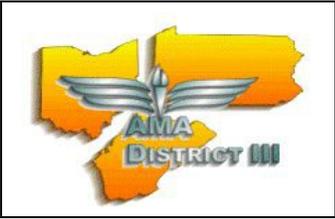


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# The Johnstown R/C Club

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### Upcoming Activities.....

**Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Annual Indoor Fly In, held at the LDS Church on Walter's Avenue. 6Pm quck meeting, great meal, and of course flying all sorts of indoor objects including planes, drones, birds, gliders, and anything else you may have that is save to fly indoors.

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Regular Club meeting, 7:30 pm at the Richland Twp. Municipal Building

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Annual Club Banquet at Belmont United Methodist Church, 107 Coldren St. (one mile from Geistown) Meet & Greet at 6 pm, Dinner at 6:45 pm. Bring a model for display!

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Club Meeting, 7:30 pm.

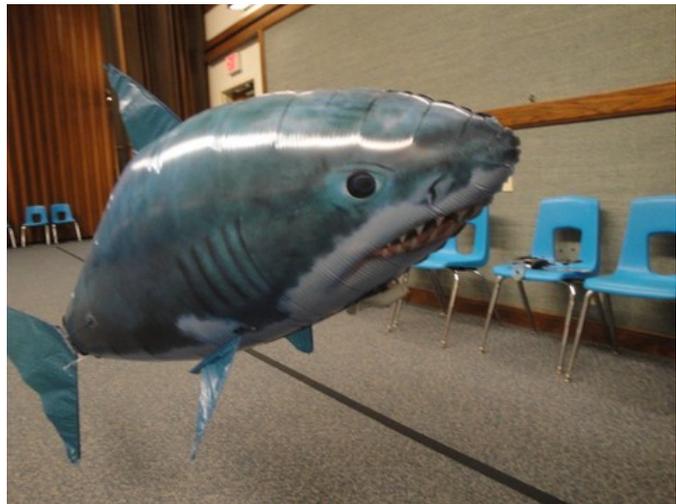
**May 6,7 & 8:** Annual Mall Show, held at the Galleria Mall all three days. Get your planes dusted off and bring a few to the show for display!

### Indoor Fly In.....



It's that time of year again when we roll back the tables and play like little boys again. Don't miss this wonderful fun night when we have a quick business meeting, a wonderful meal, and then fly anything that can safely be flown indoors. Bring your wife or girlfriend, perhaps a guest or two, and some indoor RC equipment and have a ball.

Don't forget to bring a dish, similar to one of our Sunday afternoon picnics. Our hosts the Woffinden's and Anderson's provide Sloppy Joes and some drinks, but we need to fill out the meal. Come at 6 pm and plan to stay until about 9 pm for clean up.



All sorts of flying things show up at this important event!

Below is a shot showing the wonderful variety of food at last year's event.



I'm sure the topic of "Drone Registration" will be on the agenda, so plan to have your questions ready. I know some members have already completed this task, but there are many questions still out there about this new FAA requirement.

## Latest from the AMA....

As you know, the AMA has been trying to influence the newest FAA regulations to exempt our members from having to register our drones/planes. But, so far they have been unsuccessful in this endeavor. Therefore anyone that owns and flies a drone or airplane that weighs over .55 pounds is supposed to register with the FAA and pay a fee of \$5. That's \$5 for the individual, not for each plane or drone. At the top of the next column is the latest directive from the AMA. Go to this address to do it online...

<https://registermyuas.faa.gov/>

## From the AMA.....

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has a long and successful history in advocating for the flying privileges of the aeromodeling community. It is one of the top reasons why modelers join the AMA and renew their membership year after year. In 2012, Congress passed the FAA Modernization and Reform Act intended to prevent model aviation from overreaching and burdensome regulation.

While this is a positive step, the FAA has recently launched the UAS Registration program. Based on the protections from the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act that we helped pass into law, we do not believe that our 188,000 members should be subject to the UAS registration rule. We are continuing to explore all legal and political options available, but these conversations may take time and a definitive solution is unlikely before the February 19 registration deadline. Therefore, AMA members are now required by regulation to register their aircraft with the FAA to avoid federal enforcement and potential penalties.

Thank you for your patience as we work to find the best path forward on registration. We are committed to doing everything possible to protect our hobby and ensure that future generations have the opportunity to fly.

The AMA is still working on ways to get around and/or eliminate our having to submit to this new regulation, but congress is under great pressure to do "something" about the growing incidents of and many "non AMA member" folks who are doing stupid things with their new drones, such as flying them over stadiums, in the path of landing aircraft, and over city streets and in general just not following the rules that we as AMA members usually follow. As a matter of interest, the AMA is sending a group of AMA leaders and members to Washington D.C. The last week of January to meet with our elected representatives to try and influence the Reform Act which is up for renewal. The FAA which has left our hobby alone for all these years is now trying to get into our faces with new regulations where they never tread before. More to come on this I'm sure.

## Banquet Registration.....

Please take the time to send in your Banquet registration now, next month is might be to late!

## Dues Still Due.....

If you haven't paid your dues for 2016 please do so now, penalties start next moth for late payment.

### Johnstown RC Club

#### Annual Club Banquet Reservation Form:

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** **Belmont United Methodist Church**  
**Punch & Visit, 6 pm - Dinner 6:45 pm** **107 Coldren St. Johnstown, PA**

Menu: Roast Beef with Gravy, Pittsburgh Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Fresh Roll, and Banana Gob Cake for dessert. The meal will be catered by "Country Delights" from Davidsville, PA. The cutoff date for reservations is Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is \$16 per person, \$8 for those 12 and under. We will have a nice program, awards, and a guest speaker to be announced. We will also have our traditional plane display, so get one of yours ready now! Send your name, and the names of any guests along with your check made out to "The Johnstown RC Club" Mail to our treasurer, Ken Shilling, 109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ #Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Application for Membership in the Johnstown RC Club

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No & Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's first name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club"  
Send Application and Check To: Ken Shilling  
109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

Note: All club members must have a current AMA card to fly.

What Channel's do you use:

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you use 2.4 Mhz: Y N

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

OK to receive your Newsletter via Email: Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Membership Catagories:

Full-Open Member: \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Flying Member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Membership \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

(Under age 19)

Dues are for the calendar year



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