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The website is moving along and we have a great team of contributors to keep the pages fresh with information and subject matter that will keep you coming back. Let me introduce and welcome our new webmaster, Jack Upchurch, from Wye Mills, Maryland, to guide this group. Jack can be reached at webmaster@ama-d4.org.

Thanks goes to Steve Moulton, who has hung in there for a long, long time as our current webmaster and is still maintaining our old website at www.amadistrictiv.org.

Imagine this: Groups of club's are at events together just sitting around having fun. The conversation turns to events we hold that are fun and make some money, but it's a lot of work for the same few dedicated members.

Talking more, they decide that by splitting the workload and knowing the perfect location, they could put on an event to rival the best in the country.

Taking on this endeavor can only be accomplished through cooperation and support from many clubs, or achieving AMA Chartered Chapter status. Just imagine, events to rival the best—in your own back yard. It's possible by forming an AMA Chartered Chapter.

The following report was submitted by Contest Director Scott Gantt.

The Charlotte Aeromodelers Club in North Carolina, held its 14th annual Warbirds Fly-In at its club field on October 11, 2014. We were initially concerned about the weather, but it turned out to be a beautiful day and we got in a lot of flying.

Master Chef James "Plug" Ritch smoked 35 Boston butts and served up some great food. For some entertainment and fun, our landowner, Lou Anne McCracken, had her Curves class come out and lead the club officers in some dancing and workout routines to music from our disk jockey Dave Mohr.

More than $3,000 in donated prizes were raffled. Awards were given for Best Sport, Biplane, Military, Scale, and People's Choice aircraft. We had a number of vendors on-site and had a great time; it was truly a team effort on the part of many people. We now have electric power at our field and don't have to use a generator.

This was the largest event in club history with 58 registered pilots and 405 attendees. The club made more than $3,000 and Bob Grunden, club president, made a large donation to the local Purple Heart Chapter #634, led by Commander Mike Stubbs, a Vietnam veteran who was there to accept the donation.

We look forward to our events in 2015. Please check out our dates and plan to come and have fun with us.

Opening ceremonies at the Charlotte Aeromodelers Club 14th Annual Warbirds Fly-In.

A Purple Heart Veteran stands proud during opening ceremonies.

Bob Grunden, club president, with his Corsair.

Trent Wilhelm's B-17 making a run.

Be sure to stay vigilant for information—not only about the FAA, but also about your state and local governments.

Go fly and have fun safely.

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