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The FAA new (old) model ID

FAA registration number on your models is required

We had an old saying in the military: “If it moves, regulate it, if it doesn’t move, paint it.” It seems the FAA moves under that same axiom, except they changed the “if it doesn’t move, paint it” to “if it doesn’t move, it must have crashed, and we need more rules.” So, here we go again with the FAA trying to protect the world from those nasty and dangerous radio-controlled flying models. They got this regulation through the “hallowed halls of Congress” where, I’m sure, the main concern is how do we tax these miniature aircraft (it is only \$5 for a three-year registration). The non-AMA drone flyers put the “DANGER” label on all the rest of us. And so, it came to pass that everyone is assumed guilty until proved otherwise (which is very improbable).

Therefore, we must now display our FAA registration number on the **OUTSIDE** of any model we are flying. The reason for that is to prevent a hidden bomb from going off when first responders open the model up to find the FAA registration number. It would then make sense that if there is a registration number on the outside, go ahead and open it because our government has assured first responders that it is safe. Still not clear is the exemption that models under one-half pound do not need the registration numbers displayed. You can use the same registration number for all your models. There are no specifications, as of yet, that give instructions on where to place the registration numbers or how big they must be. They can be on the underside of the model between the landing gear or prominently displayed on the fuselage, wing or tail.

This is a very simple rule to comply with, and it needs to be done ASAP. The entire letter from the AMA outlining these new changes to the old rule is in this issue of Prop Talk along with some hints on how to comply. Also, there are web sites listed where you can determine if your FAA registration is still current, and, if not, how to register.

Do this with a smile because when those four “black helicopters” land in our parking area, we’ll be ready.

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**NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY
MAR 16TH
10:00 AM
CROWLEY
FIELD**

Minutes of the February 2019 Meeting

Call to Order:

- President Jeff Szieber called to order the regular meeting of the **Riverside RC Club** at 10:30 AM on Saturday, February 23rd, 2018 at Crowley Field.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The meeting minutes of the **January 2018** meeting were approved as written and published in the February 2018 **Prop Talk** newsletter by the members present.

Old Business:

- Runway repair: Larry Roberts suggested we use sand to fill the cracks as a temporary repair to prepare for the Jet Fly-in April. There was another suggestion to use sand mixed with white glue as a filler. Dale Yaney actually had a bag of sand in his van and the members decided to get some white glue, mix it with the sand and put it in the cracks after the meeting to see how it would work. Jeff Szieber is going to look into borrowing a blower to clean out the cracks before filling them. Most members agreed that this fix would be temporary, and a re-surfacing would be needed in the future.
- Our Treasurer, Larry Roberts, is sending out plastic holders to the membership that will house your membership card so you can display it at the field. At the February meeting the membership decided that you must have your membership card on your person or in your field box when flying because there are people flying
- Paul Rinde noted that another RC club he belongs to requires a yearly safety meeting or training before the membership card is issued. The card must be displayed on the pilot's person any time he/she is flying.

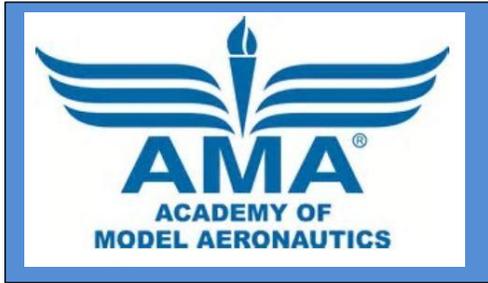
New Business:

- The AMA has announced that the FAA is requiring us to put our FAA registration number on the **OUTSIDE** of all our models we are flying. Anyone checking for that number must be able to find it without opening the model (in case there is a bomb inside). Not joking, that is the reason! Also, it has not been established, to our knowledge, if models one half pound or less are exempt. More details, including how to determine if your FAA registration is still good or if a new one will be required will be published in the March edition of Prop Talk.

Show and Tell/Presentations:

- Jim Bronowski demonstrated his DYMO hand-held label maker. It comes with two tapes, a transparent one and a white paper one. You can also buy a white plastic tape. It was purchased at Staples for \$20 and is ideal for the FAA registration on your models plus many other uses.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 by Jeff Szieber
Minutes Submitted by Jim Bronowski



Dear AMA members,

We're writing to let you know the FAA issued an Interim Final Rule today that will require drone pilots and model aircraft pilots to display their FAA-issued registration number on the outside surface of their aircraft. The rule will take effect on Monday, February 25, which means the markings must be in place for any outdoor flight beginning on that date.

Although most AMA members already have their FAA registration number posted on the outside of their aircraft, AMA will be submitting comments to the FAA requesting a waiver process for those who might be burdened by external markings, such as members who fly scale replica model aircraft. Most importantly, this rule does not change the original acceptable methods of external marking, nor does it specify a particular external surface on which the registration number must be placed. The requirement is simply that the registration number must be seen upon visual inspection of the aircraft's exterior.

As you know, the registration requirement is not new. Congress reinstated this requirement in December 2017 with the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act. Although this rule was flexible and allowed the registration marking to be placed in an enclosed compartment, law enforcement officials and FAA partners have expressed concerns about the safety risks a concealed explosive device could pose to first responders when opening a compartment to find a registration number.

If you would like to submit your own comment on the Interim Final Rule, simply visit www.regulations.gov and search for "RIN 2120-AL32." You can also visit www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsid=93045 to learn more. The deadline for public comment ends on March 15, 2019.

If you are uncertain if you have a valid FAA registration, you can access your FAA account at <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#>. This site will allow you to view your personal FAA registration number and expiration date. We strongly advise you to avoid registering your model aircraft anywhere other than the official FAA website. If you register under Section 336, there is a \$5 fee for a three-year registration, and hobbyists receive one identification number for all of their aircraft. Please be aware of unofficial registration websites that charge exorbitant fees or require separate registration fees for each recreational aircraft.

We continue to work closely with the FAA to determine the best path forward regarding recreational UAS operating requirements. As always, thank you for your continued support, and please reach out with any questions.



**Thank you,
AMA Government Affairs**

Now that we are required to put our FAA registration number on the outside of all the models we fly, here's a very practical solution. The DYMO LetraTag (LT-100H) will make that task very easy. It can be purchased at STAPLES for \$20 (at least that's what I paid for it) and has a myriad of uses. It comes with two tapes, one heavy paper and the other transparent. I ordered another more durable plastic tape for around \$5. I am using it everywhere including organizing my workshop and labeling everything. Try it, I think you will love it. *Editor.*



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It's that time again; time to send in our 2019 dues. Annual fees are due by the end of January. The annual dues are \$50 for an Open membership and \$10 for those under 18 years of age. Fill out the form above, cut it out and mail it with your dues to Larry's P.O. Box. A check is the preferred method of payment as it makes Larry's job so much easier. Again, if you have a hardship let Larry know. He can help you work out a payment option. Just to let you know, Larry doesn't usually cash the checks until he has number of them.

Riverside Radio Control Club 2019 Dues

Name: _____

Mail Dues to:

Address: _____

**Larry Roberts
 P.O. Box 295
 Homeland, CA 92548**

E-Mail: _____

Check One:

AMA Number: _____ **Phone:** _____

\$50 (Open)

Make checks payable to RRCC

\$10 (Junior)