

# SUPER RC FLYER



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## MRCMC General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 2, 2015

**Members Present:** Dennis Albee, Luther Bitler, Brent Buckingham, Jim Clark, Karl Eckerle, Mike Fjerstad, Gary Fryman, Jason Galloner, Greg Gavit, Jerry Hahnfeld, Bobby Hill, Bob Hill, Herman Huebner, Al Klashak, Ken McNurlen, Mike Moore, Mike Nentwig, Ray Ruzsala, Bob Thompson, Brad Wolfgang, Steve Zahm, Don Zahm.

**Visitors Present:** Chad Winslow, Connor Winslow

Mike Fjerstad called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

1. The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
2. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. The expenses from last month were disclosed. There were expenses for the purchase of a fire extinguisher for the garage, Consumers Energy, and the porta-john company.
3. Dues for 2016 are due.
4. Karl Eckerle explained that the fire marshal inspected the flying field facility and requested that we have a fire extinguisher in the garage. So Karl purchased a fire extinguisher and hung it in the garage.
5. The indoor flying events held at the sports dome in Auburn were discussed. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM-8:00PM. The cost to fly is \$10, and spectators are free.
6. Nominations for the board positions were discussed. The following people agreed to remain in the positions they have held for several years since there was no one else interested in running for the positions.
  - Karl Eckerle – Treasurer
  - Jerry Hahnfeld – Corresponding secretary
  - Greg Gavit – Recording secretary

Ken McNurlen offered to be the vice president and Chad Winslow volunteered to be the president. Thanks guys for stepping up.

There were two people running for one trustee position, so an election was held. Dennis Albee won the election so he will be the trustee, taking place of Bobby Hill whose term is up.

So in summary the new board consists of:

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| • President               | Chad Winslow                              |
| • Vice President          | Ken McNurlen                              |
| • Treasurer               | Karl Eckerle                              |
| • Corresponding secretary | Jerry Hahnfeld                            |
| • Recording secretary     | Greg Gavit                                |
| • Trustees                | Mike Nentwig, Dave Hundley, Dennis Albee. |

7. The banquet, which will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in lieu of the monthly meeting, was discussed. Karl offered to make plans to have the banquet at the Delta College Planetarium in Bay City. Karl will need a head count on the number of people attending and would like to collect money up front, before the night of the banquet. Karl will inform us of the cost of the banquet at the January meeting.

8. The 2016 calendar of events was discussed.
  - Jan 6                Monthly Meeting
  - Jan 9                Snow fly at field 10:00AM – 2:00PM
  - Feb 3                Banquette at Delta College pending on reserving the space.
  - Sept 11              Club airshow
9. Karl suggested that during the January, March and April meetings it would be nice to get someone to discuss a particular topic. This is to add some interest to the monthly meetings. If anyone has a topic they would like to discuss, let Karl know and he will get it scheduled. This month Brad Wolfgang discussed electric motors and props and how they interact with each other.
10. Brad gave a very informative presentation regarding research and testing he has done on an electric motor and various prop's for one of his planes.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Gavit on December 4th, 2015.

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This is a video sent to me by Brad Wolfgang about the test rig he showed us after the last meeting.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0NHoLjsIBC0>

The FAA's guidelines for model aviation have been changing over the last couple of months, and it may be time for us to really be concerned with some of these changes. Here is the most recent update I have received.

And, of course, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

You're receiving this email because of your affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

# Academy of Model Aeronautics Member Communication



Thursday, December 17, 2015

Dear AMA Members,

Yesterday, the AMA Executive Council unanimously approved an action plan to relieve and further protect our members from unnecessary and burdensome regulations. This plan addresses the recently announced interim rule requiring federal registration of all model aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) weighing between 0.55 and 55 pounds.

AMA has long used a similar registration system with our members, which we pointed out during the task force deliberations and in private conversations with the FAA. As you are aware, AMA's safety program instructs all members to place his or her AMA number or name and address on or within their model aircraft, effectively accomplishing the safety and accountability objectives of the interim rule. AMA has also argued that the new registration rule runs counter to Congress' intent in Section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, otherwise known as the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft."

The Council is considering all legal and political remedies to address this issue. We believe that resolution to the unnecessary federal registration rule for our members rests with AMA's petition before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. This petition, filed in August 2014, asks the court to review the FAA's interpretation of the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft." The central issue is whether the FAA has the authority to expand the definition of aircraft to include model aircraft; thus, allowing the agency to establish new standards and operating criteria to which model aircraft operators have never been subject to in the past.

In promulgating its interim rule for registration earlier this week, the FAA repeatedly stated that model aircraft are aircraft, despite the fact that litigation is pending on this very question. The Council believes the FAA's reliance on its interpretation of Section 336 for legal authority to compel our members to register warrants the Court's immediate attention to AMA's petition.

While we continue to believe that registration makes sense at some threshold and for flyers operating outside of a community-based organization or flying for commercial purposes, we also strongly believe our members are not the problem and should not have to bear the burden of additional regulations. Safety has been the cornerstone of our organization for 80 years and AMA's members strive to be a part of the solution.

As we proceed with this process, we suggest AMA members hold off on registering their model aircraft with the FAA until advised by the AMA or until February 19, the FAA's legal deadline for registering existing model aircraft.

Holding off on registration will allow AMA time to fully consider all possible options. On a parallel track, it also allows AMA to complete ongoing conversations with the FAA about how best to streamline the registration process for our members.

In the near future, we will also be asking our members to make their voices heard by submitting comments to the FAA's interim rule on registration. We will follow-up soon with more detailed information on how to do this.

Thank you for your continued support of AMA. We will provide you with more updates as they become available.

Kind regards,

## The AMA Executive Council

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