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**MEETING NOTICE**  
January 13, 2015  
7:00 PM  
Wausau Municipal  
Airport

## Coming Events

- Jan. 13, 2015 Monthly Meeting**  
Wausau Municipal Airport  
7:00 PM
- Jan. 31, 2015 Mall Show**  
Wausau Center Mall
- Feb. 10, 2015 Monthly Meeting**  
Wausau Municipal Airport  
7:00 PM
- Feb. 21, 2015 Winter Fly-In**  
Sunnyvale Park  
10:00 AM
- Mar. 10, 2015 Monthly Meeting**  
Wausau Municipal Airport  
7:00 PM



**Well its back to winter flying**

## Letter From the President

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you are all looking forward to prosperous and happy year ahead. Now that the holiday season has settled down some I can finally get back into the shop, I have pulled out the framework for one of the .25 size U Name It airplanes that I built some time ago but never covered. I am going to finish it with a .30 size OS electric motor and a nice blue, white, silver, and black trim. As a reminder to all Club members, the Mall Show will be on Saturday, Jan 31, starting at 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Setup will start at 5:00 PM on Friday, Jan 30. We are in need of one or two in-progress projects to display the work that goes into a model. Also, if you have an ARF that you could display, with the cover open, that would be great too. We will have our club trainers on display, with the boards that we used last year. Also, we need magazines to hand out, just as we have done in the past. Would you please bring them to the next meeting in January? Also, needed for the event are some volunteers for the day, or half days to man the tables and hand out items to interested potential modelers. Signup sheets will be available at the January meeting.

Don has been doing a great job of plowing the field, thanks Don. We have taken down the second cable gate at the field. This will stay down for the winter to assist with snow removal and to prevent a hazard to a snowmobiler if one should go through there. The lock has been removed and being stored off site.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our Annual Winter Fun Fly hopefully it will not be as cold as it has been these last few days. Also

I hope there is not as much snow as last year, that was a real pain to get through. Last month's meeting has a fantastic turnout I was pleased to see so many people there and thanks to Dustin Goulet for the nice display and demonstration of the quadcopters.

See you at the meeting  
Louie

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WAUSAU R/C SPORTSMEN CLUB INC.  
December 09, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Stark at the Wausau Municipal Airport at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was started with a round of introductions. There were 25 members present.

Minutes from the November 11, 2014 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Rich Eastwood and seconded by Ron Ernhardt.

### **Completed, In Progress Events and Program Reviews**

#### Festival of Trees

Set-up went well with plenty of help. There were only three guys helping with take down on Sunday.

### **Up Coming Events**

#### A. Mall Show

- Scheduled for January 31st
- Members are asked to think about models they can bring for display
- More discussion to follow in January.

#### B. Winter Fun Fly

- Date changed to February 21st
- Further planning to be discussed in January

### **Board of Directors Election Results**

The following officers were elected by the BOD for 2015:

President	Louie Stark
V. President	Ron Ernhardt
Treasurer	Dick Lehmann
Secretary	John Gosz

Louie made the following appointments for 2015:

Site Director	Dave Jaecks
Safety Director	Ron Ernhardt
Training Director	John Gosz
Contest Director	Bob Weller
Fun Fly Coordinator	Bob Weller
Swap Meet Coordinator	Louie Stark
Newsletter Editor	Rich Eastwood
Web Site Master	Jeff Manning
Annual Corp'n/Tax filings	Bob Weller
Food Committee Chairman	Parker Merrill

### Open discussion

- A. Louie reviewed the club calendar of events for 2015.
- B. Louie noted that the military is increasingly more interested in unmanned aircraft.
- C. There was some discussion about the increased use of LiPo batteries throughout our society with little to no concern for how dangerous they can be.

### Safety Tips – by Ron Ernhardt

- A. Based on historical observations regarding NiCd batteries, members should be suspicious of LiPo batteries that are priced well below normal. The cheap batteries may be quality control rejects even if they carry reputable brand labeling
- B. Ron highlighted two points from the AMA safety code'
  - Models are not to be handled in a careless or reckless manner
  - Modelers are to always yield the right of way to manned aircraft in the sky.

### Good of the Club

- A. Bob Weller has a Kadet Sr. for sale

- B. Members are asked to not drive on the field grass parking area during upcoming warm spells to avoid making ruts in the grass.

### Product and Airplane Reviews

- A. Shad Steppert had an old cricket helicopter for show.
- B. Dustin Goulet had several quadricopters with FPV capacities to show and discuss with the members. Clearly the technology is advancing faster than many of us were aware of.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM on a motion by Ron Ernhardt seconded by Don Paquette.

