



Issue - December 1, 2015

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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## Greetings!

Another holiday season is in full swing, and we are still blessed with the allure of good flying days. El Nino is bringing us mild days when we expect cold and wind. Something to give thanks for. Many a weekday at the field has as many members flying as on a normal summer weekend. And some of us are running out of creative excuses to get away during the week.

Many of you are following the FAA task force discussions on registration of drones. For those who missed it, there is a task force report published and in the hands of the FAA which represents the best compromise that the task force members could produce. The AMA was representing our interests, and despite our strong belief that Congress has exempted hobby flying activities from FAA regulations, there is a recommendation that folks wishing to legally fly drones in this country register with the FAA and affix an FAA provided ID number on (or in) their drones. This owner identification requirement is similar to what the AMA already specifies for members. Of course, we are already "registered" with the AMA and affix our name and AMA number in our aircraft vs using a number supplied by the FAA, so it isn't exactly the same, but not totally unreasonable to expect some owner identification should the aircraft fly away or cause some damage. There are also rules in place requiring FCC callsign identification on aircraft broadcasting audio/video on ham radio frequencies. This process of getting a callsign requires the passing of a Technician's Exam. Beyond just sharing current news that affects our hobby, I wanted to remind folks that living in a country governed by laws comes with the expectation of citizen compliance. Lets make sure we have those names and AMA numbers in (or on) our planes somewhere. It doesn't have to be an engraved brass plaque-- a sharpie and piece of masking tape might be all you need to comply.

So another club officer election is over and done with.- and the current slate of Officers will retain their exalted positions of power and prestige. I forget what I said the other 9 or 10 times this has happened while I held the joint responsibilities of newsletter editor and president, so maybe my thoughts this year are new or maybe I am losing my memory and just think I have something new to say. Humor me either way: Nobody ever offers up material for the newsletter, and yet people tell me how much they (and/or their wives) appreciate them. Everybody at the October club meeting seems suddenly fascinated with their shoes

## Club Calendar -

- **December 9- 7pm --  
Club Meeting/  
Christmas Party at the  
TRAIN STATION**

## Happy Birthday to YOU !!!

John Chapis - Decemer 17  
Bob Humphries - December 29  
Gregory Nichols - December 1  
Ray Payne - December 26  
Len Serio --December 24  
William Tull - December 17

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when the call for Officer Nominations comes, and yet there is some energy in November to raise hands in favor of the existing slate of Officers continuing on for another year. This year I took those raised hands to represent a vote for continuing to offer members a 'low drama' place to congregate to enjoy each other and an interest in toys that fly. Our club works well because members treat each other with tolerance for various flying interests, and with kindness and respect. I believe that new blood is good, and a club that does not grow will eventually find some new blood to make change. I also believe that our way of doing things at the club encourages inclusion - of new members, new flying machines, new activities, new ideas. So long as we give voice to every member, the club is actually always changing and members have something that is dynamic and that works. If we should fail this year, then next November is your chance to throw us out and do it better yourself.

See you at the field,

Sincerely,

Jack Upchurch

**Club Christmas Party**  
**Wednesday - December 9, 2015**  
**7 pm**  
**at the Train Station in Hurlock, MD**

- Members and guests are invited.
- The club provides sodas and paper products.
- We always have more food than we can eat, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't bring something- do bring some food you are proud to share with your friends.
- Many of us have pizza before club meetings, but that doesn't make much sense when there is food at the meeting, so just come at 7 for the party. (and don't forget those steamed shrimp or that crock of chile - you know who you are:))
  
- There will be free copies of the 2015 ESAC DVD containing slideshow and video from the past year. Those who can't make the party can check with us via email about getting a copy (or try cutting the disk out below and see if it plays).

**Our local Hobby shops:**

Members are encouraged to support our two local hobby stores:

Hobby Stop. in Seaford. Located at 22762 Sussex Hwy, Seaford, DE

302-629-3944

Hobby Town in Easton. Located at 106 Marlboro Ave, Easton (in the Ledo Pizza / Rita's strip)

410-822-7801



Merry Christmas

## **A meeting was called to order . . .**

At 7 pm on November 11 at the Train Station. Treasurer reported \$2,308.56 in savings and \$2,675.96 in checking .

New members were welcomed and some current members were anxious to pay dues early for next year.

The existing slate of Officers remain the only nominees for 2016, and the not so secret vote was taken by a showing of hands by the members present to approve their election. The Officers listed to the right will retain their current offices.

A report on current drone news included inspection of a Best Buy ad offering a free AMA membership with the purchase of a quad copter. AMA and Best Buy are responsibly partnering to help with safety and education and driving traffic to the "Know before you fly" website.

The partial event schedule for 2016 was confirmed: Jim Coll Stunt Contest will be on the August 13 weekend and the second IMAC competition will be on the August 20 weekend. Members were reminded that the club supports these activities primarily because members want them, and the club benefits from the activity generating donated funds and keeping dues low. The club is blessed with volunteers to make these events work well.

Duane Lundahl reported a personal safety lesson learned in the hopes that somebody else can learn without any blood. (these are my words interpreted from his report) It seems that an electric powered plane was

carried back to the pits without disarming the power system to the prop. When a loose sleeve sent the transmitter throttle to full on, the propeller began chewing its way up Duane's arm. The bad news is that there were some cuts through his jacket, but the good news is that a large band aid 2x2 was enough to stop the bleeding.

For the record- the club has posted the 911 address for the field should you need to call an ambulance, and we have a rubber made box full of first aid supplies at the field. We cleverly hide this box inside the gas grill behind the charging station should you ever need it. Records show that it had been 3 years since it was accessed last.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

## **About Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club**

We are an AMA chartered club, with membership open to those with an interest in things that fly. Check out our website, come to the field and watch us play with our toys, and join us if you like what you see.

### **Jack Upchurch**

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Let us know how we measure up. Comments, critique welcome.

