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## ERCA News and Information

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### COMMITTEES

Events  
**Brad Werneth**  
Noise  
**Frank Blain**

**AMA# 530**  
District 11

**Next CLUB Meeting** – Tuesday, January 26, 7 P.M at Abbys Pizza on River Road. Got a project? Bring it for show and tell.

**November meeting** – 17 members and guest were present. Club membership is 75. Youth member, Brendan Van Ryzin was approved as a new member.



### Old business:

Jim gave update on new well status and the progress being made on the Geotex runway.

### New Business:

2016 officers were Elected:

President	Roger Dahl
Vice President	Frank Blain
Treasurer	Jeff Lutz
Secretary	David Fenner
Safety Officer	Mike Burges

### Show and Tell:



Frank Blain brought in new landing gear.



Ian Berner and his RC truck with trailer to tow his airplanes.

**Correction** – Last month Show and Tell incorrectly listed Mickeys scratch build as a “Howard Hughes DGA-11“, it should have said “Howard DGA-11“. See page 4 for the Howard DGA-11 report.

**President's Report – Roger Dahl - [roger@artistry-in-motion.com](mailto:roger@artistry-in-motion.com)**

Hi all,

The new year is upon us, and the FAA and AMA are still trying to figure out this drone registration issue. The registration period begins on the 21st, but the AMA is now advising to hold off, but I would advise you to decide for yourself! I'd like to wish all of you Merry Christmas, and a Happy New year!

Roger Dahl

**Treasurers Report - Al Barrington - [albarrington@msn.com](mailto:albarrington@msn.com)**

It looks like we will be ending 2015 with 76 members after welcoming youth member, Brendan Van Ryzin.

Our Treasury balance is \$6,596.95, as of this report. In an effort to hand over to the new administration, the controls to this job as smoothly as possible, I've already paid the 2016 Field Lease, AMA Charter and insurance renewal fees. That's why the balance has taken such a hit since last month. The balance usually rebounds during the next few months as you renew your ERCA memberships for 2016. We currently have 25 members renewed. The deadline to renew without penalty is the March 2016 meeting. After that a \$25 reinstatement fee is charged because those members have to be resurrected from Inactive status.

This will be my final column as your Treasurer. After eight years of serving ERCA as both Secretary and Treasurer, I

look back over those years and see a lot of good progress that has been made by a great team effort. No one can fly a plane the size of ERCA alone and I'm honored and privileged to have served with such a professional team that knows how to get things done with great volunteer spirits and can-do attitudes. I humbly thank the entire club for your faith and trust in allowing me to handle the club's business, looking after your interests and landing us safely under budget.

I look forward to joining the member ranks and staying as active as my new mission, President of the Fern Ridge Kiwanis Club will allow. I will be available to assist in making the transition for the incoming Treasurer, Jeff Lutz and Secretary, Dave Fenner, as smooth as possible. Please give them the same great support that I have enjoyed over the past eight years.

As always, happy landings.

AL Barrington

Treasurer, ERCA

## 2016 Meeting Dates - Time 7pm

January 26	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	July 26	Tue - At the Field
February 23	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR	August 23	Tue - At the Field
March 22	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	September 27	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH
April 26	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	October 25	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH
May 24	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR *NH	November 22	Tue - Abby's Pizza Parlor RR
June 28	Tue - At the Field	December	NO MEETING

*\*NH – means NO HOST, you buy your own pizza and drinks*

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## ERCA Field Improvements started -



Second well down 15 feet. Flow not good yet, but working on it.



Geotex runway area rototilled, dragged and Roundup applied.

## WINTER FLYING RULES

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## Howard DGA-11 - Mickey Cohen

The airplane is a Howard DGA-11. It was a product of Howard A/C. The famous Howard was of course "Mr Mulligan".



DGA designation comes from one of the test pilots who upon return from the first flight said "This is a Damm Good Airplane" and Howard kept it.

Info about the Howard's. [http://www.airspacemag.com/flight-today/04\\_on2015-howards-dga-180956603/](http://www.airspacemag.com/flight-today/04_on2015-howards-dga-180956603/)

## FAA to require RC AIRCRAFT Registration

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE MESSAGE IF YOU FLY ANY RC AIRCRAFT.

