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AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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## Greetings!

Soapbox time again for me. If you dare, fast forward to the photos below, but I think that every member who wants to continue enjoying our hobby should read on.

Last week, I received notice from the AMA of a new initiative geared to social media and aimed at putting some positive news out there regarding our wonderful hobby. Please, everybody check it out- like it, tweet about it #DiscoverFlight, talk about it. <http://discoverflight.org/> Here is the news release that accompanied the link:

"Next year, AMA will celebrate its 80th birthday. This is a great accomplishment, and one that AMA staff, its leaders, and strongest supporters are very proud of. Our members have been instrumental in ensuring that our organization and the model aviation hobby continue to grow and advance.

For some, model flying has been a lifelong passion. For others, its introduction led to a career or to pursuing full-scale flight. For many, the hobby is brand-new and something they are eager to start learning more about.

Each story is unique and special, and AMA wants to share the different facets of these stories with the public. Your AMA leadership team thinks it's important to share the message that AMA continues to grow because of these stories, and to remind everyone that our passion is fueled by ideas and imagination that have impacted so many. Please visit [www.discoverflight.org](http://www.discoverflight.org) to view AMA's new video and informational website, developed with the general public in mind. "

At our club, we have members in their 90's and we made a new young friend Noah at our club picnic. Without getting all sappy and tearing up, let me just add my own voice to say that it is unusual to have an activity in life that you can start in your teens and still enjoy into your 90's. Yet here we are with each other doing just that. There is just the right amount of scientific curiosity, complexity, craftsmanship, competition and friendship to keep it interesting.

**Soapbox alert !** With all of the media frenzy about "Drones" in the spotlight, the AMA sent email to members on Monday about the DOT efforts to start registration of Drones. I have discussions almost every

## Club Calendar -

- **Pizza Palace at 5:30 before the meeting**
- **November 11- 7pm -- Club Meeting at the TRAIN STATION**
- **December 9 -- 7pm -- Christmas Party Meeting**

## Happy Birthday to YOU !!!

Bob Boyer- November 10

David Henry - November 21

Eric Johansen - November 9

Jerry Sciortino - November 23

Graham Slaughter - November 16

Brad Smith - November 9

Maurice Taylor - November 20

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day about Drones. We did some aerial video over one of my business locations over the weekend (for the fun of it, line of sight, under 400', not over a crowd of people - looking for bad shingles and some good campus video for our website)

The AMA has chosen (wisely, I think) to include UAV's / Drones inside of hobby model aircraft activities rather than try to carve this flying out and ban it or exclude it. There are those who believe "we" should ban it to save other hobby flying from scrutiny. I believe that the discussion should be about SAFETY and not about the shape of the flying aircraft. Had the AMA carved UAV / Drones out, we would be debating the differences between a helicopter, a powered glider and a drone rather than holding a seat at the table where government policy will be made. The AMA represents the hobby flying public and also represents the government's best option for a uniform National Safety Standard for all model aircraft flying. Our best hope to continue enjoying whatever aspect of model aircraft flying we like best has to come from having a voice in the room at the table. So please consider giving this some serious thought, engage in conversation with family and friends and also give your AMA representative a big hug next time you see him or her.

See you at the field,

Sincerely,

**Jack Upchurch**

**CLUB PCNIC – Some photos**

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**Our local Hobby shop:**

Members are encouraged to support our two local hobby stores:

Hobby Stop in Seaford.

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

410-822-7801



**show off**



**spectators**



Noah and Tom



fired up



heli



Bonnie and what's his name



Noah and raffle prize



checking social media



sarge's repair job



aerial video machine



ace's profile

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

At 7 pm on October 14 at the Train Station. Treasurer reported \$2,740.65 in savings and \$2,308.47 in checking .

We discussed club dues structure, long term goals and club finances. Although the purchase of a new mower would require \$10,000 more than we currently have, it was noted that we currently have members with considerable mechanical skills who are maintaining the mower and it has had frame welding repair, a new engine, and one new hydraulic pump installed. Increasing dues without an immediate need was deemed unnecessary. Next years dues will remain unchanged, although the club renewal process now asks members to submit a copy of a valid AMA card in anticipation of needing to support the new AMA year- to- year membership structure.

Officer nominations were opened and solicited from the floor. The slate of current officers was nominated by someone grateful not to be nominated himself. Additional nominations were pleaded for, but none were offered. It being confirmed that current officers are willing to serve another year, and that they have all been members for the required 1 year minimum, nominations were closed by a unanimous vote of the members present. Official voting will take place at the next meeting, although the outcome is already known.

Our Safety Officer brought up the topic of safe Drone flying and a larger discussion ensued. Various aspects of official club policy/procedure were discussed including liability in general for a non-member flying at the field, how the club would handle a complaint against another member who was thought to be flying unsafely, and how the club would

handle the need to deal with a member who refused to fly safely at the field. The short answers were:

- The club is not responsible for non-members who trespass and fly without permission
- Visitors with AMA membership are welcome and insurance protection is in place to back up safe flying at the field
- There is a grievance policy/procedure in place at the club. "The form" is available on the members only page of the club website. Basically, a member may institute a formal complaint to the club officers who will investigate, report back, and take appropriate action.
- A member who violates AMA Safety rules and club field safety rules risks suspension of club membership up to having membership revoked. We have never needed to do more than tap a friend on the shoulder and whisper in his ear. We expect it to remain that way. The club does have that 2x4 in the closet should the time come when we need to do more than whisper to get somebody's attention.

An upcoming Auction (in Tyson's Corner) was discussed.

Early discussions about the calendar for next year's IMAC and Jim Coll events were had. June continues to be a busy month with a desire to have both activities and a hope that we can separate the events with a weekend in between. IMAC tentative dates are 6/18 and 8/20 and Jim Coll was 6/11 with the possibility of one or the other moving by a week.

There being no business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

## **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.

