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# Balsa Dust

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\*\*\*\*\* **NEXT MEETING** \*\*\*\*\*  
**DATE:** *Thursday January 14 2016*  
**LOCATION:** *Honeoye Public Library*  
**TIME:** *7:00 PM*

**Club Meeting January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Honeoye Library**

## **Remember Dues are Due**

As you are probably already aware we received our Christmas present from the FAA. As most of you know I am not a fan of big government and I am not a happy camper. Nothing frightens me more than a bunch of bureaucrats connected to a keyboard writing regulations on a topic most if not all of them know nothing about.

This is another case of the government getting more into your day to day living. This time it is our hobby. As far as I can see the FAA ignored the legislation Congress passed to exempt model airplanes. I suppose it could have been worse. They could have banned all models. I would not be surprised at some point in the future that may happen. We have had an AMA rule that our name, address, phone no. and AMA number be included in the model for as long as I have been flying. After probably millions of our tax dollars having been spent the “**brain trust**” came to the same position we have been practicing for years only they are going to now register us. I don’t know if it was Edison or Einstein that said insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different outcome. The people that are causing the problems that initiated this did not follow the AMA guidelines so what makes the FAA feel the problem will be corrected with this change.

A question I have is if the FAA is registering us rather than our planes, why is there a three year renewal? Another question I have is what might I need to purchase a plane in the future i.e. Driver’s license, birth certificate or a note from my mother and how would they plan to control scratch built planes.

As long as you want to enjoy the hobby and fly as long as the FAA will let you, you will need to register. To the best of my knowledge if you register prior to Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> you will be reimbursed the \$5 registration charge. The deadline for registering owners of existing planes is Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2016. I have heard some rumblings that the site you register on is not secure. I have no firsthand knowledge that this is true but with what happened with Obama Care it would not surprise me.

**I would also write your representatives in Washington and, raise holy hell.**

Happy flying. Big Brother is now flying with you.

I hope to see you at the meeting and the Frozen Finger Fly.

## From Pete

*(Pete sent me some photos of the planes he is planning to build this winter).*

I put the finishing touches on the Extra today. Got her balanced and ran the engine in. The DLE 30 runs like a champ. I'm really starting to become a fan of those engines. Got my first Winter project done before Winter even started. Gonna be a productive building season I think...



These are next on the building schedule...

Hangar 9 1/4 scale PA-18 Super Cub ARF, 106" wingspan, Zenoah ZP26...



Seagull Models Gee Bee Z ARF, 71" wingspan, DLE 30...



Clipper ARF, 28" wingspan, Cox .049 (no electric nonsense for me)...



Pete will need a trailer to come flying and probably another trailer to bring the fuel required for a days flying.



Plane of an RCCR member who joined us for flying.



Jim and his spotter. How about the smooth water.



Assembling the plane.



Max getting his electric ready for a flight.



Jim's lightweight getting off the water. It really has an anti-gravity device inside.



Doug discussing the NEAT Fair with two other sparkies that weren't able to make it...