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Presidents Column: Randy Rogers

Up Coming Meeting Schedule:

Saturday March 16 @ 1:00 PM- Rain date Sunday March 17
Saturday April Oct 13 @ 1:00 PM- Rain date Sunday April 14

March meeting will be held at the field on Saturday March 16, 2024, at 1:00 PM. Rain Day Sunday March 17 at 1:00 PM. At the March 16 meeting, the Finance Committee will present recommendations that must be voted on by the membership. This is important and we request your attendance.

Activities

We still have a mining operation going on. We will still have to curtail our normal events and some of our club activities for safety due to people and construction equipment working on the ground directly on our over fly area. Even when there is not construction going on, we still need to not fly over the construction area. Member's need to stay out of the construction area even if a plane goes down there. We have ways to find downed aircraft in the construction area. Retrieval has to be done by the construction people. So please don't go into the construction area. Questions? Club meetings are a great place to get answers.

Club Membership

If you haven't done so, it's time to renew your CVA membership. Further, ensure your AMA membership is current.

Safety

Please review the AMA safety code that is shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

Show and Tell

Let's keep bringing items for show and tell.

Let's all have a great flying season... Safety first!

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Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting – January 1, 2024

The session commenced at 1:00 pm under Randy Rogers's direction at the Field, with 22 members in attendance. Corrections to the November notes were made, clarifying committee roles. Steve Sober is on the finance and Bylaw/constitution committees, while Steve Auburn is on the finance committee.

Treasure's Report – Jon Persons

There were 20 renewals and one new member.

There was a donation of \$20

Total income \$1745.00

The following bills were paid:

On 11/20 \$226 for flowers for Norman Hoffmeyer

Virginia SCC \$25

Mark Motter \$68 for badge supplies

Farm Bureau Insurance \$40.00

To James River Tractor Supply there was a tractor repair bill of \$1071.98. This was for pick up and return and repair of the lawn mowers and general maintenance.

The operating fund and mower fund totals were reported.

Site Improvements – Randy Rogers

No updates.

Activities

There are no future activities currently planned. Due to the ongoing operation at the Branscombe Mine we need to be careful inviting guests to fly at the field.

Safety

There was a general discussion concerning having a Safety Officer and the need for an annual safety briefing.

Training.

We need to continue to help each other with training new members.

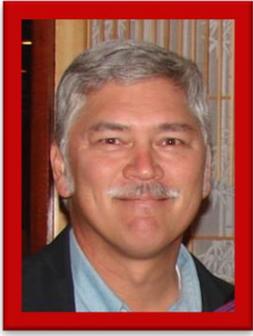
Old Business

The Constitution and Bylaws committee plans to meet in January, aiming to present a formal report in March. The financial committee awaits feedback from the attorney on the best long-term placement of funds.

New Business

No New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38pm



Safety Officer: Cliff Casey

Please review the AMA safety code shown below:

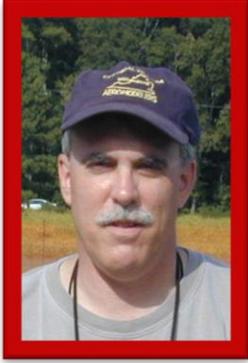
**Academy of Model Aeronautics
National Model Aircraft Safety Code
Effective January 1, 2018**

A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

As an AMA member I agree:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

For a complete copy of AMA's Safety Handbook please visit:
modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf



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