



Issue - December 29, 2015

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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## Greetings!

By now, each of you has received at least 2 emails from the AMA about ongoing efforts to resolve some issues with the FAA. I am as human as you are, and have the same worries, fears and anger depending on when you catch me. Let me share what I know, and ask each of you to hang in there and wait to see what happens next. Likely it won't be the end of the world- but that doesn't mean everybody will be happy.

- The AMA has asked us all to make a public comment on the FAA's proposed rule on registration of what they are calling UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems), which includes things that fly without a pilot on board. I have no way of knowing what that really means - model airplanes and quad copters for sure -- frisbies, snow balls, spit wads who knows?? We know that the FAA has claimed jurisdiction over our model aircraft despite the law passed by Congress exempting hobby model aircraft. To leave a public comment - use this link <http://1.usa.gov/1Jegj0C> . Our country is governed through a political process which does respond to voters. Numbers of upset voters does get attention.
- The FAA had previously issued an opinion that basically said model airplanes are "airplanes" and subject to FAA regulation even after the passage of the "2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act" where Congress exempted our models from FAA regulation (in Section 336). The AMA filed a lawsuit seeking clarification and upholding of the model aircraft exemption from regulation by the FAA. That case is pending.
- There is currently a group of AMA clubs around the DC area (I believe 14 of them) that have been told to stop flying completely until further notice. This no fly action is known as the "DC SFRA" and a link to that information is [http://tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_0\\_8326.html](http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_0_8326.html) Apparently, this problem is related to increased security concerns in DC.
- Your Officers voted to offer flying privileges to members of these closed down clubs to fly as guests over the next few weeks until something gets sorted out. We already have calls from some guests who are planning on coming out to fly with us and soak up some Eastern Shore Hospitality - some on New Year's Day.
- Some members have already registered with the FAA to take

## Club Calendar -

- **December 30** -- Control line circle work mid day
- **January 13** - 7pm -- **Club Meeting at the TRAIN STATION**
- **February 10-** 7pm -- Club Meeting at the Train Station
- **March 9** -- 7pm Club Meeting at the Train Station
- **April 13** -- 7pm -- Club Meeting at the Train Station
- **May 11** --7pm -- Club Meeting -- AT THE FIELD
- **June 8** -- 7pm -- Club Meeting -- AT THE FIELD
- **June 18-19** -- IMAC Sanctioned Event
- **July 13** -- 7 pm --Club Meeting at the Field
- **August 10** -- 7pm -- Club Meeting at the Field
- **August 13-14** -- Jim Coll Memorial Stunt Contest
- **August 20-21** -- IMAC Competition
- **September 14** -- 7pm -- Club Meeting at the Field -- Officer Nominations
- **October 12** -- 7pm-- Club Meeting -- AT THE TRAIN STATION

advantage of the first 30 days Free offer. I will wait a bit longer to see before signing up- but I will sign up before the deadline expires unless we clarify our being exempt. Nobody at the AMA or this club is suggesting that members break the law and fly after the deadline without registering. But we aren't required to sign up yet, and the AMA might have some success before the deadline.

So, on a happier note, our Christmas Party Meeting was packed full of members, guests and food. Thanks to everyone who shared the evening ! As always, rain or shine - there will be folks starting the year off right with that first flight on New Year's Day. This year, we should have some guests as well.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year !!

See you at the field,

Sincerely,

**Jack Upchurch**

### **No meeting was called to order ... it was Christmas, and even the politically correct folks stayed home :) )**

At 7 pm on December 9 at the Train Station, a party broke out. Treasurer reported \$2,308.56 in savings and \$2,155.96 in checking. We pay our field rent in December each year, so the balance is a bit down.

New members were welcomed and a mob of current members were lining up to pay dues for next year. It is great to belong to a group such as this - throwing money at the officers without any pleading required.

Club photo slideshows and aerial video presentations were premiered and members were encouraged to take home a personal copy of the disk.

There being no room to eat another bite, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

### **About Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club**

We are an AMA chartered club, with membership open to those with an interest in things that fly. Check out our website, come to the field and watch us play with our toys, and join us if you like what you see.

**Jack Upchurch**

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- **November 9** -- 7pm -- Club Meeting at the Train Station
- **December 14** -- 7pm -- Christmas Party Meeting

### **Happy Birthday to YOU !!!**

Carol Chapis -- January 3  
George Fox -- January 31  
Bill Hubbard -- January 27  
Sarge Johnson -- January 24  
James Karney -- January 29  
Jack Rosemere -- January 31  
Ed Terry -- January 26  
Jack Upchurch -- January 9

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### **Our local Hobby shops:**

Members are encouraged to support our two local hobby stores:

**Hobby Stop. in Seaford. Located at 22762 Sussex Hwy, Seaford, DE**

**302-629-3944**

**Hobby Town in Easton. Located at 106 Marlboro Ave, Easton (in the Ledo Pizza / Rita's strip)**

**410-822-7801**

Wye Mills, Maryland 21679

Let us know how we measure up. Comments, critique welcome.

