

Happy 2019 to all my LCAA family!

I hope your holidays were great and you got some cool new hobby related toys.

I'll start with our public service announcements:

1. Although the elections were tense, no blows were thrown, at least by the candidates. I am happy to report that all positions have been filled by enthusiastic and upstanding members of the club.
2. Next club meeting this Tuesday, TOMORROW, 1/8/19 at 7:30. Join us at the North County Governmental Center (Reston)!
3. No deer hunting in January (After the holidays the deer needed a break, so this won't start up again until February).
 - a. February dates for hunting are 1st, 8th and 15th so the field is closed to us.
4. The driveway between our fence and the picnic tables is very soft and muddy. We've placed a picnic table at the entrance. Please don't move the table or drive back in there for now.
5. All the lock combinations have been changed as did the password for the website membership page. If you want to know what the new combination is renew your membership and it will be on your new membership card. Renew now and you can fly in the snow with us.
6. The park staff brush cut the field to the left of us near the port-o-let. We did a quick sweep for planes\parts but didn't come across anything, so we are either improving as pilots or the deer are stealing our downed planes.
7. There was an issue with the charging station over the holidays and our crack team of engineers removed the defective battery and reset the charging station. It is currently working well for 3 cell batteries and will be completely back in action in the next few weeks. For now, those of us with larger batteries need to be prepared to use our car batteries to charge just like in the old days.

Recently there were questions about the required FAA registration policy\process and a few board members looked at the FAA website to help make the information clearer for everyone. There are two FAA registrations that we concern ourselves within the club. The very common Section 336 and the not as common Section 107. In short, unless we are flying for business or First-Person View (FPV) we all just need to have the 336 registration. If you are flying for a business or you are flying FPV, without the use of a buddy box, you will need the 107 certification. Please see the PDF file Dave E put together for us on our Club Info page under [General Information](#) for Registering with FAA for UAS.

I brought this up last month and still think it's a great idea.

Any thoughts about **"everyone"** building the same kind of Flite Test or another inexpensive plane to combat with next year? Flite test has lots of planes that are cheap, quick, cheap and easy to build. I'm sure we all have enough "spare" parts in boxes to use for one of these planes. Would you like us to host a build event? Let me know. Do you have a favorite Flite Test model? Let me know. Would you rather I pick out the plane? Let me know and then I'll let you know.

See you on the field

Jeff

The Airbag guy