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October 30, 1987

Attilio & Edith Quartaroli  
P.O. Box 73  
Novato, CA 94947

RE: Model Airplane Club  
Assessor's Parcel #153-190-23

A field inspection has determined that a zoning violation apparently exists on the subject property.

The violation referred to is the operation of a model airplane club and campground in an Agricultural Residential Planned District without a Use Permit (ARP 60) which is contrary to the provisions of Marin County Code, Title 22 (Zoning), Section 22.47.102.

The violation must be corrected and/or any required permit(s) applied for within 5 days from receipt of letter. Please call me at this office if the above information appears to be incorrect, or you have any questions or further information on the matter.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter with you in detail before proceeding further with any Criminal Citation action.

Very truly yours,

*Debbi Poiani*

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Planning Technician

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Reference: California Government Code 25132  
California Penal Code 836.5  
Marin County Code 22.06.035, 22.06.040

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# ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

November 3, 1987

1810 Samuel Morse Drive  
Reston, Virginia 22090  
703-435-0750

Mr. Robert Stockwell  
Supervisor  
Civic Center (Suite 315)  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Reference: Society of Antique Modelers

Dear Mr. Stockwell:

This morning I received a call from Don Bekins of your community. Mr. Bekins advised me that their model flying activities at the flood plain property have been disallowed because the land is zoned for agricultural use.

This is quite a blow to the group, and also a great disappointment for the Academy. The aviation industry in California, and in the United States has drawn literally hundreds of employees from the ranks of aeromodelers. Many of our best design engineers began their careers at their kitchen tables when they assembled their first model airplane. We truly believe it to be contrary to the national interest to fail to accomodate model fliers on suitable lands.

Burt Rutan, designer of the VOYAGER, and his brother Dick, pilot of the same aircraft, developed their aviation interests because they built models when youngsters. Time magazine quotes their parents as making this statement. When Burt Rutan was at this office recently we quizzed him, and he affirmed the accuracy of his parents words.

Dr. Paul MacCready of Aerovironment Inc., Monrovia (CA) is an AMA member. Dr. MacCready, as you may recall, designed the GOSSAMER series aircraft that crossed the English Channel under pedal power. He also designed the SOLAR CHALLENGER that flew from France to England under solar power. The electric motors and batteries that were used were designed and produced in California by Astro-Flight of Marina Del Rey. Astro-Flight produces huge volumes of model aircraft equipment annually and contributes much to the economy of your state.

Similarly, companies such as K & B Manufacturing (engines and fuels), Airtronics (radios and kits), Futaba (radios and engines) Gorham Model Products (helicopters - hobby and military), and countless others, all contribute to the Golden State economy. Their markets extend coast to coast in the United States as well as overseas.

The Federal Aviation Administration has revitalized their education department and is struggling to promote aviation interest in schools, Boy Scouts 4-H and other youth groups. Administrator MacArtor has directed that the effort be made because this country has always been a leader in aerospace, and there is a vital need for that leadership to continue. It is not only the commercial aspects of aviation that makes jobs and helps earn foreign currencies, but the military situation is also served.

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In San Diego an AMA chartered club has "adopted" a local school and assists science, mathematics and handicraft teachers. Instructors from the club have shown hundreds of youngsters the skills and pleasure that can be gained from model aviation. It is a teaching tool that is second to none. Similarly, at Camp Pendleton a chartered club is helping Marines learn to fly Remote Piloted Vehicles (RPV's) as part of their training. These are the type of aircraft used so effectively for reconnaissance by Israel in their short war against Syria.

The Academy has more than 125,000 members nationally. These range from housewives to the Speaker of the House in Pennsylvania; from Senator Goldwater to Astronaut Robert Gibson; and I could offer you hundreds more examples. It is a sport for everyone, of every age, of every background and of every economic level. Paul Garber, former Navy Commander and Historian Emeritus of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum is an avid modeler, kite flier and AMA member.

My message is that aeromodelers need a place to put their craft into the air. Congested city areas eliminate many land possibilities by their very nature. Agricultural land is a natural and is being used in almost every state. Many other counties and cities have actually build model airfields, using club efforts and taxpayers dollars. Harris County (TX), Casper (WY), Montgomery County (MD), Mecklenberg Country (NC), and hundred of other communities encourage model aviation and aeromodelers by providing improved facilities. Many national corporations, both within and outside of the aviation industry, also allow model fliers to use properties they own.

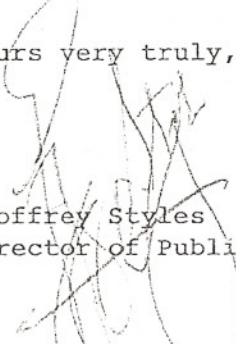
All AMA members and chartered clubs are insured. All site providers can also be insured as an "ADDITIONAL INSURED" under the terms of our general liability policy. We can answer any questions you may have concerning this.

The AMA is a nonprofit association. Our clubs are also either nonprofit or very low income units. The cost of the surveys you require are quite beyond the means of either AMA or the club. Surely there must be a manner by which model flying can be permitted without resort to such a burden.

Let me say that I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter. I would be very pleased to discuss this with you by phone. I cannot be in California until January 1988, when I will attend a trade show in Pasadena. I would be pleased to meet with you if I can combine both trips. As I said, we are nonprofit and have to spend our members money wisely.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

  
Geoffrey Styles  
Director of Public Relations

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- (6) Farm and ranch buildings including dwellings, stables, barns, pens, corrals, or coops; structures for killing, dressing, packing or handling products raised on the premises, but not including an abattoir for cattle, sheep or hogs; dwellings shall be incidental to the agricultural use of the land for the residence of the owner or lessee of the land and the family of the owner or lessee, or for their employees engaged in the agricultural use of the land; agricultural use of the land means agriculture as the primary or principal use of the land as demonstrated by the applicant to the satisfaction

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- (7) One-family dwellings, detached or attached;
  - (8) Grazing, breeding or training of horses; horse stables, including riding academies and boarding facilities;
  - (9) The maintenance of land in its natural state for the purpose of preserving land for recreation, or for plant, animal or mineral preserves;
  - (10) Horseback riding or hiking trails;
  - (11) Public or private hunting of wildlife, or fishing;
  - (12) Public or private hunting or fishing clubs and accessory structures;
  - (13) Erection, construction, alteration or maintenance of gas, electric, water, communication or flood control facilities as approved by the appropriate governmental agencies;
  - (14) Accessory buildings and accessory uses, including guest house.
- (b) The following uses, subject to the securing of a use permit in each case:

- (1) Hog ranch;
- (2) Aircraft landing strip;
- (3) Facilities for processing or retail sale of agricultural products;
- (4) Commercial storage and sale of garden supply products;
- (5) Animal hospitals and dog kennels;
- (6) Oil and gas well drilling and production operations and facilities related thereto;
- (7) Mining and quarrying; and production operations and facilities related thereto;
- (8) Timber harvesting in accordance with the regulations of Title 23 of the Marin County Code;
- (9) Rifle or pistol practice range, trap or skeet field, archery range or other similar use;
- (10) Rodeo arena and related facilities;
- (11) Golf course or driving range and related facilities;
- (12) Motorcycle riding trails;
- (13) Institutional uses and the facilities necessary therefor, related to educational, scientific, recreational or religious purposes;
- (14) Mobile homes so long as they are used exclusively for employees of the owner who are actively and directly engaged in the agricultural use of the land;
- (15) Storage and sale of building materials;
- (16) Dump;
- (17) Junkyard;
- (18) Farm and ranch buildings including dwellings incidental to the agricultural use of the land exceeding the densities permitted in the district.