



PROP WASH

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Last Meeting

Dec 14, 2017

Membership: 37
In Attendance: 14
Guests: 0

Topics

Raffle
Member stickers & cards
UAS Registration
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Indoor Flying
Website
Upcoming R/C Events?

Next Meeting

Thursday
Feb 15, 2017
7:00 PM

@Marc's

Enough members braved the cold and *Level 1* weather warning for an impressive turnout at our December meeting. And we were rewarded again with a pizza dinner!

Our **raffle tickets** were on hand, and distributed to several members for sale. Once all (275) tickets are sold, the drawing will be held. If you believe you can help sell a few, please contact Marc, or stop into Daniels Hobbies to pick up a few from him. For reference and promotion, a copy of the flyer will be sent along with this newsletter.

Several more members paid their dues for 2018, and received the new **LZRC sticker**, instead of a vehicle parking tag. If you pay remotely and don't get a sticker, just let me know next time we're together. I usually have them with me. **Membership cards** will likely be available in the spring.

In case you missed it, congress has reinstated the FAA's **UAS registration** requirement. There were questions regarding labeling, so to clarify, here is a paragraph copied from the FAA (Thanks, Norm)...

§ 48.205 Display and location of unique identifier.

- (a) The unique identifier must be maintained in a condition that is legible.
- (b) The unique identifier must be affixed to the small unmanned aircraft by any means necessary to ensure that it will remain affixed for the duration of each operation.
- (c) The unique identifier must be readily accessible and visible upon inspection of the small unmanned aircraft. A unique identifier enclosed in a compartment is readily accessible if it can be accessed without the use of any tool.

Norm also mentioned a resource that's available for your smartphone... the *B4UFLY* app. Offered by the FAA, here is the description given on the Google PlayStore:

"The B4UFLY app provides model aircraft users with situational awareness and considers the user's current or planned location in relation to operational restrictions to derive a specific status indicator. The color and shape coded status indicators inform the user if model aircraft operation is prohibited, requires the user to take certain actions, or if there are no FAA operating restrictions other than flying safely. All model aircraft operations must always yield the right-of-way to manned aircraft.

Key features include:

- Heads-Up Status View for quick "at-a-glance" review of current status
- Map Interface to plot nearby flight restrictions
- Planner Mode - an advanced feature to "plan" for different flight locations and times
- More Info - helpful links for using the B4UFLY app and additional FAA resources"

We had another discussion on **indoor flying** for this winter, but do not have a location yet, and Perkins Family Gym (managed by Norwalk Rec Center) was deemed too small. Marc left a message with Ehové and Norwalk schools, but had not heard back from them. Tim Lamb (of Huron Schools), advised Ryan Smith to have an officer contact him for possible use of school facilities. Marc has made initial contact with him, but we don't have an answer yet. If you are interested in indoor flying, or have any candidates in mind, please let us know.

The new website is nearly complete, and barring any unforeseen technical difficulties, should be accessible before our next meeting.

Until February, I'm still not aware of any other **R/C activity** in the area. So, I'll just keep a reminder of *Eagle Squadron's* indoor gatherings below. If you know of anything else, please let me know.

Eagle Squadron's Indoor Flying (Sunday's from 6:00pm to 9:00pm)

December 3,10,31; January 7,14,21,28; February 4,11,18,25; March 4,11,18,25
Location: St. Joseph Convocation Center. 333 Thoman St. (SR 61), Crestline, OH
Small electric aircraft only; AMA required
\$10 /season (Eagle Squadron members); \$5 /day for non members

At this time, there is no club meeting planned for January. So...

Our **next club meeting** is planned for **Thursday, February 15** -- 7:00 PM at Marc's.

Happy Holidays to you all, and see you in 2018!

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Secretary, LZRC



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