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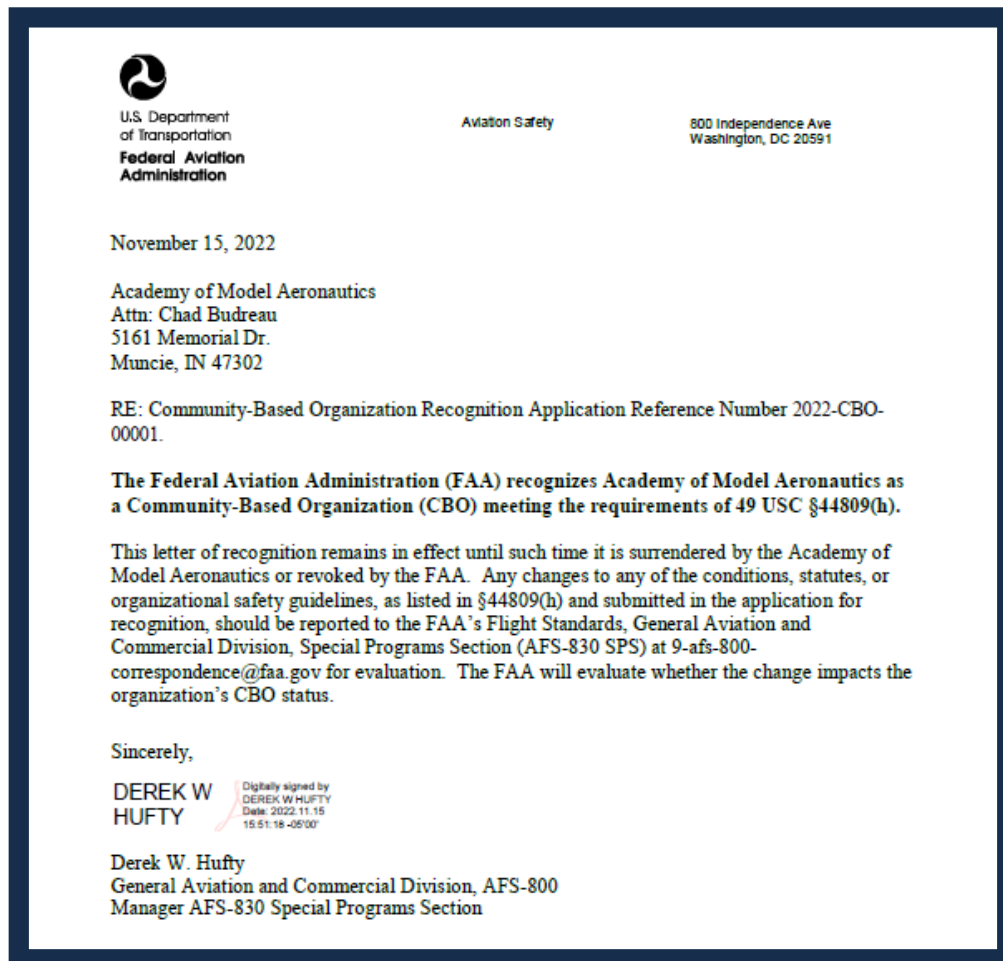
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CBO RECOGNITION



AMA NAMED FIRST CBO IN THE COUNTRY

On November 15, 2022, **AMA became the first FAA-recognized community-based organization (CBO)** in the country. This validated and gave credibility to our safety program among government officials, stakeholders, and regulators. Although AMA has been shaping regulations for decades, **legislation gives CBOs a more formal seat at the table when the FAA considers recreational regulations.** This designation opens the door to additional advocacy efforts to include applying for FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) status and higher altitudes for our clubs' flying sites.

