



March 9, 2018

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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

6035 Shiloh Camp Rd, Hurlock, MD

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Dear Member,

"In like a Lion" - happy March.

The news this month amounts to not many flying days so far, and lots of rumors surrounding the neighbor's proposed solar project. I have received email updates from a neighbor who is part of the neighborhood 'resistance' telling me that a hearing was cancelled which is either good or bad. I have done development work years ago and been the 'bad guy' wanting to put a subdivision into a field where the neighbors wanted to continue looking at a field. While I believe that ultimately, the property owner will get his way- it is

50/50 as to whether the solar project will be approved. If a variance or special exception is required for this project, then upset neighbors sometimes win. While I would love to help fight off the project- it means that I would be fighting the man who lets us use his land to drive in.

So here is what we know:

- A solar project hearing was scheduled for March 13 and has been cancelled/postponed at the request of the Solar company.
- The neighbors continue to fight to stop the project- a row of trees, a 50' setback from the road and other details are being added to the project to address the neighbor concerns.
- The Solar project needs the 'big field' as well as 75 additional acres to work- they are looking for the additional 75 acres in the area contingent upon getting the 'big field' project approved
- The timeline would stretch into 2020 for completion, with disruption starting as early as late 2019 if approved.

I spoke with Adam Kral, our new landowner and he is sympathetic to our having a great place to fly. It is 50/50 that we will have a solar project become a reality with very little we can do about it. It is almost 100% not an issue for this calendar year as far as interfering with our flying and 50/50 that it would impact next year because of the permitting process for something of this nature. (the way I calculate our odds- that equals a 25% chance of having 2019 impacted) While I am not happy with the threat to our little piece of RC paradise- I believe we have lots of reason to be optimistic that this will work out.

Worst case is that we need to find the next perfect place to fly and spend time and money to build it before we have to leave the one we have now. I think that worst case is going to cost some money and lots of volunteer hours, but won't be a catastrophe either.

As I keep telling myself in my work life- "you only have to deal with what

actually happens". The rest is considering contingency plans. We should be looking around for a replacement site that equals or improves on what we have now. At \$500/acre per year rent, we represent a good deal guaranteed income for farmers in our area.

Jack

A Meeting was called to order on . . .

February 14, 2018 at the Train Station at 7pm. Jack was away and Duane presided. The Treasurer reported \$1155.96 in checking and \$7406.48 in savings.

Upcoming events were discussed. I forget what else Duane told me, so make a note and attend the next meeting if you want to know what happens there:) Seriously, we usually enjoy the pizza and each other's company- we just don't have that much work to get done at club meetings and we like it that way.

The Official 2018 Club Calendar- Check the website for more up to the minute schedule changes.

- March 14 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm

- July 11 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm

- April 11 - Club Meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- April 28 - Jet Rally
- May 5 -- rain date - Jet Rally
- May 9 - Club Meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- June 13 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- June 16 & 17 - IMAC

- August 8 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- August 11 & 12 - Jim Coll Stunt Contest
- August 18 & 19 - IMAC
- September 12 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- October 10 - Club Meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- November 14 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- December 12 - Christmas Party Meeting 7pm — at the Train Station - potluck

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