



December 5, 2017

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

Our club year is coming to a close, and we have had some of what we expect from our club and some surprises. The weather continues to surprise us as we can't plan to fly or decide to start building a winter project when weekends are warm and sunny in December. We have had a landlord change and a dues change which were totally unexpected. And we have already had over 20 members renew club membership for 2018 - which is unusual. In past years, someone would often bring a check to the Christmas party/meeting and become the first to renew for the coming year. If you were planning on bringing a check, please do so- but you won't be #1 this time around.

AMA tells me that we have 2 club members with expired AMA memberships. One of our members has passed away this year and the other one has suffered a serious fall with resulting brain damage and his wife says he wants to stay connected with us, but isn't feeling the need to renew his AMA at the present time. So my point is that as the years pass, we come to expect consistency where we have had it - and sometimes we have consistency and sometimes we are forced to adjust to a new reality. In the spirit of the holidays that are upon us, I would ask us all to think about the people who matter to us, and realize

things to help us thrive: 1) a bit of flexibility; and 2) a sense of purpose in how we spend our time. One will help us adjust when things beyond our control change, and the other will assure us that we are doing what matters each day with the people who matter to us.

See you all a week from tomorrow- Wednesday (December 13) for the Christmas party/meeting.

Jack



CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC 13 - 7PM - TRAIN STATION

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 13 for the 2017 ESAC Christmas Party/meeting. We will have it at the Train Station, and visitors and guests are welcome to join members. This is more about having a potluck meal than having a club meeting- although we do some of both. Bring some food to share and the club will have drinks on hand as well as a DVD with some photos to share.



A Meeting was called to order on . . .

November 18, 2017 at the Train Station at 7pm. The Treasurer reported \$5,255.63 in savings and \$841.76 in checking. There were 14 members present, and 22 members have already renewed, which is why the savings account looks so good.

The new field lease was reviewed with the members and the dues increase required to pay for the field was discussed. A discussion about the elimination of the family membership category and the "early payment discount" ensued. The club has eliminated the family category in an effort to generate funds from those wishing to fly. Having a flying family pay much less per person was being viewed as unfair. Members are reminded that guests are welcome always, and so a spouse who does not fly is still as welcome today as they were last week. The Board also decided to raise the dues to \$125 with an early payment discount of \$25 for anyone paying before the end of January each year. This was implemented in an effort to reward members who help the club with early cash flow rather than waiting until summer to renew. Lastly, the "new member" price includes an additional one time fee which is intended to have new members contribute similar to previous member donations and sweat equity that went into the current field. One new member was at the meeting wanting to join and the group agreed to apply an early payment discount. [Link to RENEWAL form.](#) [Link to NEW MEMBER form.](#)

The 2018 Jet Invitational event was discussed. The group had varying opinions about wanting to attract participants and spectators. Being that Dennis Blades is our champion for this event, he is now aware of the opinions of club members and can take these into account as he figures out how to make the

a "no landing fee" event, but the 2018 event could have a modest donation expected from the pilots.

Dennis notified the group that the club Yahoo group email was being replaced with a Google email group. Current Yahoo group members will be enrolled in the Google replacement automatically, but anybody else who wants to get these group member communications should email Dennis with a request to be added. Mostly, this service is used to coordinate member meetups for flying.

[Email Dennis using this link.](#)

Jack was presented with a horribly botched club member card. He promised to get it right next time, and those members who have paid for 2018 could have cards available at the December 2017 Christmas party/meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 7:55pm.

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- October 7 - Club Picnic - Seaford Club Invited
 - October 8 -- (Picnic Rain Date)
 - October 11 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
 - November 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
 - December 13 - Christmas Party Meeting 7pm — at the train station

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John Chapis

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Tom Tilley



Links

[AMA Website](#)

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Easton, MD
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[Know Before You Fly](#)

[FAA- Pilot Registration](#)

[Renewal Membership Form](#)

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