



The **Crosswind Communicator**

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Snow again this morning. Today is February 24th and I am ready for things to start warming up. My flying has been very limited this winter. I know some of you are of a more hardy nature and have been flying regularly all winter. I am an over-50 flyer. (Not my age, at this point 50 is in the distant past) If the temperature is not over 50 I'm not flying.

New Dues Structure: By action of the new board of directors the dues have been reduced to \$105 for an Open Member and \$135 for a family membership. Changes in the CCRC bylaws were approved at the February meeting to implement the family membership class. There are now four classes of membership for CCRC. They are Open, Family, Junior and Student. The CCRC bylaws and field regulations are on the website. The revised bylaws giving the details of each membership class should be posted soon.

The events calendar is taking shape for 2015. We already have a number of activities planned.

May 24th is the CCRC Open House. We will need all hands on deck for this one. Please save the date and plan to help.

June 19th to June 21st is the IMAC event. Steve Sides is the CD. June 19th is the practice day with the competition on June 20th and 21st.

July 18th is the tentative date for Cub Day. Robert Underwood is the CD.

August 22nd will be our Warbirds event. CDs will be Bill Garner and Carl Mickey.

September 12th is the Electric Fly In. Mark Willard will be our CD for this one.

September 26th is the second annual CCRC Float Fly at Lynwood Lakes in Greensboro. This event is for CCRC members only. Tom Black is the CD. This year you may fly any type of power you like, electric, glow or gas.

October 10th will be a Golden Age event. The CD will be Ronnie Garris.

The FAA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for the use of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) was issued on February 15th of this year. Here is a link to the official FAA announcement.

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/Gov/nprm/sUAS-pressrelease-021515-FINAL.pdf> Also here is a link to the AMA press release on the announcement.

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2015/02/15/dotfaa-announce-proposed-rule-for-suas/>

The thing that I took away from all of this is that these proposed rules will not apply to us as modelers who are part of the AMA and CCRC which is a community based organization (CBO). Here is a direct quote from the FAA announcement.

The new rules would not apply to model aircraft. However, model aircraft operators must continue to satisfy all of the criteria specified in Sec. 336 of Public Law 112-95, including the stipulation that they be operated only for hobby or recreational purposes.

I hope all of you who have email received a copy of the AMA District IV Newsletter. If you haven't yet read it please pull it up and read it. Jay Marsh, our new district AMA VP has done a great job with this. He includes a section from Dave Mathewson on the NPRM announcement. If you did not receive this make sure you update your email address with the AMA.

So that's it for another month or so. Let me know if there is anything that you would like to see included in the newsletter. I hope many of you are working on a winter project. I would really like to have some photos to include. I know Mark told me he has a large P-51 that we will see later this year. I am working on an 83 inch wingspan P-38. I'm going with electric power for this one. At the pace with which I build (actually assemble- it's an ARF) I hope it will be ready by the Warbirds event in August. Here is a picture of the box art.



It arrived with a hole in the box. Can you see it? Nothing inside was damaged.