



Letter From The President

April 8, 2023

I will begin by introducing our club's newly elected officers who will be serving their respective positions January 2023 thru December 2025 contact information below:

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During the winter months our club holds its club meetings indoors due to the cool and stormy weather conditions. This year's three previous Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers Club meetings were held at 7PM in the Committee Room at Pocatello Airport on January 25, February 22 and March 29 2023.

Some of the topics discussed were:

- Morton Buildings/Idaho Power's decision to run above ground three phase electric power lines along Boeing Ave. on the east end of our club's favored runway approach.
- Repairing a water line leak in our club's sprinkling system.
- Building a new control box for our sprinkler system.
- Weed & rodent control at our flying site.
- Possible solutions to creating a dirt or grass runway that is somewhat compatible with take-offs and landings now our paved runway has been compromised for westward approaches.
- Discussion about McDonald Field in Blackfoot and its condition.
- Discussed our club's RC model car track, running water supply to the track and possibly building a new Rock crawling set-up.
- Our club's 2023 AMA charters for both Geisler Field and McDonaldville Field have been completed.
- Our club's 2023 lease agreement with the City of Pocatello is signed and renewed.

- Our club voted in the March 2023 meeting to forgo the Porta-Potty which will save our treasury \$500-\$600 per year. (Reason-the company's continued rising service cost.)
- The AMA has been designated as our (CBO) Community Based Organization.
- Our club's point of contact (POC) has been established with the AMA.
- FAA rules for Remote ID Compliance explained and discussed at all three meetings.
- FRIA application and (LOA) has been submitted to the AMA for review.

We encourage and welcome all members to our meetings held on the last Wednesday of each month. It is important to our club to hear all our member's ideas and concerns affecting the development and management of our club's flying site and RC model car track.

I would like to add that we have discussed the FAA Remote ID Compliance situation at every meeting so far this year. Right now it is basically a waiting game for us to see what the FAA comes up with on their September 16th, 2023 deadline. We know that they have already changed some of their previous deadlines with the RC hobby manufacturers giving them more time to develop technology that will comply with the FAA's restrictive rules. The AMA is handling our club's FRIA status with the FAA.

I want to express to all our members that our club is up to date and complying with all the rules and regulations as of date. We can go ahead and fly our planes as we always have done in the past and see what happens on September 16th, 2023 with the FAA's Remote ID Compliance rules. I happen to think that something may change the process or a later compliance date will be issued. Never the less go ahead and enjoy your hobby as usual. In reality for us the FAA's new Remote ID Compliance rules are not much different than what our club has been following for many years with the Pocatello Control Tower. We have always been under the control of the Pocatello Control Tower, so what is new to worry about? I am confident that the AMA will eventually issue our club FRIA status with the FAA.

As most members are aware; the approach to our paved runway from the east has been severely compromised by Morton Buildings power line running along Boeing Ave. In June of last year we made an agreement with the City, Morton Buildings and Idaho Power that we will not fly into or over the area of the power line. This is declared as a **NO FLY ZONE** and is an absolute requirement by all model pilots in our club if we are to continue our operations on the flying site.



Your ideas on solving our runway approach and landing procedures are needed. On calm days we can fly as usual approaching the runway from the west, but with any wind we need to take-off and land in an alternate direction. This may be something like a dirt strip that runs perpendicular to our paved runway. Once we have it flattened out good enough perhaps we could even plant grass on it to keep the weeds at bay. It doesn't have to be something fancy like a paved runway. Put your thinking caps on and let's figure this one out because it is a bigger problem than the FAA's Remote ID fiasco.

There may be other topics and concerns that I have not covered in this letter. As president I will be happy to address any of your questions at our club meetings or at the field. I hope this clears up any confusion that you may have and I wish to see you at the next meeting which will be held at the flying site April 26th, 2023 weather permitting.

For those who haven't attended the meetings for a while, below is an explanation of our club's (2021) adopted officer biennial election process and changes to club membership year and dues:

In 2021 our club's By-Laws were amended to simplify the club's election process to a biennial system in that officers serve two years and then progress to the next higher officer position; The Secretary/Treasurer advances to Vice President and the Vice President advances to becoming the new President. Every two years we vote in a new Secretary/Treasurer and the whole process starts over again. Our club's membership year now runs from May 1st to April 30th. Instead of January 1st thru December 31st. Dues may be sent or collected by our Secretary/Treasurer Scott Elliott or other club officers. AMA membership is also required and our club dues are currently \$75 per year.

Daniel Allen,
President of Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers club