



TAILWINDS

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The RC Aces are affiliated with the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) Charter #1377. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month, Sept. through May at the N. Hampton Public Library at 7 PM unless otherwise notified. All members, spouses, potential members and guests are invited to attend !

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY AIRCRAFT CONTROL BY ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

2016 AUCTION

Huge Success! Thanks go out to all who participated in our annual auction in July. This affair does not just happen! It takes planning and participation by the membership. There has been a reduced amount of flying activity at the field this summer and it was not 100% that there would be enough folks to pull it off. President Jeff sent out an E and as a result of the replys by members we were a go. The day was showing some weather concerns but multiple checks by multiple smart phones said go for it. We did and were well rewarded. There was a huge amount of items being auctioned and a large estate of RC items brought in by Bill Horton of ABC Hobby in Windham NH. It was no doubt that these items were a key to the success. Thank You Bill and company. Neil did an excellent job in getting through the vast amount of items in a record time. Even the weather was not as hot as in years past—warm but bearable. The burgers and dogs were great and Chris handled all very well with members stepping in to help out. There were a number of other events going on that day but like I told somebody “auction folks are auction folks and it’s rare that they will miss one no matter what kind of event is in the next town.



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This newsletter contains pics from our recent auction. As you can see there was much activity & everyone had a good time Most of us bought more than we needed.



The message below was received from the AMA and hopefully clarifies any questions you may have with flying above 400 feet.

Dear Members, Our hobby has faced many challenges this year as we address an increase in government intervention and proposed regulations. AMA has been aggressively advocating for our hobby, and during the past few weeks, we've been happy to report successful progress. Today, our members have yet another AMA government advocacy victory to celebrate. There has been confusion among our members as to whether operations above 400 feet are permitted by the FAA. AMA has remained steadfast that the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (Section 336 of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act) permits operations above 400 feet if conducted within our safety program requiring the pilot to be an AMA member, to avoid and not interfere with manned aircraft, and to keep the model in visual line of sight of the pilot/observer. In January of this year, the AMA requested that the FAA clarify the 400-foot issue in writing. We are happy to share that in a recent letter to the AMA, the FAA recognized AMA's role as a community-based organization and acknowledged our safety program, including allowing flight above 400 feet under appropriate circumstances. In this letter, dated July 7, 2016, the FAA states:

"...model aircraft may be flown consistently with Section 336 and agency guidelines at altitudes above 400 feet when following a community-based organization's safety guidelines."

"Community-based organizations, such as the Academy of Model Aeronautics, may establish altitude limitations in their safety guidelines that exceed the FAA's 400 AGL altitude recommendation."

Essentially, this letter confirms that sailplanes, large model aircraft, turbines, and other disciplines can responsibly operate above 400 feet if the AMA member is operating within our safety programming. Equally important, the FAA again acknowledges AMA as a community-based organization. This victory falls on the heels of other successful AMA efforts, including an AMA member exemption from the FAA's Final sUAS Rule (Part 107), the removal of problematic text in the 2016 FAA Reauthorization Bill, and preserving the Special Rule for Model Aircraft through 2017.

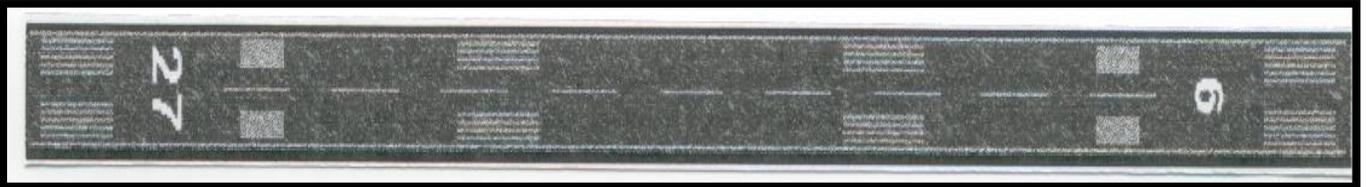
These successes do not transpire easily and our advocacy efforts are not over. We will continue to work with the FAA toward reducing the burden of registration requirements on AMA members. Throughout the next 14 months, we will continue to work with Congress toward a long-term reauthorization bill that will further strengthen the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.

We want to extend our appreciation to all of our members and donors for your support throughout this process. To read the letter from the FAA clarifying the 400-foot guidance, visit www.modelaircraft.org/gov.

Thank you,

AMA Government Relations Team

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NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING 9/8/2016 AT THE LIBRARY

THANK YOU BARBECUE! CLUB OUTING! AUGUST 21st

We will hold a barbecue at the field on the above date to say Thank You to the Boy Scouts and their families for the much appreciated rebuilding of the tables at the field. This was accomplished on June 21st and spearheaded by Joe Berard, club member, in pursuit of Eagle Scout Status.

We will also like to have members and spouses of the club join in the festivities where we will have trainer planes on hand for those who might like to try RC and hopefully some interesting airplanes flying from the members at large. If you are able to attend please send an E-Mail to Jeff Bullock to confirm.

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