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Club Calendar

Indoor Flying at Hudson High School	Feb. 18th, Mar. 11 & 25 6:30 pm till 9:00 pm
E/xpo in the UNI Dome	Feb 19 & Feb 20
Monthly Club Meeting at the Highway 63 Diner	Feb 22 7PM
Swap Meet & Fun Fly held by the Des Moines Modelaires	Mar. 19 9:00 am start

Winter Meeting Location

The winter meetings will be held at the Hwy 63 Diner at the corner of Ridgeway Ave and Highway 63 (Sergeant Rd) in Waterloo. Those who want to get together for dinner should get there around 6PM and the meeting will start at 7PM. If you don't want to have dinner, just show up at 7PM. You can also arrive at 6:45PM and order a desert or drinks.



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Next Club Meeting

When: February 22nd
Time: 7:00 pm
Where: Highway 63 Diner in Waterloo.



E/XPO in the UNI Dome

The largest flying arena in the Midwest!

This is it! The weekend for the E/xpo in the Dome.

Following are just some of the manufacturers supplying prizes to be awarded during the 2 day event.

- Model Rectifier Co.
- Air Thunder
- Power Cell Battery
- A Main Hobbies
- BP Hobbies
- Cermark
- HeliProz South
- Hobby King
- MAXX Products
- Thunder Power
- Hobbico
- Hobby Horse
- WM Park Fliers
- Hobby Lobby
- Dog RC
- Hitec
- Big Sky Hobby
- Tower
- FMA
- Hobby People
- Castle Creations
- Common Sense RC
- Horizon

News

* The Des Moines Modelaires will host their 17th Annual Swap Meet and Micro-FunFly at "Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, 510 East First St. in Ankeny on Saturday March 19th. The swap meet starts at 9:00am and the micro-fly starts at 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Jim Lewis:
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FAA Rules Watch Government Relations

For the past three years the AMA has participated in the rulemaking process aimed at establishing federal regulations for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS). We've worked directly with the FAA in an effort to ensure that these regulations will not have a detrimental impact on the aeromodeling community, and we are continuing to work with the regulators in an effort to safeguard the future of model aviation. The rulemaking process is very long and complex, and to date very little is known regarding the specifics of the proposed rule. However, the FAA is nearing completion of

the initial phase of the rule-making process and is expected to publish its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register in June 2011. The proposed rule will then be open for public comment. What we do know at this point is that the Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) recommended that there be a provision in the rule to allow model aircraft operations that are conducted in accordance with an FAA-accepted set of standards to be exempt from the rule. The FAA leadership in the Unmanned Aircraft Program Office (UAPO) has consistently held that this has been, and continues to be, its regulatory approach to model aviation. And during the past year and a half, UAPO representatives have been actively involved in providing guidance to the AMA in its effort to develop a set of standards that—if accepted and adopted by the FAA—will serve as an alternative means of complying with the new sUAS regulation.

As we near the public-comment period, it's extremely important that all

aeromodeling enthusiasts become aware of the issues at stake and the challenges that lie ahead. This AMA webpage provides much of the background material on the sUAS rulemaking issue and will serve as a resource to the AMA membership for current and relevant information as the regulatory and standards-development process progresses.

– Rich Hanson, AMA Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs Representative

Club Roster

If you have any address, email or phone updates for the Club Roster, please email the new info to bhrcp@cfu.net or mail it to Hank Schafer, 113 Allen St, Waterloo, IA 50701.

Breakfast

Some club members meet for breakfast on Wednesdays at 8:00 AM at the Hy-Vee by Kmart in the Cedarloo area. Everyone is welcome to join the group.

Those of you with ideas for possible articles for future editions of the news letter, let me know at the meetings. I will be setting up a special e-mail address for newsletter business in the near future.

Thanks,

Paul Johnston - Editor

