



Hangar Talk

The Official Newsletter of the **M**iniature **A**ero **S**portsters

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Happy New Year members! Hopefully better times are ahead. We hope you are all doing well and ready to enjoy the hobby this coming year! Lots of work is being accomplished in the background to keep our facilities functioning and available into the future. Stay tuned to Hangar Talk for the latest on the club and our field.



HOT ITEMS:

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Treasurers Corner

Dues are Due! Please renew at your earliest convenience. Deadline is March 31st. Also, you must be a **current** member with AMA to be eligible for membership at MAS. This is being verified.

Check payments should be **made out to MAS** and mailed to:

Bill Howlin
9940 Jasper St.
Commerce City, CO 80022

I will send you a new club membership card within a few days of payment. **Please make sure to include your current mailing address and AMA number.** Membership dues can also be paid using PayPal via the website miniatureaerosporters.org. There is a fee included to cover the PayPal costs if you are using this method.

The gate code will be changed on the last day of March so it's imperative we have your current email or mailing address.

Please **DO NOT** share the gate code with anyone! We suspect non-members are using the facility. Our insurance will not cover non-members!

Questions or constructive comments concerning membership dues may be addressed to Bill at 720-988-6336 or by email to bhowlin088@gmail.com.



Meeting Minutes / January 2021

- Meeting called to order via ZOOM by President Jeremy Wehner at 7:05pm on Thursday January 28th, 2021. Present was club President Jeremy Wehner, Vice President Mike Feitinger, and Board Members Larry Litsey and Lee Overholt. Total attendance was 9.
- Treasurers report was given by Mike Feitinger for Bill Howlin in his absence.
 - Checking: \$5,168.00; Savings: \$7589.13, more than 25 renewals so far.
- Old/Continuing business:
 - Dues are Due! Deadline March 31st, 2021.
 - The runway maintenance project continues to be tabled until April 2021.
 - The Wells Fargo accounts are being managed by Bill Howlin, he will be the executor on the accounts, as well as Jeremy and Mike F as cosigners.
 - Porta Potty status discussed. Will be addressed by Lee Overholt.
- New business:
 - Mike Feitinger commented that Bill Howlin is working on IRS 501(c) application. Should be completed soon. Cost will be \$600 when we decide to file. Still needs to be voted upon by membership.
 - FAA Final ruling on Remote ID for UAS was discussed. No impact on club for several years. Club will file for F.R.I.A. status when the time comes.
 - Larry Litsey brought up the desire to have Fun Fly events again or family day events this year. Mike Feitinger also commented on wanting to possibly coordinate with neighboring clubs to have Fun Fly events together. It was decided to wait for a few months before planning due to COVID and its potential impact on those plans.
 - Jeremy Wehner commented on potential meeting spots for 2021. He offered the use of a large meeting room in his home if needed. O'Meara Ford is still available when COVID restrictions end. No decisions were made.
 - Mike Feitinger mentioned that the website has been updated/corrected. The PayPal link now includes a fee to cover the expense of using PayPal for the transaction.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

January/ February 2021

Informal Snowbird Fun Fly

An annual tradition occurs every New Years Day here at MAS, club members make their way out to the field in the cold morning of January 1st to claim a first flight of the New Year. Usually an event called Snowbird is organized to have some fun and camaraderie , adding fun competition and also some good food. But unfortunately COVID did not allow the club to officially have the event this time, but that didn't stop some members from heading out there anyways, in the name of tradition.

So, since we knew there would be members flying *anyways* we decided to award to the ugly Snowbird trophy to one of those present. Bill Dewald happened to be the first one airborne that day so he was awarded the Honorary Snowbird Trophy! Congrats Bill! If you see Bill be sure and give him a hard time about it! (He likes that ;-))



Bill Dewald (right) receiving his "award". *More pics on the website..*

FAA Releases Final Ruling for UAS Remote ID

On December 28th, 2020 the FAA released the final ruling for Remote ID. The good news is that the final regulations are much kinder to the modeling community than what had been proposed originally. The AMA will be recognized as an existing “Community” through which all the current flying clubs will apply for and be recognized as F.R.I.A.’s, or FAA Recognized Identification Areas. As such, any model activity conducted at the F.R.I.A. by the members will be allowed *without needing a Remote ID installed*. This means we will be allowed to continue flying at our site just like we always have been without the members having to buy and install any equipment. The effective date of these requirements is still more than 2 years away and the Board of Directors will make sure the necessary actions are complied with when the time comes. You do still have to keep registering with the FAA like you are currently (don’t forget to renew).

The FAA registration website: www.FAADroneZone.faa.gov



Some photos from the field....





Serving the Northeast Denver Area, the Miniature Aero Sportsters flying site sits on 48 acres with a 500 foot paved runway. The club is open to all who have a current AMA membership. The Miniature Aero Sportsters consists of a group of individuals with a common interest in radio control aircraft. Club meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month. Meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm. All M.A.S. club members are encouraged to attend meetings, and to become actively involved in the club's activities

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