## Dues Reminder

Just a reminder that the club dues are due. These dues are used to keep the club running smoothly by paying for property rent, grass cutting, portable toilet, training program, Flypaper, Winter Fun Fly, Maintenance updates to keep the site in good order.

Thank You for your prompt attention to this task.

# Drone downer: Will new FAA rules ground recreational fliers?

BY [ALWYN SCOTT](#)

NEW YORK Fri Dec 12, 2014 5:02pm EST



A small drone helicopter operated by a paparazzi records singer Beyonce Knowles-Carter (not seen) as she rides the Cyclone rollercoaster while filming a music video on Coney Island in New York in this August 29, 2013 file photo.

CREDIT: REUTERS/CARLO ALLEGRI/FILES

(Reuters) - Americans shopping for toy remote-controlled airplanes or helicopters may find, sometime in the near future, that they come with unexpected accessories: A raft of new regulations.

The Federal Aviation Administration, by the end of the month, is expected to propose new rules governing small unmanned aircraft systems, the first major overhaul of its drone policy.

The agency is closely guarding details, saying only that the rules will cover a wide range of users flying aircraft or drones weighing 55 pounds or less.

But legal and policy experts who have advised the FAA and lobbied on drone regulations said they predict the new regulations will include restrictions on hundreds of thousands of people who fly quadcopters or toy planes in parks or backyards.

The focus on toy aircraft is a new twist. Such regulations have been in the works for years, largely because of pressure from businesses wanting to use drones for tasks such as aerial photography.

Experts said that based on existing drone guidelines, the new FAA rules, expected to take at least a year to kick in, will likely require, among other things, recreational fliers to either join a community-based model aircraft organization - or obtain authorization from the FAA. The rules also could place other

restrictions on people who fly drones recklessly, the experts said. If the rules omit discussion of recreational fliers, the experts added, that could sow confusion on what type of flying is allowed.

"There's basically going to be two options," said Richard Hanson, director of government affairs at the Academy of Model Aeronautics, who has lobbied Congress and advised the FAA on drone regulations. "You either participate in a community-based organization or you have to follow the rules as if you are commercial operator."

## RISKY FLIERS

Bona-fide hobbyists have gotten little attention, largely because Congress in 2012 exempted them from new FAA rules - provided they adhere to, among other things, the safety code of a community-based organization, such as AMA, which has more than 170,000 members.

But that carve-out doesn't apply to an estimated 300,000 people in the U.S. who have bought toy aircraft and are largely unaware of hobbyist association safety codes.

These casual fliers, including people who get a toy drone as a holiday gift, are blamed for dangerous flights near airports, stadiums and military bases. The FAA recently documented more than 190 close calls, including instances of drones flying within 50 feet of jetliners landing in New York and elsewhere.

"Unfortunately, there are lots of people who've bought these things at the local store or online who don't know anything about the AMA or its safety guidelines," said Ted Ellett, a former FAA chief counsel and head of the unmanned aircraft systems group at law firm Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C.

In the absence of rules, the FAA has largely relied on local and state police to prosecute risky drone fliers.

## GOING SOFT?

Experts say it makes little sense for the FAA to be softer on hobbyists than on commercial fliers, who have an interest in flying responsibly to avoid lawsuits and protect their brands.

"Drone technology is far surpassing the flying skills of the people who have them," said Paul Fraidenburgh, an aviation lawyer at Buchalter Nemer in Irvine, California. "The fact that someone is receiving money makes me feel safer about their operation."

Ellett, the former FAA chief counsel, said the FAA should issue clear definitions for flights that are exempt from the new rules - and those that are not. Otherwise, he added, confusion will be the order of the day.

The AMA has lobbied for the hobbyist exemption, arguing its members have an 80-year history of safe piloting, even with planes that are fitted with jet engines and can zoom at 200 miles an hour, the AMA's

Hanson said. Those enthusiasts are not the toy-flying amateurs who order a quad-copter from [Amazon.com Inc](#) that experts expect the FAA's new rule to address.

Hanson served on an FAA advisory group that recommended light regulation for drones weighing a pound or two but would ratchet up requirements for flying aircraft of greater size and power. He said his understanding of current FAA policy suggests the agency won't provide that kind of stepped regulation.

The AMA's safety code covers items the FAA has said should apply to hobbyists: not flying carelessly or recklessly, avoiding prohibited areas, staying below 400 feet, keeping clear of manned aircraft and not "flying directly over unprotected people." The AMA's \$58 annual membership fee includes \$2.5 million in liability insurance.

