



Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

NEWSLETTER

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AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

This newsletter is about two weeks early - a sure sign that I am bored. Our hobby should be in full swing with flying every good day and looking forward to event plans for the coming months. Instead, we are all doing more inside activities like pre-season maintenance, battery checking and even re-covering an airplane that is looking too battle scarred to take out again. And many of us are probably going nuts.

On behalf of my staff in our Assisted Living business, I want to thank you for doing your part in reducing normal activities that bring us in contact with

random groups of other people. Pure and simple- this reduced activity level has bought us time to find new sources of personal protective equipment like masks, gloves and gowns so that we can go to work and not risk infecting our residents or taking something bad home to our kids and spouses. Not many of us would have been circulating in Frederick where my business is located, so your part helped the staff in other healthcare businesses around Easton, Salisbury or Seaford. Those folks benefited from your doing your part, and the equipment that we all didn't burn through is still in our supply room for when we will need it next week or next month while we wait for our orders to clear customs.

I hear folks asking what the 'new normal' might be like. Already we have had to adjust to being told to wear masks in public and are being asked to leave space in line at the grocery store so that a line with 6 people can go way down the aisle to where the toilet paper used to be. And we are now seeing new groups of 'us and them'. You all know that I advocate that we not think of 'us and them' and instead believe that there is 'only us' that includes everybody. Well new groups are forming- 'those folks who leave their noses out of their masks'; 'those folks who don't wear masks in the store'; 'those folks who butt in line and pretend not to see you standing way back there 6 feet away'; 'those folks who go to work with a cough or a fever' or 'those folks who call in with a fever that might not actually be there so that they are asked to stay home'. It looks like everything is exaggerated - everything is just a bit more intense than before.

So my request of our members is that we react by looking at 'us' and allowing for someone who isn't seeing everything the exact way that we are. Give us all just a bit more space to adjust (or breathe), allow us to forget our mask without making a big deal out of it. If someone isn't wearing one- we can always give them more distance. My point is that what we absolutely can control is what we do- and if that means we stay home more because we are concerned that somebody else might not be 'safe enough'- then stay home a bit more rather than making a fuss about what they aren't doing right. It also hopefully means

that we give in just a wee little bit and go along with some things that we might consider to be silly overreaction. Do consider leaving more space between yourself and other folks- do consider having masks in your cars so that you don't end up somewhere in public without one. And please also humor me- regardless of how serious you think this COVID situation is or isn't- do your part, because there are folks that have to go to work and care for sick people, and one of them might be standing in front of you in line at the grocery store or getting gas. Neither of us needs whatever the other one might have right now.

Thanks,

Jack



The club needs to send a big THANK YOU to two of our members- Jim Cockran and Eric Johansen. The photos above show two major donations to our well being:

- Jim built a roller that doesn't have those ridges so that we should be able to roll our runways more smoothly in the coming months. We have learned that our sandy soil needs to be rolled while still damp from a

rain- so don't be surprised to see one of us out there rolling in the rain.

Much appreciated Jim!

- Eric had been on the lookout for some discarded marine batteries that were of a particular condition- they had to be not good enough for a man to risk his Yacht over, but still good enough to hold a lot of amps for charging RC airplane batteries- and free. The second photo is what battery success looks like. We have more than doubled our storage capacity with the addition of these batteries. Thank you Eric!



We tilled up an area for a second control line circle a couple of weeks ago. The photo on the left is that area. On the right is a shot of the pits and runway off to the right.

The club needs to make a choice soon, and I am asking members to share their thoughts before the Officers pick a direction:

1. We have events on the books which are on hold pending relaxing of State mandated public gathering size limits to 10 or fewer people. We have minimal funds on hand and need to spend them wisely and also choose wisely on whether to schedule events or not. The cost of trophies runs into several hundred dollars per event; food and supplies for an event can be \$350-500. Not a problem under normal conditions and normal conditions net us needed extra funds from holding events. But we don't know:

- if the gathering size we will have will be allowed

- if neighboring states will relax travel restrictions
- if individual event pilots will choose to participate given their health concerns, their financial situation after lock down or even the normal concern about the weather on the weekend we are scheduled
- and once we buy food, we need to have an event to get the money back - even more so with trophies for specific events on specific dates

2. Our runway has not grown in as well as had been hoped. It is still rougher than we need it to be. If you look closely, you can see the difference between the pits and the runway. It could be too soon to tell if it will catch up when it warms up. I had been keeping our options open to have events by delaying a decision on tilling up the runway to see how the facts played out- but that decision was made before COVID. The scales could be tipping the other way- that is, we might be better off tilling the runway and smoothing it out and expect grass and weeds to grow in as they did in the pit and parking areas where we tilled last year. But we don't know:

- if we will have / could have profitable events this summer
- if the runway will grow in as well as the pits did
- if we will have a wet or dry summer to help or hinder new growth

So this is another situation where there is just 'us'- we all have to live with what we decide to do. Can you reply to this newsletter with your thoughts? We will be picking a direction soon and I have just one voice myself.

Thanks, Jack

The Official 2020 Club Calendar- Check the website for more up to the minute schedule changes.

- June 10 - ?? Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- June 20-21 ?? IMAC

- July 8 - ?? Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- August 8-9 ?? Jim Coll

- August 12 - ?? Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- August 15-16 - ?? IMAC
- September 9 - ?? Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- October 10 Field Closed - Handsell Jamboree
- October 14- ?? Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- October 17 - ?? Jet Rally
- November 11 - ?? Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- December 9 - ?? Christmas Party Meeting 7pm — at the Train Station - potluck

Happy Birthday to Us . . .



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