

Radio Waves

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Membership meeting at the field
10 AM August - hot dog lunch after meeting
Next Float Fly Sept 9



President's Points

Hope everyone is doing well now that we're into the heat. Didn't seem like we had much of a transition from the cold, but I guess that's the way it sometimes goes. Don't forget to bring plenty of sunscreen and fluids to the field to stay hydrated. And keep an eye out for snakes.

We'll be throwing some Dodger dogs on the spit at the field this Saturday the 12th while we have a member meeting at 10am.

The tire donut mystery on our taxiway and runway has been solved. A group of mini bike riders have been using our facilities one or two days a week in the afternoons. anyone witnesses these joy riders vandalizing our property they are welcome to call the Sheriff's Department, Parks Division, at **213-974-8000**.



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Earle will be bringing the new club tee-shirts to the meeting this Saturday. We saw some at the Board Meeting and they look good. I have dibs on 2 2xl shirts and I think they're \$12 apiece (sizes 2xl - 4xl \$14).

The next float fly is coming up on September 9 from 8am to 2pm. Lunch will be served around 11. Look forward to seeing everyone at the events.

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FRIA / Remote ID Update



The Remote ID (RID) regulation (Part 89) is still set to take effect September 16. This (basically) requires all remote controlled aircraft over 250 grams in weight to broadcast location and other information to enable an airspace traffic safety system. One exception is aircraft flown in an approved **FAA Recognized Identification Area** (FRIA). FRIA applications must be submitted through a Community Based Organization (CBO), in our case the AMA.

Flight at non-FRIA locations will require the use of a factory installed or add-on RID device. So far the available devices are meant to be used with drone flight control boards, and stand-alone devices are few and expensive. General aviation ADS-B devices are NOT allowed.



We submitted a FRIA application for our main field at the very beginning of the process. We also submitted an application for the float fly area.

AMA has confirmed that our first application was submitted to the FAA. There is no current list of applications that have been approved or denied. AMA says they have submitted 1200 applications and have 300 pending and 200 have been approved. That is all the information that is available at this time.

We will keep membership advised of any developments as they occur.

Tire Damage in Pits

We have been plagued with tire tracks (donuts) in our pits over several months. Some of these have melted and damaged the asphalt. One of our members at the field in the afternoon witnessed a group of people with mini-motorcycles riding roughshod in our pits.



Photos were taken and the Sheriff took a report.

IF YOU WITNESS SUCH ACTIVITY CALL THE SHERIFF'S PARK DIVISION AT 213-974-8000. FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT CONFRONT THE PERPETRATORS.

Float Fly Sept 9

September Float Fly will be back at the Area 5.

We have scheduled Float Flys for every other month. If you do not have a float plane, now is the time to get one. See the SFDRCM website for information on float flying and buying or building floats.

It is important to obey all rules so that we do not jeopardize our privileges at the lake.

Members and Invited guests only allowed to fly. Current AMA card required.

Spectators always welcome. You pay your own park entry fee \$5 per car seniors, \$10 per car others. Club collects \$10 landing and lunch fee. Flying from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; may end earlier if activity slows.



Driving on the walkways to load and unload only is ok, but no parking. Drive SLOWLY and carefully. Obey any instructions by lifeguards or park personnel.

No taking off or landing from the land, no flying over land.