

With the recent changes in law placing additional regulations on our hobby, it is important for the club to continue to update the members on how we are addressing these new requirements. Members and guests must keep their knowledge current and operate in compliance with all rules and regulations.

[Add a link to AMA Safety Handbook \(Doc# 100\).](#)

Reference: AMA Safety Handbook

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf>

AMA guidance on Page 4, Regulatory Compliance addressing the 8 statutory requirements of the FAA - Reauthorization Act of 2018 Section 349.

Reference: https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/

*We are in National Airspace under FAA supervision wherever we leave the ground. **“Individuals violating any of these rules, and/or operating in a dangerous manner, may be subject to FAA enforcement action”***

[Is OFMC putting together an application for fixed flying site with FAADroneZone?](#)

References:

*Reference: Aug 7, meeting notes ... **updates in AC 91-57C include a waiver process for sanctioned events, a process for higher altitudes at fixed flying site locations...***

Reference: FAA AC 91 - 57C

<https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2021/07/15/faa-releases-draft-ac-91-57c/>

Chapter 3.5 ...Fixed Flying Sites and Chapter 4. Sanctioned Events

(3.5.2 and 3.5.4) Larger aircraft >55lbs / turbine operations / above 400' altitude limits / aerobatics

[Post a link to our LOA with OCF \(Ocala ATC\) and add it to the Field Rules posted at the club main pavilion.](#)

Member / guest pilots are required to read and follow the provisions in our LOA when flying here over 400' so they are in compliance with the FAA / TRUST / AMA requirements. Having a sign off form included in our membership form may protect the club better in case of an incident involving an FAA violation of airspace restrictions from unauthorized or irresponsible pilots.

AMA references:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/atc-letter-agreement>

“You can determine your airspace classification on the FAA’s UAS Data map” (see maps)

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/laanc>

*...Under the FAA bill that Congress passed in 2019, **all model aircraft and drone operations within controlled airspace (Classes B, C, D and E) must be authorized by the FAA. For members operating at AMA club locations with established Letters of Agreement, the Letter of Agreement serves as your authorization.***

FAA references on UAS operations and identifying Class E airspace:

<https://youtu.be/CsrFQzSR2qo> - <https://vfrmap.com/> Maps from FAA UAS Data on a Map:

<https://faa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9c2e4406710048e19806ebf6a06754ad>

[Motion to make Ed Chartier an honorary lifetime member and provision his membership so that future BOD cannot revoke it.](#)

Have the club pay his AMA dues or take donations for his AMA membership so he is fully insured. This applies to all areas of the club and not just coverage by State Parks work comp when he's mowing.

Reference: Constitution: Article 4 Section 4

Publish BOD letters to rule violators in the members only section of the website.

Prior to the letters being sent, are recipients of letters contacted by the BOD or otherwise given the chance to state their side of the story to the Board and/or membership.

Reference: Bylaws Page 2 Section 1, B2 ...or at the direction of the Board for flagrant or continued violations of Club Rules or Regulations or of Club principles to the detriment of the club and/or hobby, or severe or continued violation of Safety Rules.

Did BOD send rules violations letters to the July jet unescorted group?

The BOD/club should consider revoking their future guest privileges and/or contacting AMA to request suspension or probation for flagrant violation of AMA and our club rules.

References: Aug 7 meeting notes. No one seems to know who's guest they were. Who opened the gate for them?

Field Rules Page 2 B2 – Non-Member Pilots must be either the guest of a member on premises or be in the Intro Pilots Program

Is 'rebuilding' aircraft in main pavilion the same as assembly, or a typo (re)building?

Reference: Field Rules Page 1 A6 – The club pavilion is for the use of members and guests.

Refueling, rebuilding and engine runs will be done outside of the pavilion.

Does flying above 400 feet require a dedicated spotter?

Reference: July 3, meeting notes “Flying with a spotter should be a known requirement for Jet pilots, however there are other instances where a spotter is useful”

Field Rules Page 3 Operations and Safety

...All model aircraft operation shall be in accordance with the official Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Safety Code, AMA “See and Avoid” Guidance, and the Ocala Flying Model Club Rules. All aircraft operating above or expected to operate above 400 feet are required to have a dedicated spotter for traffic.

Are memberships and/or guest privileges 'revoked' for members or guests drinking alcohol in the campgrounds?

Reference: Field Rules Page 1 A3 – Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs (or use thereof) are strictly forbidden at the Flying Field. Persons violating this rule will be immediately ejected from the field and have their OFMC membership or guest privileges revoked.

In the past, selective enforcement of rules led to member distrust of the BOD and diminished volunteer participation. Equitable rule enforcement should focus on:

- Safety of members, guests, and property
- Maintaining our chartered flying site status with the AMA
- Compliance with the FAA regulations,
- Maintaining our lease with the Florida Greenways.

Request to have my notes included in the meeting minutes posted as submitted.

Paul Manning

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