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When **TRAC** Treasurer Chuck Wolfe sent out the monthly meeting reminder email, he included a link to a "**Zoom**" meeting so we can get together for at least 40 minutes without having to leave the comfort & safety of whatever location we choose (even the flying field). You can use a PC/laptop, or your preferred mobile device. A webcam is optional but definitely adds to the virtual meeting experience. FYI: When everyone calls in, they will be muted but there's a function to "raise your hand" to be recognized and we can unmute folks as necessary to carry on any relevant discussions. See you on the call!

Letter from the FAA: For Immediate Release

May 5, 2020

Contact: pressoffice@faa.gov

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced the eight companies that will assist the Federal government in establishing requirements for future suppliers of Remote Identification (Remote ID). Remote ID will enable Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly called drones, to provide identification and location information while operating in the nation's airspace.

The FAA selected the following companies to develop technology requirements for future Remote ID UAS Service Suppliers (USS): Airbus, AirMap, Amazon, Intel, One Sky, Skyward, T-Mobile, and Wing. These companies were selected through a Request for Information process in December 2018.

"The FAA will be able to advance the safe integration of drones into our nation's airspace from these technology companies' knowledge and expertise on remote identification," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

This initial group will support the FAA in developing technology requirements for other companies to develop applications needed for Remote ID. The applications will provide drone identification and location information to safety and security authorities while in flight.

The technology is being developed simultaneously with the <u>proposed Remote ID rule</u>. Application requirements will be announced when the final rule is published. The FAA will then begin accepting applications for entities to become Remote ID suppliers. The FAA will provide updates when other entities can apply to become qualified Remote ID USS on FAA.gov.

Drones are a fast-growing segment of the transportation sector with nearly 1.5 million drones and 160,000 remote pilots now registered with the FAA. The agency's ability to develop Remote ID technology simultaneously with the rule enables the FAA to continue to build on a UAS Traffic Management (UTM) system that has demonstrated global leadership through the small UAS rule and the implementation of the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC), which automates the application and approval process for most UAS operators to obtain airspace authorizations.

Hope we get back to safe flying soon. JJH

Robert Peiser says:

Looks like we are grounded at All People's for some time. There are no plans at work for any activity at the facility except for the children. Caleb sent me an email and will let me know what the plans are when he knows! Since the Covid19 seems to be getting worse we may need to build our own facility, anyone got a spare million or two?

Come to TRAC early in the AM and fly the little ones! Stay safe guys!

TRAC Member Dennis Wheeler ask that I post this for him:

I would like to see if anyone has had any experience with any of the new LIPO glow drivers.

The reviews are not too good on any of them and they don't appear to be reliable. I am trying a design for one and am interested on inputs.

Thank you,
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