The FAA has announced a registration process for hobbyists who fly RC aircraft. I STRONGLY suggest that EVERYBODY read the FAQ page they have (link at the end) and demonstrate that we modelers are responsible pilots by registering as soon as possible after the website opens on December 21, 2015.

Here are relevant highlights:

1. Registration is free for the first 30 days. You pay 5 bucks online via credit card and they refund it.
2. You only register YOURSELF, get a number and put it somewhere on each of your aircraft.

HERE IS WHAT THE FAA SAYS ABOUT THAT:

A. You will receive a unique registration number that applies to any and all UAS that you own. You must mark all of your UAS with the unique registration number before operating. A registration certificate that contains the unique FAA registration number, the issue and expiration dates, and the name of the certificate holder will be sent to your email address immediately.

B. You will receive a unique registration number, not an N-number, and you must mark the registration number on your UAS by some means that is legible and allows the number to be readily seen. The registration number may be placed in a battery compartment as long as it can be accessed without the use of tools.

C. You may use any method to affix the number, such as permanent marker, label, engraving, or other means, as long as the number is readily accessible and maintained

in a condition that is readable and legible upon close visual inspection. If your unmanned aircraft has an easily accessible battery compartment you may affix the number in that compartment.

3. You can continue to operate your RC aircraft as we have done for decades (<http://www.faa.gov/uas/faq/#qn2>).

HERE IS THE LINK TO REGISTER: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

#### **UPDATE - from AMA Dec 17, 2015**

Dear AMA Members,

Yesterday, the AMA Executive Council unanimously approved an action plan to relieve and further protect our members from unnecessary and burdensome regulations. This plan addresses the recently announced interim rule requiring federal registration of all model aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) weighing between 0.55 and 55 pounds.

AMA has long used a similar registration system with our members, which we pointed out during the task force deliberations and in private conversations with the FAA. As you are aware, AMA's safety program instructs all members to place his or her AMA number or name and address on or within their model aircraft, effectively accomplishing the safety and accountability objectives of the interim rule. AMA has also argued that the new registration rule runs counter to Congress' intent in Section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, otherwise known as the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft."

The Council is considering all legal and political remedies to address this issue. We believe that resolution to the unnecessary federal registration rule for our members rests with AMA's petition before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. This petition, filed in August 2014, asks the court to review the FAA's interpretation of the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft." The central issue is whether the FAA has the authority to expand the definition of aircraft to include model aircraft; thus, allowing the agency to establish new standards and operating criteria to which model aircraft operators have never been subject to in the past.

In promulgating its interim rule for registration earlier this week, the FAA repeatedly stated that model aircraft are aircraft, despite the fact that litigation is pending on this very question. The Council believes the FAA's reliance on its interpretation of Section 336 for legal authority to compel our members to register warrants the Court's immediate attention to AMA's petition.

While we continue to believe that registration makes sense at some threshold and for flyers operating outside of a community-based organization or flying for commercial purposes, we also strongly believe our members are not the problem and should not have to bear the burden of additional regulations. Safety has been the cornerstone of our organization for 80 years and AMA's members strive to be a part of the solution.

As we proceed with this process, we suggest AMA members hold off on registering their model aircraft with the FAA until advised by the AMA or until February 19, the FAA's legal deadline for registering existing model aircraft.

Holding off on registration will allow AMA time to fully consider all possible options. On a parallel track, it also allows AMA to complete ongoing conversations with the FAA about how best to streamline the registration process for our members.

In the near future, we will also be asking our members to make their voices heard by submitting comments to the FAA's interim rule on registration. We will follow-up soon with more detailed information on how to do this.

Thank you for your continued support of AMA. We will provide you with more updates as they become available.

Kind regards,

The AMA Executive Council

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## 2015 in review



On April 18th Al Barrington gave a presentation of ERCA and our activities during the Men's Breakfast at Fern Ridge Christian Church in Elmira. Special thanks to President Roger Dahl and Dale Barth for attending and bringing planes for show and tell, and assisting with the presentation

## Runway Sanded

On May 17th a small work party applied a layer of sand to the main runway. It was dragged, rolled and then the next day got some water.





2015 in review



Memorial Day Fun Fly - May 25



Friday work party - Covered area for sand spreader and roller constructed. Roofing material needed to finish it.



Redwing RC Monster Fest 2015 – August 21-23



Labor Day Fun Fly/swap meet - September 7th

--- That's All Folks ---

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