



Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

NEWSLETTER

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AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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6035 Shiloh Camp Road, Hurlock, MD

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Dear Member,

February weather swings have members finding unexpected opportunities to grab a bonus flying day during a season known mainly as a building time of year. If you haven't yet read the Model Aviation February 2019 edition, you will be pleased to note that our jet rally event was featured for District IV. Thanks to our own Dennis Blades for coordinating the event and writing the article.

Many of you have heard rumors that we have run into trouble with our planned move to the new field on Baker Road. Unfortunately, there are facts behind the rumors. The short version is that an adjoining property owner to the new field was not aware until early January that we were moving our field next door to

her farm. Our new landlord and I met with her mid January to hear her concerns and describe what our club needs and how we operate. She asked us to fly one of the larger airplanes from the new field so that she could see for herself what it amounted to. The following week, before we had weather suitable for the flight demonstration, a certified letter from her attorney arrived demanding that we cease and desist making flying noises in her neighborhood as well as denying permission for us to trespass on her farm should we experience a mishap. After consulting with the club Board, we decided that our longstanding commitment to being good neighbors would not fit in a neighborhood where neighbors call lawyers before seeing for themselves if we could co-exist and trying to work out a compromise. Our new landlord is willing to honor our signed lease as well as being gracious enough to allow us to break the lease and find another site. Our current landlord is willing to rent month to month which allows us to continue until solar panel construction begins. The overlap of reasonable accommodating landlords gives us opportunity to carry on our club activities while selecting a new site for our field. To be honest, I am frustrated, disappointed and exhausted from the effort of managing normal club business as well as the details of coordinating a field move/construction project which was settled and now back up in the air with 4 months wasted time, effort and grass seed money. That said, there is always opportunity if you can keep looking for it even when things go wrong.

Board Members have been struggling with the reality of our situation and looking for a 'new - new place' to fly as well as our individual feelings that come from facing the unknown. We have found what I believe is a suitable new field about 8 miles from the current field. It will require us to rearrange our current field layout, but it comes with a supportive landlord, no neighbors to worry about, no airports closer than 7 miles and the field is already planted with grass so we haven't lost 5 months of growing season. Jack Rosemere, Skip, Tim, Duane, and Matt have all seen the field and are helping with layout options.

There is a zero chance of finding a new field which is identical to our current

field in every way. (If nothing else, the GPS coordinates will be different) What that means is that we are looking for a site that meets club needs for space to fly RC and control line; will accommodate our annual events; comes with a supportive landlord and happy neighbors; and is more than 5 miles from any full scale airport. What our club field requirements are: is a site that is about 5 acres, with dimensions of 350'x650' more or less. The dimensions don't have to be exact, but this is a rectangle that we can duplicate our current setup inside of. The elephant in the room is the cost to the club. We will likely have some extra cost this year coming from costs for materials as well as renting a place to fly while the grass grows in and safety fences get installed at another rented field. Make no mistake about it- we have had as close to perfection as we can get with a club member landlord who charged us just enough to cover the taxes. Now we have to offer enough to a landlord to make it an economic advantage to have us there. If you have a friend who likes you enough to give us the perfect field at a bargain price, we need his phone number. Then we need to pick our best option and sign a new lease. It looks like we could remain at our current field through the summer- no guarantees, but that probably means that our scheduled events can happen as scheduled where we are, or depending on where we go and how the grass fills in there, we could move mid year.

I am asking members to look around and provide me with contact information of any sites that come with willing land owners ASAP. Your Officers will explore these options and we can discuss this further at the next club meeting a week from today.

See you soon,

Jack

A Meeting was called to order on . . .

January 9, 2019 at the Train Station at 7pm with 11 members present. The Treasurer reported \$1,841.95 in checking and \$2,009.27 in savings. We have 28 paid up members.

A reminder to renewing members that a discount for early renewals is offered through January 31 each year. Members wishing to pay full price can wait until February and pay \$125. The club appreciates your financial contribution.

The members were notified that somebody broke into the shed where the lawnmower is stored and they took some tools, the non working weed eater, and a gas can full of gas. The mower has been moved to Skips place for winter maintenance and safety. Skip was able to repair the door and lock the building.

There was an update on the Baker Road field with nothing much to report. Grass is growing in and elevation readings taken to see if drainage can be improved.

Event schedule is becoming finalized with sanctioning being conducted. AMA needs GPS locations for the new field if we plan to hold the events there.

Jack Rosemere produced a birthday cake and shared it with members present. Thanks Jack.

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

The Official 2019 Club Calendar- Check the website for more up to the minute schedule changes.

- January 9 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- February 13 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- March 13 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- April 10 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- April 27 - Jet Rally
- May 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- June 12 - Club meeting at the Field 7pm
- June ?? - IMAC Competition

- July 10 - Club meeting at the Field 7pm
- August 10-11 - Jim Coll Control Line Stunt Contest
- August 14 - Club meeting at the Field 7pm
- August ?? - IMAC Competition
- September 11 - Club meeting at the Field 7pm
- October 9 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- November 13 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- December 11 - Christmas Party Meeting 7pm — at the Train Station - potluck

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Happy Birthday to You . .

Warren Avis

Duane Lundahl

Doug Young



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301-717-5727

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410-310-9245

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