

Greetings Fellow Club Members,

What a year this has been. Like myself, I'm sure most of you are looking forward to better times in 2021. The COVID pandemic has affected just about every area of our lives as well as how the AMA and we as a club have had to function. We have canceled some meetings this past year and have had to cancel each of our three sanctioned events. I don't ever remember a time as a club member where we have had to ever cancel even one event. At least not during my time as a club member. The good news is that all of our events are already re-scheduled by AMA for next year without any additional charge. So, we are set with our three sanctioned events for 2021.

For safety reasons, we will be canceling all meetings including our Frozen Finger Fly-In this coming Jan 1st. I really hate to do this, but I feel that, at this time of rising COVID cases in our area, it would be best to do so. The safety of our club members is the top priority. Once things calm down with this pandemic, we will resume normal meetings. Larry has posted this on the club's web page.

Now for some positive news. I recently had the blessing of getting to talk with Roy Sees. Many of you may not know Roy, but he has been a life member of our club for many decades. Roy is 102 years old this year and still going strong! He is quite a guy. In the past Roy has been integral part of the club as a member as well as holding officer positions. Some of you may have met Roy, as he sometimes shows up at the field just to watch us fly. If you see him and get a chance to talk with him, don't pass up the opportunity. It's always a privilege to talk with older folks and soak up some of their wisdom. 😊

Bill Berry and Dan Moorehead have been helping the club work toward pricing materials for a runway for our more miniature aircraft. This runway will be ideal for our small electric planes with small wheels. It will be much larger than that nasty bumpy narrow strip that we currently have. The runway will consist of a fabric sheet that will go down over some sand and plastic to kill the grass and smooth the ground out. Bill is applying for a grant from AMA that will help pay for a portion of overall cost, provided we are awarded the grant. This is why many of you have received emails asking your opinion on a one-time dues increase from \$35.00 to \$70.00 to help the club pay for the cost of materials, etc. for the runway. If you haven't responded to that, please do so we can get an idea of how much support for this effort we will have. If all goes well, we may be able to begin putting this runway together in the spring. By the way, I do not have up to date email information for several of you. If you did not receive an email, this is most likely the reason. When your information such as email address, phone, address, etc. changes, you need to let me know so that I can keep our club roster up to date. This will ensure that you are kept up to date also, when we do a mass email.

If any of you are working on any winter build projects, please consider taking some pictures and sending them to Larry Smith so that he can put them on our web site for others to see. Also, any modeling tips/tricks that you think others could benefit from would be great to have on our web site.

As the Holidays are upon us, I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that the COVID pandemic does not hinder your holiday plans too much. I am hopeful that 2021 will be a much better year for our club and I hope to see you all soon.

STAY SAFE!