Next meeting Saturday May 11 at 12 PM At the Field

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 11th at 12:00 noon at the field. (Weather and field conditions permitting) As it gets closer to the date, we'll keep you updated. Bring something you've been working on over the winter for show & tell.



MESSAGE FROM JOE SUAREZ

As many of you know I have had some issues with my left eye, so after losing more of my vision I finally went and had some testing done. It turns out I have a brain tumor which is sitting on my optic nerve and needs to be removed. May 17 will be my surgery. It is a long procedure followed by five days at Roswell & three months recovery. It is not cancer, thank God!

Kevin and I have agreed that he will be taking over the club for now. I hope to get some flying in before the surgery but I have a lot of things to take care of...

So keep smiling, always land wheels down & keep your fingers out of the prop lol...

See ya soon,

Joe



FIELD CONDITION REPORT FROM KEVIN - 4/29

Field is looking good!

Well.... Except for the ankle killer ruts.

After the rain comes this week, we are looking to schedule it for a roll and a trim so it can be ready for the meeting on the 11th.

The road is soft but mostly dry as is the parking area, but it is full of ruts that someone created by being impatient and driving back there when it was wet. So much so that it is not safe for some of our unsteady members to walk through (or me for that matter as I almost twisted my ankle.)

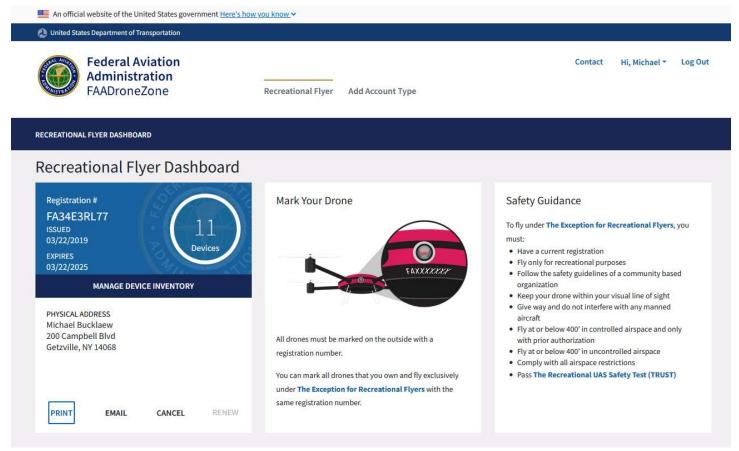
For now, I would say stay off it until the meeting unless you want to walk a plane back from the road carefully.

After it's cut, we will set up the stands and fences so they are ready for the meeting.



DRONE ZONE

FAADroneZone is the official FAA website for managing drone services. By creating an account and logging in to https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/ you can check and renew your registration, maintain your UAS inventory, find information on places to fly, etc. After you log in you can launch the drone owners and pilots dashboard:



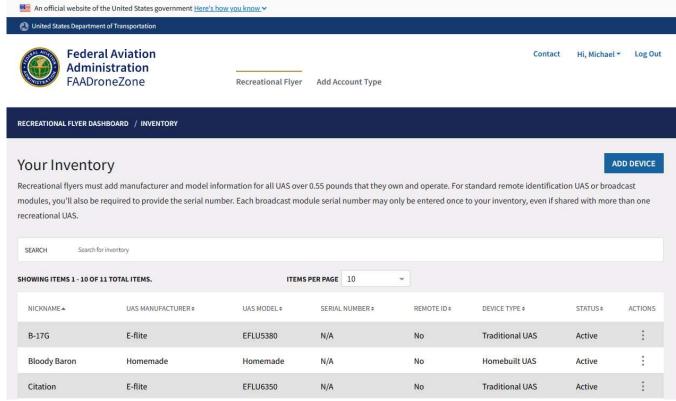
This is what mine looks like. I can see my registration number, when it expires and that I have 11 aircraft in my inventory. If you click on "Print" you'll see a copy of your registration certificate. You should probably print one out and keep it with you when you fly. I've got about a year to go before mine expires. You don't want to click "Cancel" unless you're giving up the hobby.:



