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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

President Steve is busy with his continuing education and did not get his letter written this month. He wants to remind everyone that the meeting on Monday, January 13th, is at the Eastern Avenue Library, starting at 6:30 p.m.

See you then,
Steve

Meeting Topics

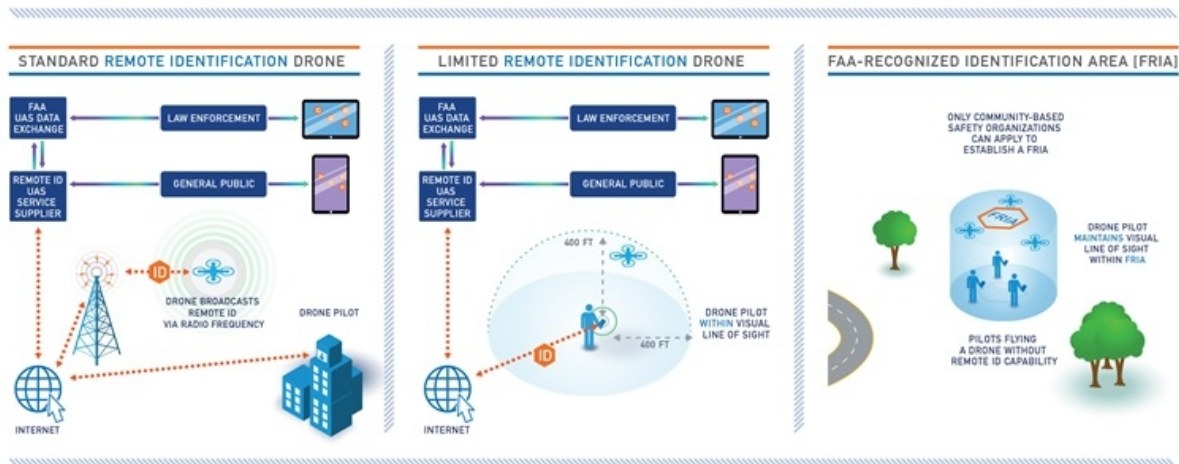
Additional Field:

Progress has been made on acquiring an additional field for our larger aircraft. More information will be shared at the meeting.

FAA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM):

On December 26 (nice Christmas present), the FAA released its Proposed Rule for Real ID of UAS. It is a 319 page document that outlines how the FAA wants to take control of airways under 1000 ft for public safety. Basically, they are outlining 3 ways of remotely identifying UAS. See below:

3 Ways of Remotely Identifying



As part of the proposed rulemaking, the FAA must allow a 60 day period for public comments. According to the AOPA (see article link below), 1000 comments were made in just the first 3 days. On January 6, you should have received an email from the AMA encouraging you to submit your comments to the FAA. It included a link to a comment template that you can use as the basis for your comments (link below). Or you can author your own comments. However, we encourage every member, and members of your family, to submit your comments by March 2. Just this morning, I saw that the EAA has requested an extension to the Comment Period partially due to the length of the rule and being able to digest it. As of a few minutes ago (Friday morning), there were 3942 comments posted.

There has been considerable discussions on Facebook and elsewhere about this proposed rule and the impact on the hobby. Most of the discussions have centered on the flying portion. The FAA-Recognized Identification Area is basically a registered AMA field (by assumption). And, there is only a 12 month period to get these fields recognized, then no more added after that. This rule would curtail any flying on other public or private land, supposedly.

But, if you dig deeper into the 319 page document, it also covers building of any UAS. My interpretation is that it will basically curtail any building and assembly of aircraft at home as there will be a percentage content rule in order for a UAS to become registered. More on

that to come.

Below are some links to information that I have seen concerning this rule. I encourage everyone to go read or view their content to form your own opinion. I will have these links available Monday at the meeting.

FAA Proposed Rule and Comment Link:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/31/2019-28100/remote-identification-of-unmanned-aircraft-systems>

AMA Template Link:

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2020/01/03/template-comment-on-uas-remote-id/>

AMA Video Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/modelaviation/videos/488641998455497/>

AOPA Article:

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2020/january/09/faa-gets-early-earful-on-drone-id>

There are numerous other articles out on the glorious, truthful Internet. Here is one talking about UPS becoming certified for nationwide drone deliveries:

https://www.cnbc.com/2019/10/01/ups-wins-faa-approval-for-drone-delivery-airline.html?fbclid=IwAR2pYQ1XIEKeRtFgOXppGrKYW05b_ifoyO4FbxBV5LUFPLDRzanVr0Jqg

Regardless, we as hobbyists must be united against the limitations of this proposed rule. My understanding is that it will take 24 months to approve the rule, then the implementation will take another 3 years. In my opinion, it will not only affect we as fliers and builders but also numerous companies and individuals by driving them out of business. I have not seen anyone talking about that economic impact.

Flying Site Improvement Grant:

I received feedback from the AMA on our application for a grant. I will discuss the tweaks that I think need to be made to resubmit after the meeting.

2020 Dues:

Dues for 2020 are now due. \$30 until January 31, 2020. Encourage anyone that you know to renew their membership as I believe good things are in store for our club in 2020. If you do not renew this month, you will be dropped from the club distribution list. Remember to check your AMA membership status also.

Bits & Pieces:

I know several (many) of you have joined neighboring clubs due to the change in our facilities. And, some of you feel that you do not need to join us for 2020. However, with the potential that we see in this additional field, I encourage you to stick with us for another year. There should be ample runway and flyover for anything that flew at Frye Field. Come to the meeting to find out more.

As always, please feel free to bring anything for Show and Tell. Also, if you have any ideas for a more formal program, please bring them up.

Thanks,
David Colgan
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CALENDAR**2020 Events:**

Jan 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Jan 26	R/C Auction & Swap	West Bend, WI
Jan 31	DRCS dues are due	
Feb 1	Iowa City Aerohawks Swap Meet	Coralville, IA
Feb 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Feb 15	15 th Annual Swap Meet	St. Charles, IL
Mar 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Apr 3-5	Weak Signals RC Show	Toledo, OH
Apr 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
May 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Jun 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Jun 13-14	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jul 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Aug 8	Fly Iowa	Ames Airport, Ames, IA
Aug 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library

Check the Event Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online (<https://www.modelaircraft.org/event-calendar>) for future details on non-club events! There are many more events within 200 miles.

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Monday, January 13th

6:30 p.m.

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