



Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

NEWSLETTER

February 10, 2020

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

Other than the weather providing unexpected opportunities to fly in the winter, not all that much going on in Vienna. Many members stepped up and renewed early, and we thank you. Many others have renewed 'on time'. Now that we are into February, a renewing member will pay the full amount without any early renewal discount. Our Treasurer wanted me to remind folks that he can send you a PayPal link if you prefer to pay via PayPal.

The FAA has published some proposed rules and the AMA is asking all members to comment. John Chapis has organized a meeting to be held on

Sunday with Ray Stitchcomb to help explain what the multi hundred page document means. The internet is fired up with different groups advocating comments to address portions of the proposed rules that impact them. Duane and I are planning on attending the Sunday meeting in hopes of getting a better understanding in more detail of the issues that would affect our club and its members. That said, our membership is diverse enough in various aspects of model airplanes, that probably ANY rule affecting the hobby will impact some of us. As it looks now, the two major issues affecting AMA clubs is: 1) the remote ID proposal; and 2) flying restrictions depending on where you want to fly.

I believe the public has until March 2 to provide feedback, so do consider making a response, either directly or through the AMA website or using one of the links emailed to you from AMA. The AMA has provided template letters to help get you going, but it makes sense to do more than just copy and paste it. If you have concerns about rules impacting your hobby, it is better to tell the FAA about the affect on you rather than sending a general objection letter.

There exists some provisions to protect established AMA fields from some of the restrictions, but that could still have an impact as other RC enthusiasts are restricted from flying elsewhere. It is unclear whether our club would be allowed to retain our "special rights" if we had to move to a new location. And the "special rights" themselves might not be broad enough to allow every activity that we currently enjoy. So stay tuned, I will send out another newsletter with as much information as I have in a week or so with links and suggestions on responding.

See you at the field,

Jack

Just a few lucky members enjoying 60 degree weather in late January!



A Meeting was called to order on . . .

January 8, 2020 at the Train Station at 7pm with 11 members present. The Treasurer reported \$1,873.23 in checking and \$888.20 in savings with all bills paid. We have 28 paid up members. The treasurer asked that members wishing to pay dues via PayPal email him at rosemere@verizon.net

A discussion about the FAA proposed rulemaking was had, and a request for members to make comments before the deadline runs out.

Our 2020 event schedule was firmed up with coordination from the Handsel Board so that our events do not overlap. Jim Coll is sanctioned for Aug 8-9; IMAC for June 20-21 and Aug 15-16. We will post our event dates as well as the Handsel events on the website and in newsletters to keep everyone in the know. Skip is hosting an IMAC Judging School at his place of work on May 2 with flying demonstrations to be held at the field on May 3. Members in attendance were supportive of making the field available. Skip reported that the IMAC demonstration flying would not prevent members from flying on May 3 as usual.

The Handsel Board is interested in working out some ideas for holding joint events with a theme of "Family History" where our club could be part of the entertainment with a static display of RC airplanes, flying demonstrations and possibly some buddy box flying with interested visitors. More later if/when the ideas have been worked out with their Board.

George Fox will complete the AMA Flying Site Assistance application to cover our move to the new site. There is a rigid application process and strict deadlines which are rapidly approaching.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

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

- February 12- Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- March 11- Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm

- July 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- August 8-9 Jim Coll
- August 12 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm

- April 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- April 25 -- Field Closed- Handsel Chicone Village Day ??
- May 3 -IMAC Judging School demonstration flying 9-12 noon
- May 13 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- June 10 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- June 20-21 IMAC

- 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 . . .



Links

[AMA Website](#)

[AMA - District IV](#)

[Know Before You Fly](#)

[FAA- Pilot Registration](#)

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