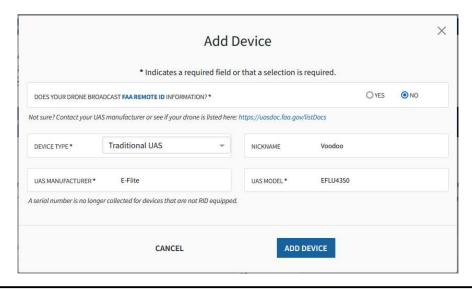
You can also click "Email" to get a PDF copy of your certificate emailed to the email address you used when you registered.



Jeff Shepard talked me into getting one of the UMX P-51 Voodoo Mustangs. I love it. It's fast but gets "small" quickly if I'm not paying attention. I needed to add it to my inventory by clicking on "Manage Device Inventory":

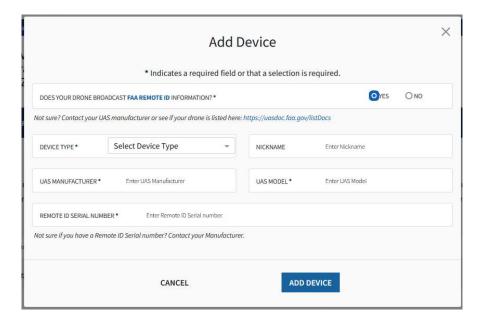


You can see my first three planes. Clicking on "Add Device" I'll start putting my new plane in. This plane doesn't have built in remote ID so I'll check the "No" box. For "Device Type" I have the choice of "Homebuilt" or "Traditional" UAS. The Voodoo is "Traditional". (My Bloody Baron was homebuilt). The manufacturer is "E-Flite", the model is EFLU4350 and my nickname for it is "Voodoo". By clicking "Add Device" I've finished adding it and now have 12 planes in my inventory:

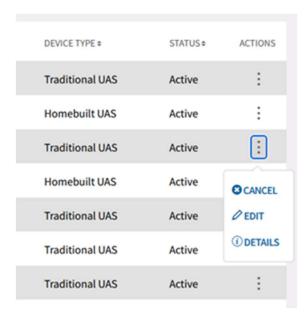




If you go to add a UAS with remote ID capability (Checking the "Yes" box) it will also provide a field for you to enter the remote ID serial #. I don't have any of these yet:



I've created labels to mark all my planes. Only the registration # is required but I put my name, address and phone # on them as well. "Just in case". If you need to make changes to your inventory such as changing a nickname or removing a plane (hopefully because you sold it or gave it away and not because you lost it or had to bring it home in a garbage bag) you would click on the three dots.:

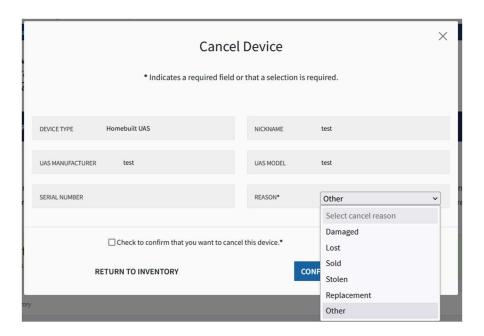


"Details" shows you the information for that one line. "Edit" lets you make changes. "Cancel" removes the device from your inventory. You do get to confirm the cancellation by checking a box and clicking "Confirm":









Stay safe:

Safety Guidance To fly under The Exception for Recreational Flyers, you must: Have a current registration Fly only for recreational purposes Follow the safety guidelines of a community based organization Keep your drone within your visual line of sight Give way and do not interfere with any manned aircraft Fly at or below 400' in controlled airspace and only with prior authorization Fly at or below 400' in uncontrolled airspace Comply with all airspace restrictions Pass The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)