

The Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association, MMRCA



Conversations with Longview Residents

In January 2020, MMRCA received a complaint from the Longview Neighborhood Association President Richard Hayden regarding aircraft flying over the Longview Neighborhood. MMRCA has maintained that its members cannot, and do not, fly over the neighborhood.

As a result of that meeting, a pilots' log was developed. The log is an electronic database for pilots to login when they are at the field flying. Also, at the meeting, it was agreed that if an aircraft was observed flying over the neighborhood by a Longview resident, a picture or video should be taken and presented to MMRCA leadership. Linking the picture/video with the pilots' login information, the aircraft could be identified, and appropriate action taken. No video or picture of aircraft flying over the neighborhood has been produced.

On July 16, 2020 members of MMRCA flew an aircraft with telemetry, and recorded a routine flight path. This clearly shows that members do not fly over the neighborhood. The flight paths are in [this document](#), and [this one](#).

Richard Hayden was at that demonstration and stated, "I can clearly see you are not flying over the neighborhood."

July 2020 was the last formal communication MMRCA members have had with representatives of the Longview Neighborhood Association. MMRCA leadership has attempted to communicate several times with the Neighborhood Association leadership since then, and received no response.

On several occasions, individuals representing themselves as Longview residents expressed concern about aircraft flying over the neighborhood and the loud noise of the flying aircraft. On two occasions the Columbia Police Department was called having received a noise complaint from someone in the neighborhood. No conclusions were reached requiring any action.

Again, no formal discussions with the neighborhood leaders have taken place since July 16, 2020.