The FAA said at a congressional hearing on Wednesday it is trying to educate recreational fliers about safe flight, recognizing that final rules are at least a year away. In the same vein, Amazon has linked its online "drone store" to the AMA, the FAA and other sites with safety information.

(Reporting by Alwyn Scott, editing by Hank Gilman)



# WAUSAU R/C SPORTSMEN

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

INVOICE  
PAYMENT DUE 1/31/2015

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in completely for us to keep records updated. Thanks

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print )

**Check Type of Membership:**

- Regular.....\$50.00
- Junior( Under 18 & parent not a member) \$20.00
- Family ..... \$50.00 (list other names & AMA #)
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL TO: DENNIS LEWANDOWSKI  
1307 SHERWOOD CIRCLE  
WAUSAU, WI 54403

AMA and Club membership is required to fly at Sunnyvale RC Park.

THANKS..... Wausau RC Board of Directors



**AMA CHARTER CLUB #671  
WAUSAU R/C SPORTSMEN CLUB**

**Join in the excitement, it's fun  
for the whole family. See  
what's new in the RC world.**

**R/C MODEL  
AIRCRAFT SHOW  
- FREE -  
WAUSAU CENTER MALL**

**Saturday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 --- 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

**SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ◆ *See Military, sport, combat, trainers and acrobatic type planes*
- ◆ *Witness first hand how these model planes are constructed and equipped*
- ◆ *Club members will be available to answer questions about the planes or club activities*

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# Wausau R/C Sportsmen Winter Fun Fly

Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>  
2015  
Sunnyvale RC Park  
Wausau, WI



**Chili, hot dogs, sodas, hot chocolate and coffee will  
be provided free of charge. The  
shelter will be enclosed and heated to  
ward off any wind and cold  
temperatures  
Mother Nature throws at us.**



**There is no cover fee or pilot fees for this event  
All clubs invited**



# 2015 Club Calendar

<b>January</b>	1/01/15	8:00 AM	2015 AMA Membership card required to fly at Sunnyvale RC Park
	1/01/15	8:00 AM	Club Dues payable for 2015 to use Sunnyvale RC Park
	1/13/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
	1/31/15	9:00 AM	Mall Show at Wausau Center Mall
<b>February</b>	2/10/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
	2/21/15	10:00 AM	Winter Fly-In at Sunnyvale RC Park
<b>March</b>	3/10/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
<b>April</b>	4/01/15	10:00 AM	Flying permitted between 10:00 AM to Dusk until June 15
	4/14/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
	4/18/15	9:00 AM	Field Set-up for 2015 Flying Season
<b>May</b>	5/12/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
<b>June</b>	6/01/15	4:00 PM	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tune-up Clinic & pilot training begins, each Monday in June
	6/09/15	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at Sunnyvale RC Park
	6/15/15	8:00 AM	Flying at 8:00 AM to Dusk resumes through 3/31/16
	6/20/15	8:00 AM	Breakfast at Sunnyvale RC Park
<b>July</b>	7/06/15	6:00 PM	Dedicated training for new pilots continues each Monday in July
	7/14/15	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at Sunnyvale RC Park
	7/19/15	3:00 PM	Family Picnic at Sunnyvale RC Park
<b>August</b>	8/03/15	6:00 PM	Integrated training for new pilots with members flying each Monday in August
	8/04/15	6:00 PM	CHANGE - Monthly Meeting at Sunnyvale RC Park – CHANGE –
	8/07/15	9:00 AM	Field Set-up for Annual Fun Fly
	8/08/15	8:00 AM	51 <sup>st</sup> Annual Wausau RC Sportsmen Fun Fly-In
	8/31/15	6:00 PM	Last night for training new pilots training
<b>September</b>	9/08/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
<b>October</b>	10/13/15	7:00 PM	By-Law and Rule changes presented to membership – if any
	10/13/15	7:00 PM	Board of Director Nominations
	10/13/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
	10/24/15	9:00 AM	Field Tear-Down, Winterize as needed
	10/24/15	9:00 AM	Set-up swap and auction tables at St Matthew/Faith Formation School
	10/25/15	8:00 AM	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Swap and Auction at St Matthew/Faith Formation School
<b>November</b>	11/10/15	7:00 PM	Annual Corporate Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport
	11/10/15	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Election; Member of Year Selection
	11/21/15	10:00 AM	Set up Festival of Trees-Hospice Project-Stoney Creek
	11/29/15	4:30 PM	Take down Festival of Trees- Hospice Project-Stoney Creek
<b>December</b>	12/08/15	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at the Wausau Municipal Airport



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