



# 95th Street Group Newsletter

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## The President's Corner

**M**y thanks to Jerry Brown and all the officers, present and past, for their time and hard work for the club. Jerry has been an enthusiastic leader and has worked hard to keep the field in great shape and the club in good order. He has also kept me and others busy on many of the chores and projects that he often dreamed up. With the help of Steve Swagerty, the other officers, and all our members I hope to do a good job of leading this great club.

### Club Meeting

The annual meeting on the 2nd of January was "spirited" to say the least. The issue of declining membership and the resulting decline in revenue was the core issue.

Possible solutions were many. The result of these discussions was the appointment of a committee of five members to recommend changes to the Bylaws that would make it easier to recruit new members and to increase the number of members. The recommended changes to the Bylaws will be presented to the membership in advance and will be voted on at a Special Meeting that will be scheduled in the very near future.

### Recruiting New Members

We are also planning to promote our club more aggressively and effectively. The following are planned or are already being done.

- Jerry Brown has creat-



ed a "club promotional flyer" that highlights the merits of the club and our field. He has given a few to Steve for display and hand out at Hobby Haven. Others will be placed where they may do some good.

- Jerry is also having some hats made with the club's logo. Anyone wishing to purchase one of these high-quality ball caps, call or text Jerry at: 816-260-3676.

- Richard Travers has

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### Special interest item:

## 95th Street Work Day

**Saturday  
April 27, 2019  
Bob Miller Field  
De Soto, KS  
9:00 AM**

Rain/wind date is the following  
Saturday 5/4.

## FAA Registration Renewal

**O**n December 12, 2017, Congress reinstated FAA registration for all unmanned aircraft weighing between 0.55 lbs. and 55 lbs.

Many of us had received our registration number before this December 12th date and we expected that the time to

renew was coming soon. However, due to the ruling in the US Court of Appeals, those who obtained an FAA registration number before the December 12, 2017 date, will have their registration expiration date extended to December 12, 2020.

The only caveat to this rule appears to be for those individuals who specifically requested that his or her name be taken off the FAA registration database.

If you requested to have your name and personal information removed,

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### The Presidents Corner (cont.)

*...additional ideas on how to promote the club? Give one of your officers a call.*

obtained the address "95thstgroup.org" and plans to get a website up soon.

- Richard is also looking into ways to enhance our presence on the AMA website.

- Jerry and Ryan are planning to promote our club at the Desoto indoor flying on Saturday nights. This event is held at the Desoto Rec. Center (Old Middle School) from 7 to 9 pm. Call or text Jerry for more information.

That's what we are doing so far. I'm sure there are some other great ideas out there. Anyone with an idea

of how to promote our club and recruit new members, give me a call to discuss it. If you know anyone that you would like to recruit, introduce them around and we will help.

#### Work Day

Work day will be Saturday April 27th at 9:00 AM and alternate date is May 4th.

#### Freeze Fly

The Annual Freeze Fly was well attended given the conditions. It was also brief. See the article in this newsletter.



*"I don't care if it's January 5th, I'm wearing my T-Shirt!"*

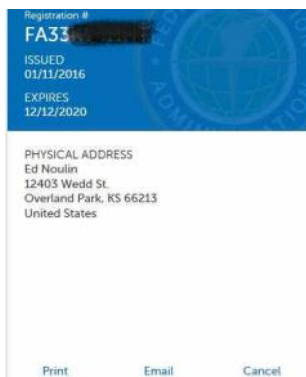


### FAA Registration (cont.)

*...if still in the FAA's UAS registration database, this site will allow you to view your registration information.*

you no longer have an FAA registration number in the system.

If you happen to be among the group that are uncertain whether or not you have a valid FAA registration, you can access your FAA account at their website.



number and expiration date. You'll get something that looks like the image at the center.

If you're not in the FAA's UAS registration database or the system is simply messed up, you'll likely get an error message.



*Oops...do I need to register this thing first?*

Go to the link shown below and click on "Log In" in either the upper right corner or in the "Already Registered?" paragraph located along the left margin of the webpage.

If you're still in the FAA's UAS database, this site will allow you to view your personal FAA registration

The good news is that there is a "Contact" link in the upper right corner of the webpage should you need help in correcting the situation.

