



# Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

## NEWSLETTER

November 3, 2017

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

38 36'25.61" N 75 53'06.52" W

6035 Shiloh Camp Rd, Hurlock, MD

## **IGNITER**

Dear Member,

As the comedians sometimes say when setting up the punchline, "I have some good news and some bad news..." Actually this club continues to be blessed with members who step up and help out and we are enjoying some great flying weather for so late in the fall - so our bad news is not even that bad.

The bad news is that although we voted last month to keep the dues the same for next year, we now have a need to raise them. Let me explain - I received a call from Bob to let me know that his field was under contract to be sold by the end of the year. He assured me that the new owner was willing to let us continue with the field under lease, but that the economics would have to change to make things work. Adam Kral, the buyer met with Club Officers Wednesday afternoon to discuss our needs and his. The good news is that we all agreed to a new 5 year lease to begin January 1. The lease document has been drafted and will be signed once the property has changed hands. It is expected to happen mid December. The Club will enjoy continued access under the lease until 2023 and would expect to extend for additional time to be arranged during the final lease year.

As you all know, we thrive because of our approach to our neighbors and a policy of inclusion when it comes to different model airplane activities. We are pursuing events for next year that include a Jet Rally, and possibly an Electric Powered Glider contest. To the extent that we can host events where visitors come and pay entry fees, we hope to lessen the pressure on member dues in covering our operating costs. Dues for next year will need to be \$125 with a timely payment discount to \$100 if paid by January 31. (call it \$100 because we know y'all renew and pay on time) As you will discover if you shop around, other area clubs already have dues at this level without having the wonderful place to fly that we enjoy. We will be discussing the details at the club meeting next week.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Bob Humphries for the gift of his field for all these years. While we did pay rent, the rate was really a gift from Bob and not what the land should produce for the owner of a farm field. He literally put our club on the map and we enjoy hosting IMAC and control line events each year with pilots from up and down the East Coast giving us rave reviews. Do personally thank him for his generosity since 2006.

Jack

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Now for a little fun -- can you guess which plane below is still in one piece?? Keep it to yourself, because we all love our planes and don't like to dwell on our mishaps.



## A Meeting was called to order on . . .

October 11, 2017 at the Train Station at 7pm. The Treasurer reported \$5,135.41 in savings and \$841.76 in checking.

Nominations for club officers were made for the current slate of Officers who have expressed willingness to serve another year. A unanimous vote for the current slate of Officers was noted. Club Dues were discussed. With the treasury in surplus, and mower repair and field maintenance estimates in the reasonable range, the club voted to hold dues the same for next year.

Mower repair was discussed and Skip will work on leveling the deck after the grass stops growing this winter. Pilot boxes and fence repairs will be assessed in the spring for repair/replacement. Some additional picnic tables were suggested for next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 7:20 pm.

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- November 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
  - December 13 - Christmas Party Meeting 7pm — at the train station. As usual, expect to have very little business with lots of good food. Friends and spouses welcome.
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## Support Our Local

### Hobby Shops

Bob Boyer

David Henry

### Hobby Stop

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Seaford, DE

302-629-3944

Eric Johansen

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Easton, MD

410-822-7800

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Maurice Taylor



### Links

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[Jack Upchurch](#) -- President

410-310-2007

[Duane Lundahl](#) -- V. President

301-717-5727

[George Fox](#) -- Safety Officer

410-310-9245

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