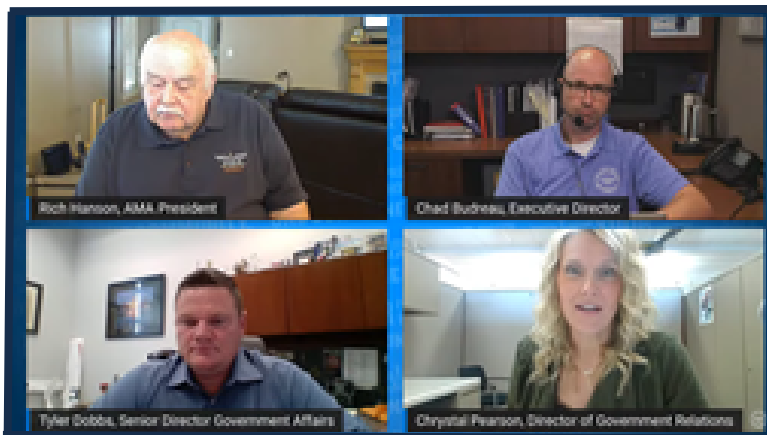


ADVISORY CIRCULARS



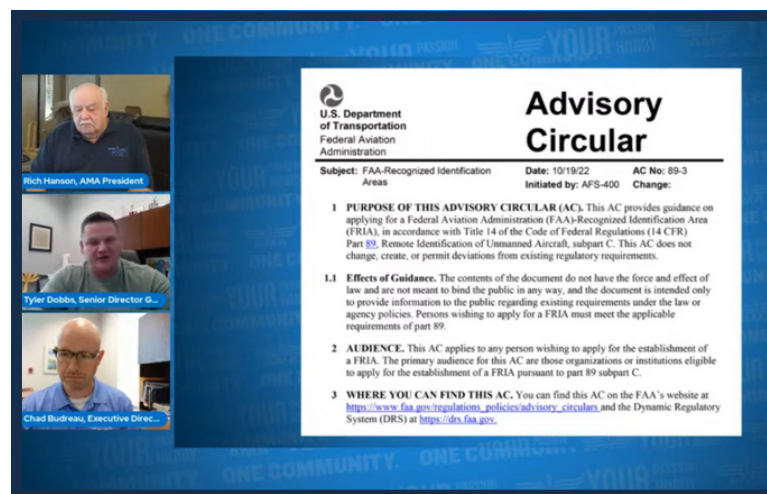
ADVISORY CIRCULAR 91-57C

When Advisory Circular (AC) 91-57C was released, the AMA leadership and government teams held a live roundtable to prepare members on what to expect from the AC and discuss **ways to comply with Remote ID requirements.**

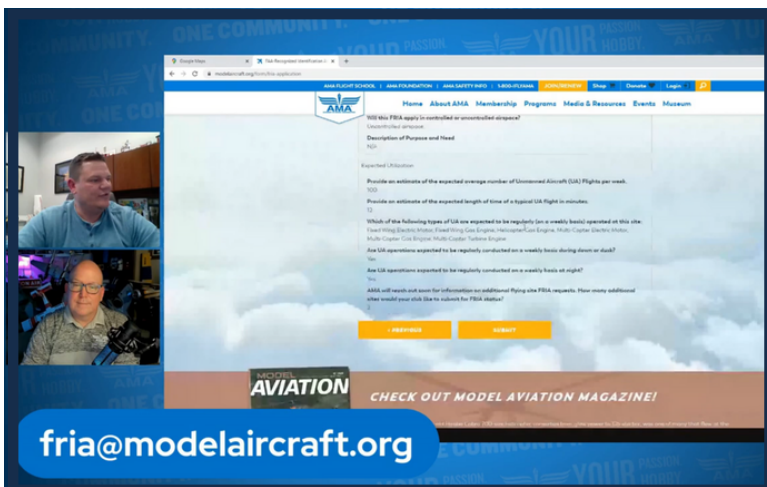


ADVISORY CIRCULAR 89-3

With the release of AC 89-3 on October 24, 2022, the FAA outlined the **FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA)** application process. AMA hosted a roundtable to discuss the AC and next steps regarding FRIAs.



The government affairs team has worked closely with the Clubs department to assist clubs through the FRIA application process, including hosting a tutorial on how to navigate the process.



OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS



HOSTING CONGRESS

AMA continues to connect with and educate policy makers and the FAA on the nuances of our hobby. In 2022, **AMA hosted congressional staff and FAA representatives to club fields** across the country.



A letter Senator Manchin wrote to AMA regarding the Expo.

District III Vice President Mark Radcliff with a member of Senator Manchin's congressional staff.

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EAA AIRVENTURE 2022

AMA attended EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in July. AMA met with the **FAA Deputy Administrator, FAA Chief Counsel, DOT Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, FAA flight standards**, and other industry stakeholders while in attendance.