The link to the FAA's UAS website is:

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/>





## The Annual Freeze Fly – January 1, 2019

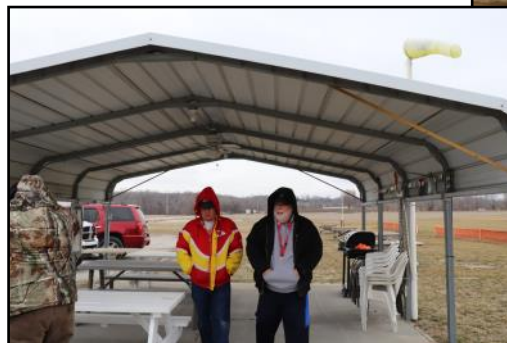
By: Richard Travers

**W**ell it wasn't as cold as last year (7 degrees)...however, it was cold. By 1:00 PM when we all arrived it was up to 20 degrees or so. The wind was light, perhaps 5 to 10 mph, but any kind of breeze at that temperature will put a capital "C" on wind Chill.

A good group of the usual suspects showed up, including Jerry Brown, Shelby Locklear, Rich Abels, Charlie Swain and me. In addition, some new faces also joined in the fun. Jim Kifer, Chester Godsy and Ryan Haberstroh brought along airplanes to fly while Dorothy Locklear came along to keep hubby company. Dorothy was also kind enough to take the group's picture...thanks Dorothy!

Everyone flew, just enough to brag that they did. There was only one mishap, the result of mechanical failure. At least that's his story and he's sticking to it!

Until next year when we will do it again. Mark your calendar! Who knows, with global warming in full swing, it just might turn out being bearable!





## Annual Meeting—Minutes of January 2, 2019

### **I. Call to order**

President Jerry Brown called to order the annual meeting of the 95th Street Group, AMA Club # 4274 at 7:01 P.M. on January 2, 2019 in Johnny's Tavern, 13131 Shawnee Mission Pkwy Shawnee, KS 66216. There were 24 members in attendance. Jerry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jerry reported on the various work activities through the year. He thanked everyone who volunteered extra time and effort to help with maintenance and repairs. It was a very dry summer, requiring a substantial increase in irrigation and close attention to sprinkler heads that didn't always work well. Several members got an education on how stuff works, such as system timers and pressure tanks. Thanks to Charlie Swain and a few others, the knowledge was passed. The sprinkler system winter maintenance was completed in October and the system was finally put to sleep for the winter.

Jerry thanked Tony Stuckwisch for organizing the annual picnic and everyone who contributed the side dishes and desserts. The picnic was a great success. The weather was cool but pleasant and attendance was good.

Jerry also thanked Ed and Elaine Noulon for everything they do for the club. They publish the newsletter, help with club communications and so much more.

### **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from last year's meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

### **III. 2018 Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bill Alexander read the treasurer's report for 2018. We were fortunate to have fewer expenses than expected. We only spent \$6,101 and had revenue of \$6,818 leaving \$717 excess over revenue.

The Budget for 2019 calls for planned expenditures of \$7,250 and forecast revenue from dues of only \$5,600 plus the carryforward of \$717 for a total forecast

funds available of \$6,317. This could possibly leave us with a shortfall of \$933. We do have a reserve in the bank of \$7,800.

There was substantial discussion as to what should be done, including: raise the dues, use reserve funds if needed, recruit new members, and solicit donations. This discussion was continued to New Business.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurers report.

### **IV. Old Business**

Jerry asked if there was any old business. There was none.

### **V. Safety Report**

Rick Donley reported that the club had a good year for safety at the field for 2018. He reminded everyone to think "Safety First!" Rick reminded everyone not to fly over the gun club. We need to be good neighbors!

There are several members who can help with programming radios so that one of the radios switches can be set to disable the throttle.

### **VII. New Business**

#### **The problems**

- Club membership is declining which has produced a decline in revenue well below our planned expenditures.
- It is difficult sometimes to recruit new members because of the relatively high dues and the substantial Initiation Fee.

