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Who's On Deck

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Editor's Note:

Chris Lewis



Wow! It's hard to believe that 2016 is done. And what a wonderful year it was with a lot of safe, fun flying and several new people joining. Now we get to do it again, only better in 2017.

I want to thank you guys again for accommodating my physical situation again by providing a parking space for me, my planes, and my chair. Thanks for also helping me build my confidence to fly by answering questions, and giving me input as I fly and land.

Wind Sock Chronicles

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Although 2016 was extremely problematic with UAS legislation, we expect 2017 to be as intense. Despite the fact that cities and states might have good intentions when drafting UAS legislation, many of these bills run afoul of federal authority and are unnecessary and harmful to our community's safe, responsible pilots. We are increasing our efforts to address these bills, ensuring that our members and the hobby can thrive free from unnecessary and overly burdensome regulations.

When we discover a new UAS bill or policy, we classify it into one of three categories: "red," "yellow," "green"—similar to a traffic light. Roughly 20% of the bills we see are in the red category and need to be stopped. These problematic bills are harmful to our hobby. For example, Chicago has an ordinance that charges a \$50 registration fee per model and essentially grounds the entire city as a no-fly zone.

Other communities, such as Jefferson, Wisconsin, are trying to make it illegal for children to enjoy the hobby of...
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model aviation. Although the Chicago ordinance has not yet been revoked, I am happy to share that, thanks to the help of local AMA members, the Jefferson "red" bill is unlikely to pass.

Approximately 30% of the bills we see are in the yellow category. Yellow does not mean we should allow a bill to coast into law.

Approximately 50% of the bills and policies are classified as green. Again, making a comparison to driving through an intersection as a driver approaches a green light, the driver should still be alert to his or her surroundings. When we see green legislation, we might not necessarily engage the author or legislative body, but we remain cautious and monitor the bill so we don't get T-boned while in the intersection.

We are increasing our efforts to better monitor all red, yellow, and green state and local UAS bills and policies being proposed that could affect our hobby in 2017. Our efforts are not only reactive, but when possible, proactive.

Upcoming Events:



Local Fun

Sailplane event coordinated by Les and David S.
New Flyer days being setup for public awareness
Swap Meet at Walkabout.....Mar. 4
Field CleanUp.....April 15, 22
Wild Card Night Thursdays.....May 5
Spring Fun Fly.....May 6 @ 10am
Drones Over McCauley Field.....June 24 @ 10am
Nat'l Model Aviation Day/.....Aug. 12 @ 10am
Fall Picnic.....Sept. 23 @ 11am
Toys-4-Tots Fly-In.....Nov. 4 @ 11am
Christmas Party.....Dec. ? @ 6pm
Polar Bear Fly.....Jan. 1/17 @ 11am

Abroad

KCRC Swap meet in Lee's Summit.....Feb. 4
Near club events at Eureka Springs date TBA
Eldon, MO. (LORCS) huge cancer benefit June 2

Fly-In High Lights

Well, being the first NL of 2017, I'd like to list the different committies and their members that will be coordinating our upcoming Special Events:

*New Flyer Days committee: David S. Kenny E, Chad, Mike L.

*Spring Fun Fly committee: John K, Chris L, Pat.

*Drones Over McCauley Fld committee: Jeff L, Randy C, David S, Chris L.

*Nat'l Model Aviation Day committee: Kenny E, Chris L, John K.

(NOTE: Everyone is encouraged to get involved even though a committee wasn't mentioned for an event,)

POLAR BEAR 2017



The Knee Board

Kenny Eckman



Basic “gound(air)” guidelines:

→ High speed passes should be done middle to far side of flying field. Please take care, especially the larger planes, not to crowd the flight line that is designated on field. We realize that the advanced pilots are experts in keeping control, but knowing that system’s can fail cause real concern to spectators. People that are in pit area may be prepping for flight and not be paying attention.

→ Starting of the fuel planes need to be done, on ground if preferred, in line with the tables. No taxi behind tables. “No taxi area” should be observed by electric also.

→ Remember to announce your intentions, take off, landing etc. We have a good number of people that are old farts and can’t hear nutin. So making sure you have their attention, is key.

→ No flying over road to the east. (Cheyenne road) And for sure the houses that are on the east side of road. This will created real problems for us as a club. They have asked us not to do this and if they complain to land owner we could be in jeopardy of loosing our flying site.

→ Also, it might be a good idea to check the battery switch on the plane. It gets scary when you have no control and it’s flying around peoples heads