ROBERT J. COLLIER TROPHY DINNER

AMA staff attended the 2022 Robert J. Collier Trophy Dinner in Washington, D.C. This event was well attended by government officials and agency representatives and **gave AMA an opportunity to represent the model aviation community.**



D.C. CLUB VISIT

AMA hosted the FAA at a local club while on a trip to Washington, D.C. to discuss **Remote ID** and the **FRIA application process**. The visit also provided club members the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns regarding FAA's oversight of the hobby.

WORKING WITH CLUBS



SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT PANELS

AMA helped multiple clubs achieve higher altitudes within controlled airspace in 2022 through the FAA's Safety Risk Management (SRM) process. AMA worked with each club to prepare for and present during their SRM panel, each one successful in lowering the identified risk to an acceptable level to allow for operations at higher altitudes.

Table 1.1: 5M Model

Mission: The clearly defined and detailed purpose of the NAS change proposal or system/operation being assessed	The integration of recreational UAS operations up to 1,000 feet AGL for the Pegasus RC Airplane Club near HGR.
(hu)Man: Operators, maintainers, and affected stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UAS operators/spotters• Air Traffic controllers• Pilots• Air Traffic Managers (ATMs)
Machine: Equipment used in the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radios/communication equipment• UAS equipment• Audio and visual communications
Management: Procedures and policies that govern the system's behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Section 349 / 49 USC Section 44809• Letter of Agreement (LOA)• Charts and Chart Supplement• AC 91-57• Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge• Zero Foot UASFM grid• FAA Unmanned Aircraft Registration website• UAS Data Delivery System• Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) safety programming
Media: The environment in which the system is operated/maintained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational UAS• Manned aircraft• Off-airport property• Class D airspace• Operations between 400 feet AGL and 1,000 feet AGL• Day operations

SRMP TESTIMONIALS

"My mind was set at ease when Tyler Dobbs and Chrystal Pearson from the AMA contacted me and wanted to set up a pre-SRM Zoom meeting to go over what to expect at the actual FAA SRM Zoom meeting. All together, we had two pre-Zoom meetings with the AMA. Keep in mind if your club is requested to participate in an SRM meeting, you are not alone; the AMA will be there to help." - **Thomas, 107th RC Flyers**

"With panel recommendations implemented into the new LOA, AMA flying sites will improve airspace safety. The HOTMAC outcome was very favorable as the panel allowed our altitude to be restored back to 1,500 feet." - **Stephen, Heart of Texas Miniature Aircraft Club (HOTMAC)**



LEGISLATION

AMA worked closely with Congress on a variety of issues to advocate for the model aircraft community.



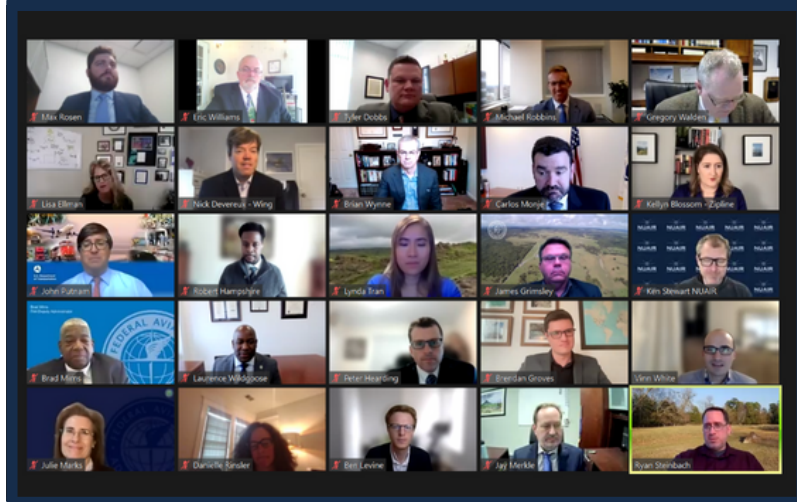
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CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS

With the lessening of Covid-19 restrictions, AMA's government team was finally able to travel back to Washington, D.C. to meet in person with multiple Congressional offices and committees in 2022. In person meetings are crucial in fostering relationships with key policy makers and staff as we work to remove some of the restrictions on the model aviation community in FAA Reauthorization in 2023.

DOT LISTENING SESSION



In March, AMA participated in an FAA and Department of Transportation (DOT) listening session regarding **UAS policy, rulemaking, and implementation**. The meeting was hosted by AUVSI and presenters included Skydio, Wing, Boeing, Amazon, NUAIR, Zipline, Commercial Drone Alliance, and Small UAV Coalition.

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