#### **Discussion**

- It was generally agreed that we should and want to keep our existing reserve to cover any contingencies that the club might encounter.
- It was generally agreed that we should not raise the dues at this time, but should seek other solutions.
- It was generally agreed that we should consider substantially reducing the Initiation Fee.



## Annual Meeting—Minutes of January 2, 2019 (cont.)

- It was generally agreed that we should consider increasing the limit on the number of members.
- It was generally agreed that we should promote our club more aggressively and effectively.

Many other solutions were offered, including: shortening the probation period, simplify sponsorship and eliminate the Initiation Fee.

It was further agreed that in order to make the changes needed our Bylaws will have to be amended. This led to a motion by Don Opplinger which was seconded by Jerry Brown. The motion is as follows:

That the President appoint a committee to make recommended changes to the Bylaws. The changes should provide for easier entry to the club, reduce or eliminate the Initiation Fee, allow the current limit of 50 members to be increased at the discretion of the Executive Committee and that the Bylaws Committee report its recommendations back to the President.

***The motion passed unanimously.***

### **VII. Committee Appointments**

President Jerry Brown appointed 5 members to serve on the Bylaws Committee. The following members were appointed to serve.

Don Opplinger

Jerry Brown

Bruce Berry

Craig Brown

Mark Dennis - Chairman

### **VIII. 2019 Officer Election**

Jerry Brown thanked the club for the honor of serving as President for the last 2 years and as Vice President for the 2 years before that. He received a hearty round of applause from all for a job well done.

He then introduced this year's nominating committee: Jerry Sanderson, Shelby Locklear, and Richard Travers.

Jerry Sanderson then read the slate of officers, presented by the nominating committee for 2019:

Richard Abels	President
Steve Swagerty	Vice President
Richard Travers	Secretary
Bill Alexander	Treasurer
Rick Donley	Safety Officer

There were no other nominations from the floor.

***A motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees as presented. The motion passed unanimously.***

### **IX. New President**

The President elect, Richard Abels, addressed the meeting. He thanked everyone for their confidence in him and the other elected officers. He then said that he would like to have the Bylaws Committee's recommendations as soon as possible, no later than February 15th. At that time the President will review the recommendations with the Executive Committee and call a Special Meeting of the membership to vote on the changes. The Special Meeting will be called as soon as possible, so as to move ahead with implementing the changes.

### **X. New Member**

Ryan Haberstroh was introduced as a Probationary Member. Ryan found our club in July and has been nominated for full membership after the probationary period.

### **XI. Adjournment**

President elect Richard Abels addressed the club and asked if anyone had anything else for the meeting, no one did. He reminded everyone to make their check payable to 95th Street Group for \$140 and give them to Bill Alexander.

**At 8:10 P.M. a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.**

Minutes taken by: Richard Travers, Secretary

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## The Annual Gathering - January 2, 2019



Club Officers for 2019...



...and the winner of the door prize.



## The Buzz Around the Field

Along with several others, new member Ryan Haberstroh has been demonstrating that the days of scratch-building airplanes hasn't necessarily gone by the wayside.

Pictured below is Ryan's scratch-built Flight Test Models "FT Simple Cub."

He first downloaded the plans from Flight Test Models website; printed them up on his home computer; glued the plans onto some foam board from Dollar Tree; cut out the pieces and stuck everything together. Even though he's recently married, he still found time to paint the final assembly.

Ryan started flying just about a year ago and has been flying his "Flight Test Model" since this past summer. Nice going Ryan!



Spotted at the field during the end of November was a handful of members who had either run out of "honey do's" at home or needed a break from the crazy weather we had this past year.

From left to right, that's Ed Noulin trying to fly;

Charlie Swain; newly-minted club president Rich Ables and, on the right, newly-minted club secretary Richard Travers. Wow! Nearly 70 degrees and here it was almost December!



(left) Charlie Swain was caught in the act of "taxiing" out his fan-powered Avanti S jet in prep for another "fast" flight over the Kaw Valley Aerodrome.



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## The 2019 Club Officers Are:



Pres.  
R. Ables



Vice-Pres.  
S. Swagerty



Sec.  
R. Travers



Treas.  
B. Alexander



Field Marshal  
R. Donley