

# PROP KICKS

The Voice of the Cloud Kings



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**AMA # 579**



*From the President's Bench*

*Bill Brueckman*  
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This year, our annual picnic scheduled for Saturday Aug. 23.

We will be starting at 3:00 P.M. And eating about 4:30-5:00 o'clock, to take advantage of the cooler time of day and evening flying conditions. The club will supply the chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas. You are asked to bring a covered dish or desert and a lawn chair.

Congratulations to our youngest member Tommy Bedsole for resurrecting and flying the AT-6 from Bob Flings estate. Great job Tommy.

A special thanks goes out to Buddy Harlan for keeping the grass trimmed around the flying stations and to Roger Smith for taking care of the trash at the field.

Our next club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Aug. 13, 7:00 o'clock, at the field. Come early and get some flying in.

See you at the field,

*Bill*



*The Editor's Desk - Mike Denest*  
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Did you send your comments to the FAA?

Regardless of our club's location at West Field, you probably thought that what we do has no affect to the safety of the National Airspace System . This is nothing further from the truth!

The FAA interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, will prohibit First Person View, how and where you fly and product demonstrations by the hobby manufacturers and distributors to name a few. Plus, it leaves the door open for the FAA to create new regulations and enforce those that have not been a significant issue in the past. The comment period expired on July 25 but if you did not comment, send your concerns to your elected representatives now!

*Mike*

## ***Submissions to Prop Kicks***

Prop Kicks is a bi-monthly publication of the Cloud Kings RC Club. Your pictures, ideas, articles are needed for publication. Send your submissions to me, [Editor@Cloudkingsrc.org](mailto:Editor@Cloudkingsrc.org). Please submit your articles and photos in electronic format by e-mail or cd.

# FAA extends Interpretive Rule comment period

At the request of the AMA, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted a 60-day extension to the public comment period (Docket No. FAA-2014-0396) for FAA's Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft established by Congress as part of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. The 60-day extension establishes the new deadline for comments as September 23, 2014.

In the Department of Transportation-FAA notice due to publish in the Federal Register Friday, 7/25, the FAA noted the following...

*“On July 16, 2014, the Academy of Model Aeronautics submitted a request to extend the comment period by 60 days, citing the need to “educate the aeromodeling community, clarify the issues, and respond to questions regarding the impact that the interpretive rule has on various aspects of the modeling activity.” The FAA agrees that additional time for the submission of comments would be helpful, and therefore has decided to extend the comment period until September 23, 2014. The FAA expects that the additional time for comments will allow the affected community to prepare meaningful comments which will help the FAA to determine what clarifications to the interpretation may be necessary.”*

If you have not submitted your comments to the Federal Aviation Administration, now is the time to do so. The FAA's interpretation concludes with the statement that an unknown number of aviation regulations “may apply to model aircraft operations, depending on the particular circumstances of the operation.” Regarding First Person View, FAA's interpretation says that the person operating the model must use visual sight only; goggles or viewers are prohibited. The language of the 2012 statute concerning “within visual line of sight” indicates how far away a person should fly the model aircraft, not what method of control may be used for the recreational experience. The FAA's Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft restricts people who are flying model aircraft from receiving any payments. For decades, people have been paid by hobby companies for promotional or product development purposes and have participated in contests and competitions that have cash prizes. These payments do not change the underlying recreational purpose of the overall activity or make the hobby any less safe. The FAA's very narrow interpretation of "hobby," dug out of dictionaries rather than an understanding of actual hobby in question, will change model aviation for the worse with no public benefit. The FAA's interpretation appears to require any person with any size model aircraft to ask authorization from air traffic control before flying it, if within 5 miles of an airport. This is a new requirement for model aircraft, contrary to Congressional intent. The FAA has not offered any guidance as to what is considered an “airport” and whether that includes rarely used grass strips and helipads. If so, how do I reach the airport controller when no one is there? In another part of the interpretation, the FAA suggests that certain “classes” of airspace may govern what permission a model aircraft operator needs. This is confusing and unclear, and imposes many more obligations upon hobbyists than they ever had before, in contradiction to Congress's intent.



## Scene at the Field - Night Flight



Scene at the Field - Kaos between flights. Where is everybody?





# Buy and Fly - June 14









## And on the Bench

Rich Kline does it again. Rich says, “Here is the latest escapee from the cellar. It has a Bird of Time wing on a Paragon fuse. It is powered by an 800 kv motor with a 14" Robbe folding prop and a 4C 5000 pack with a 60 amp esc. All up weight is 5 lb. exactly.”



Send us some flight photos Rich.

**Silent Knights Soaring Society**  
**Presents**  
**8th Annual**  
**"Great American**  
**Aerotow"**  
**August 21st~24th**

*Yes we were crazy enough  
to do it again!*

Towplanes available to tow everything from little foamy gliders all the way up to the "big stuff"

The SKSS field is located on Paper Mill Rd in Newark, Delaware just minutes off I-95 in White Clay Creek Park

Barbeque lunch available Saturday and Sunday for pilots and crew  
Towing fees will be \$15 for one day or \$40 for all four days.  
Since we fly in the State Park system there is a daily fee of \$3 for Delaware registered vehicles and \$6 for out of state vehicles  
For directions and more info check our web site

**skss.org**

Online registration along with directions and additional info can be found at



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**October 11, 2014 at West Field, Oxford, PA**

A fun fly for all types of aircraft featuring vintage, antique and the latest radio control airplanes, everything from foamies to giant scale. 8:00AM to 4:00PM, rain or shine. Pilot registration \$10.

AMA Sanction #915. All AMA members welcome, pilots must present current AMA membership card. Mandatory pilots briefing 0900 hours. Lunch available on the field. Awards for Vintage RC Society Concours, Society of Antique Modelers Concours. Pilots Choice, Best of Show and Best Ugly Stik in all it forms.

**Directions to West Field**

**<http://www.cloudkingsrc.org/site/flying-sites/west-field>**

**For more information, contact:**

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For Sale - Lots of stuff left from the Bob Fling estate.



## *Calendar of Events*

Club meeting - August 13 7:00 PM  
West Field. Flying before the meeting.

August 23 - Club Picnic West Field

August 21 - 24 Great American Aero  
Tow SKSS White Clay Creek State Park

October 11 - Octoberfest West Field

December 6 - Christmas Lunch