

UAS/Drones/Quadcopters:

Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), drones, or quadcopters are popular and increasingly available online and in stores. Prospective drone operators—from consumers to businesses—want to fly safely, but many do not realize that, just because you can easily acquire a drone, does not mean you can fly it anywhere or for any purpose.

Operating a drone of any size poses a danger to military, commercial, corporate, general, and emergency medical aviation. Particular care must be taken when operating within five (5) miles of an airport. The FAA's <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>, provides drone operators with information and guidance needed to fly safely and responsibly.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, www.modelaircraft.org, is an FAA-preferred resource for learning how to fly a drone and where to fly safely. The AMA has a number of organized local clubs in the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene area and across the United States.