

The RAMS Horn

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 6

7 p.m.,

WaterStone Savings Bank

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IN THE NEWS

“Drone” Registration

Have you ever had someone ask for your advice or feedback and then have them ignore it completely? Well, that’s how the AMA feels right about now.

You have received communication from the AMA, you have seen it in the news, and straight out of left field here comes FAA “drone” registration. Obviously, the perception of this is negative, so I will stick to the highlights:

“Drone” Registration is being mandated by the FAA. It has started already, on December 21, 2015. Basically anything we fly at the field with the exception of those mini foamies would require pilot registration. The FAA is offering a credit of the \$5 registration fee if you register by January 21.

The FAA claims to be able to enforce this rule with penalties of tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars as well as prison time.

FAA has issued a deadline of February 19, 2016 to register if you operated a “drone” prior to December 21. I don’t quite get that: So is that if you ever flew a model in your life prior to

December 21?

The AMA is asking members to hold off on registration, as if a second wind of negotiations will change things. The AMA must also be asking you to hold off on flying until then and also forget about the \$5 credit.

If you do choose to register and not hold out, do so before January 21 to get that \$5 back.

Beware of fake drone registration sites. If you google “drone registration,” there will be some unofficial sites in the top results. Only use the site if it is from faa.gov: www.faa.gov/uas/registration.

If you are unable to use the online form, the FAA has provided a phone number for assistance: 844-244-3565.

More to come, I’m sure.



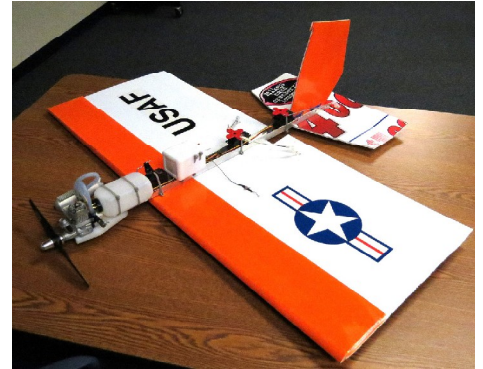
SHOW & TELL

Combat Plane

At the December meeting, **Mike McCullough** brought in a shiny, new combat plane that he had just completed. The plane has not been in combat and has not even flown yet, so this is the best you will ever see it! Several of our members have flown combat demonstrations for us at the club picnics and many of them compete in national combat competitions. Several other members have just started taking an interest in combat and have made planes

of their own. You don't have to be a competitor to enjoy some recreational combat flying. If you have an interest, just ask.

Speaking of show and tell, if you received any gift over the holidays that you would like to share with the club, bring it to a meeting. We would love to see what you are up to. Understandably, it is a bit of a hassle to bring a model to the meeting, but just ask for help! There's plenty of us



who will help load and unload for the meeting.

ELECTIONS

Officer Position Voting

Literally from last year's newsletter:

"The current officers agreed to nominate themselves for another year. At the January meeting, we will take the vote for these three [President, Vice President, and Treasurer] officer positions. The President will then appoint the other two officer positions: Secretary and Safety Coordinator. The non-officer position of Newsletter Editor also will be appointed."

Renewal Reminder

Happy 2016! It's time to renew your RAMS membership for the New Year. If you did not take advantage of the AMA's renewal offer before its prices increased, don't forget to renew your AMA membership also.



AROUND THE TOWN

Upcoming Events

January 3

**Milwaukee RC Association
Auction, Swap, and Indoor Flying**
Waukesha County Expo Center

February 6

**Tri-Village RC
Swap Shop**
Wheaton, IL
<http://trivillagerc.com>

February 20

**Fox Valley Aero Club
Swap Meet**
St. Charles, IL
<http://foxvalleyaero.com>