

January 25, 2016

Hello everyone: I hope everyone did OK with the snow and ice this past weekend. I had to nurse a bad cold so there was a lot of sleep for me. Last week on Thursday before the storm, the day was gorgeous and light winds although very cold. I was not at the field but the reports were a of very nice flying weather. Of course, Friday and Saturday we had our share of winter weather. Yesterday Sunday, even though I did not make it to the field, I got pictures and reports from JT on how great it was for flying. Blue skies, light winds and a beautiful white blanket at the field. Looks like we need to go through a little bit of rain this week and hopefully next weekend will be as nice as predicted.

Of course, the rc news are still dealing heavily with the FAA Pilot / Drone Registration. RC forum sites and You Tube are full of RC Pilots making statements and voicing their opinions about how they feel in regards to this registration process. There is everything from the ones that make good points to the nonsensical defiant, to the one that does not seem to be up to date with what is happening. My point is that there is much discussion and opinions out there so don't get confused. Even though the AMA has not been able to do much against this process, it has been good at keeping information going about what is happening and what they recommend us to do. Then, every and each one of us must decide how to proceed. If I get more reliable information I will pass it along. Otherwise stay tuned to the AMA e-mails that we as members receive and also from the AMA District IV.

Reminders:

RC MODELS "DRONES" FAA / DOT REGISTRATION: Registration Website

: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

Deadline for current rc pilots is February 19, 2016. Registration cost is \$5.00 by credit card.

A few weeks ago, AMA leaders changed their initial suggestion for AMA members delaying their registration with the FAA. They now suggest to GO AHEAD and register to comply with the law by Feb 19 as the AMA legal actions and direct discussions with the FAA will continue but will not be resolved before the legal deadline. I already have seen a few pilots at RAMS that have shown me their FAA registrations. When you register with the FAA, there will be a screen that shows you the number you have been given and a certificate that you can print and are required to carry with you when flying models weighing more than .55 pounds. That certificate will also be e-mailed to you so don't forget to print it. We will see how this evolves for us RC Pilots.

RAMS WINTER BUILD EVENT 2016 : SATURDAY, April 23, 2016 starting at

1:00PM. The build theme will be the **THE RAMS PIC-A-NIC BUILD** where any aircraft, from balloons, multirotors, rockets, helicopters or airplanes can enter. Even a trash bag filled with helium can make it! The theme consists of using any item typical of a Picnic (plates, plastic forks, napkins, cups, trash bags, ketchup bottle, picnic table, etc) to build the model. Or you can use an existing model and decorate with picnic related items. Yogi Bear and Boo Boo are very excited and we will have a Jellystone Park size amazing event in the Spring. There will be prizes awarded by judges and a "Peoples Choice Award". And you know how generous we are at RAMS with prizes! Sure!!! This promises to be one of the best and most fun build events ever. So, start thinking. And don't forget to bring all the family and friends to cheer and support you.

I am JUST SAYING! If at RAMS we were able to make PIGS FLY, we can certainly make a PICNIC Table fly! Who is going for it?

DOWNLOAD the PIC A NIC Flyer attached to this e-mail. It has all the rules and instructions regarding this fabulous event.

RAMS FEBRUARY 2016 CLUB MEETING: Sunday, February 7 at 9:30AM for breakfast and 10:00AM for Club Meeting at the US1 / Wake Forest **Golden Corral**. Come and join us to spend some time taking care of club business and have a good fun time with your colleague pilots. Pilots on the membership probation period are welcomed to attend.

27th ANNUAL B.A.R.K.S. Swap Meet 2016: February 27th, 2016. Mebane Arts &

Community Center - 622 Corregidor St.- Mebane, NC 27302. If you want to sell stuff there, vendor registration started Nov 2, 2015. For information and updates check www.barksrc.com

JOE NALL WEEK 2016: May 7 to the 14, 2016. Registration is open. (<http://www.tripletreeaerodrome.com/joe-nall-week.php>). Like every year past, JT and I will go there and establish RAMS Base by the electric flying field. The Joe Nall is the event to go if you are into the RC Flying hobby / sport. Everything there is about technology, new products and demonstrations of flying skills and equipment. It is a crowded event indeed with about 1,700 pilots registering and tons more spectators. The event takes place at the Triple Tree Aerodrome in Woodruff, South Carolina. The place is just gorgeous. It is a great event to meet new pilots from all over the world and the US. A great time to meet with friends we have made on previous years. Going there and spending a few days makes a great vacation. If you can only go for one day is still well worth it. We are looking forward to the Joe Nall 2016.

See you at the field and have safe fun flying!!!

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