and an Air Traffic Letter is not required. However, while in the air we should respect those pilots using that small private airport.

Mike Diesu

Leader Member



Bay City Flyers



Bay City Flyers
Land O' Lakes, Florida

SWAP MEET

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Saturday, Mar 21th, 2020

8 AM thru 12 PM rain or shine
(open 7am for setup)

Coffee & Donuts provided

Tables free of charge - first come first serve

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More Info, contact Mike Diesu

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Check baycityflyer.org
for directions to Area 52

The Events 2020 will be posted as soon as the new calendar becomes available.

Until then, a summary of the BCF Club sanctioned events for 2020 is listed below.

Bay City Flyers 2020 Event dates

March 21st Swap Meet

April 25th Fun Fly

June 6-7th IMAC Spring Classic

September 26th Electric Fly in

November 14th Fighter Town /WW1 thru WW2

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ALSO, PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE AS IT SAYS ON THE RENEWAL FORM

Volunteer Flight Instructors are needed!
Please contact an officer or Chief Instructor Bill Intini

Bay City Flyers: CLUB INSTRUCTORS

If you are new to our club and need flight instructions, please contact Bill Intini, our Chief Flight Instructor. If you are a current member and would like to become a Flight Instructor please contact Bill Intini.

Bay City Flyers provides a number of ways to introduce individuals into the sport of Radio Control Flying. Never flown before? No Problem. We have a group of members who are designated as "Intro Pilots" by the AMA. An Intro Pilot offers you the opportunity to fly a few times without purchasing equipment and to be covered by the Intro Pilots AMA Insurance. If you are interested in continuing flying you must join AMA and we can provide you with a Club Instructor. If you have a friend or relative who holds a Bay City Flyer Solo Card, he or she may be able to act as your Instructor, but the student must be checked out by Chief Flight Instructor.

Chief Flight Instructor and check pilot - Bill Intini 727.255.3809 chuchao48@aol.com

Intro Pilot Instructor and check pilot - Jody Lopez 813.843.4011 maxiim76@aol.com

Finally, we have Designated Check Ride Pilots, who will check you out and determine if you can be issued a Bay City Flyers Solo Card:

Mike Kohanyi 813-744-1471 mkohanyi@tampabay.rr.com

A club officer can also be a check pilot if a regular check pilot is no available.

Joe Barzyz is a club Intro Pilot for Civil Air Patrol Students only




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Next Meeting is April 4th, 2020 10 a.m. at Area 52 Field.

Check out our web site:

[HTTP://WWW.BAYCITYFLYERS.ORG](http://www.baycityflyers.org)

Review the Bulletin Board and our Website to keep informed of what is happening at the flying fields.

The main gate at the flying field 52 must be kept locked when entering or leaving the field. The four tumblers must be turned each time the lock is closed. When entering the field if you find only one tumbler has been turned, try to find the last member who entered the field and closed the lock incorrectly. Explain to the individual that all four tumblers must be turned.

