

# The Aerogramme

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AMA Club #187



## Officers:

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## Introductory Pilots:

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## Field Marshals:

Don M  
Ray B

This is a very special edition of the Aerogramme. See the last page for instructions on the upcoming vote. It is very important that ALL eligible club members participate.

## February Minutes

2/012018 7pm Mansfield Library

### Old Business

- Bill T said he had heard from DEEP late last week. The permits for Coventry should be forth coming, and the DEEP's contact at the ACoE is on an extended leave of absence meaning that the permit process for Mansfield has slowed down considerably.
- Rich P reported that he heard back from the AMA regarding questions he had about the name change issue. They said that chartering a new club would be much more difficult than simply changing the existing club's name.

### New Business

- Remember to renew your AMA membership and, afterward, your NEDS membership.
- Whitey is having some health issues and is recovering at Vernon Manor where he'd appreciate visitors. The club wishes him a speedy recovery.
- The club voted to donate \$100 to the Mansfield Public Library in its appreciation for the continued use of the meeting room. Dave M generously agreed to match the club's donation.
- Dennis C has volunteered to be the primary person to mow the Coventry field this year. The club is very appreciative.
- Rich P is submitting the club's charter renewal to the AMA.
- The annual swap meet will be held at the March club meeting (3/1/18).
- The annual Polar Bear Fly is set for Saturday March 10. Location to be determined based on weather and/or permit status.
- Neil C showed the club some very interesting wing parts and an entire fuselage that he 3D printed. He related his experience with the printing process.
- For those who are not aware, the Army Corp of engineers owns the Mansfield site and has the final approval of our special use permits for both the grass runway and float fly dates. They have made it known that they do not approve of the word "Drone" in our name. It is very likely that this will negatively impact them approving our permits, especially for next year. This was brought up at the January meeting where it was voted on and passed that if the name was changed the new name would be decided by the Board of Directors and not by a vote of the membership. After reviewing all suggestions the name chosen by the board that best describes who we are and what we do is: "*Tolland County Model Aircraft Club*". In an effort to be proactive it was voted on at the February meeting to change the club name. Following Article 14 of the club's bylaws the March newsletter will serve as official notice that a vote to change the club name will take place at the March meeting to be held on March 1, 2018 at the Mansfield Public Library at 7pm. Voting will be by email response and by a vote of those attending the meeting. For those who cannot attend the meeting or vote via email an Absentee Ballot is included with this newsletter and will also be mailed to all known members who have not supplied a valid email address. It is mandatory that all eligible members cast a vote.

### Raffle

Dubro Prop balancer won by Bill T (hopefully, no more flybys that sound like a diesel truck has passed)

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## ***Absentee Ballot***

for by-law vote to be held 7:00PM Thursday March 1, 2018 at the Mansfield Public Library

The club has voted to hold a bylaw vote to change the club's name for the purposes of eliminating the controversial word "drone". ***At stake is the use of both the field and the lake at the Mansfield Hollow Dam.*** This absentee ballot has been offered for those club members who cannot attend the March club meeting. It must be received by the club president prior to the aforementioned meeting. By voting 'YES', you are agreeing that the club must change its name. By voting 'NO' you are agreeing that the current name will remain. All eligible club members are required to vote.

***I agree that the club must change its name:***

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

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

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