



# Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

## NEWSLETTER

April 16, 2018

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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6035 Shiloh Camp Rd, Hurlock, MD

## **IGNITER**

Dear Member,

So April is such a busy time of year for me that I think I have forgotten the club newsletter several times over the years. I did it again this year- sorry. I tried to have myself replaced at the last meeting but didn't get that done, so you are stuck with me at least for another month.

There really wasn't much news on April 1, but now there is much to talk about. The AMA is asking all members to use a special communication link and ask members of Congress to maintain our special exception to continue to fly as AMA member Hobbyists without taking a personal FAA test. THIS IS

IMPORTANT !

And, the club has an Invitational Jet Rally coming up in less than two weeks on April 28 weather permitting. Please make note of it and come support the club.

With the weather starting to change, it won't be long until the routine will be flying at the field each week.

Until then,

Jack

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FROM AMA Today:

Dear AMA club leaders,

Most of you have probably read our recent letter to AMA members, requesting help to protect the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (Section 336). We are requesting our clubs' assistance to reach as many model aircraft enthusiasts as possible and amplify our message.

Congress has begun drafting language to address Section 336. During this process, some are asking for the repeal of Section 336 – which has allowed AMA to manage our members and fly safely and responsibly, as we have for over 80 years. Losing the Special Rule would be an enormous burden for our hobby.

There are currently two paths to fly legally in the U.S. – either under Section 336 or under the FAA's Small UAS Rule (Part 107). If Section 336 is repealed,

everyone will have to take an in person test, pay for a remote pilot's certificate, and fly under Part 107 rules. Under Part 107, an individual must be at least 16 years of age to obtain the remote pilot's certificate, so this path leaves AMA's 50,000 youth members unable to fly.

This is a critical moment to let your elected representatives know the importance of Section 336 to education, innovation, and hobbyists. You can help by doing the following:

1. Share AMA's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts to contact their legislators.
2. Forward this email (or the original email request) to your club member list, in case our membership records do not contain a person's most current email address or as a reminder to those that have not yet contacted their representatives.
3. Mention this campaign at the flying site and during your next meeting to your members that may not utilize email or social media.

[Please ask everyone to click here to send a letter to your elected representatives in support of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.](#) In addition to sending a letter, you will also have an opportunity to call your representatives. We encourage everyone to take the time for this as well.

We need your help to demonstrate the value of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft for our community and future generations of hobbyists. We appreciate your assistance in protecting Section 336 and promoting the safe integration of model aircraft into the national airspace system.

Sincerely,  
AMA Government Affairs

# Jet Rally Invitational to be held Saturday, April 28 at the field in Hurlock

Flying will commence at 9am and lunch will be offered for sale to spectators and non-flying members.

The club has invited 18 jet pilots from all over the East Coast and we expect some spectacular jets to be on display and demonstrating what fast flying is all about.

Members are encouraged to bring family and friends to watch. Food will be available at noon.

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

March 14, 2018 at the Train Station at 7pm. The treasurer reported \$7,906.16 in savings and \$1,155.96 in checking. We had 16 members present. A new member, Kelly Williams was welcomed into the club.

The Jet rally planning is coming along with 14 of the 18 jet pilots invited indicating plans to show up.

IMAC and Jim Coll sanctions have been secured. Matt asked for a trophy list asap for all events needing trophies.

The AMA has issued a reminder about drone flying rules which all members are encouraged to be familiar with. AMA members may legally fly at AMA fields with line of sight control. Nobody flies drones inside the DC SFRA no matter what.

The club revised Bylaws were reviewed and a suggestion to exempt antique engines from the muffler requirement was offered and accepted by the group. A formal vote will be taken at the April club meeting.

The meeting was called to a close at 7:27 pm

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

- 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

- July 11 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- 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

Happy Birthday to You . .



Steve Piasecki

**Links**

[AMA Website](#)

[AMA - District IV](#)

[Know Before You Fly](#)

[FAA- Pilot Registration](#)

[Renewal Membership Form](#)

**Support Our Local Hobby Shops**

**Hobby Stop**

22762 Sussex Hwy  
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