

Igniter newsletter

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AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

Flying weather is here and all of that extra attention you have been paying to your spouse and tending to chores is about to pay off with time to fly.

As many of you know, Duane and I attended the National Members meeting and sat in on an AMA Executive Council Meeting which was held at Joe Nall. I would recommend experiencing Joe Nall to get a sense of the diversity and magnitude of our hobby. AMA membership is about 175,000 worldwide. There will be official reports of attendance in various publications, but I can report having lunch with pilot # 1826. They believe spectators approached 30,000 and 2000 registered pilots overall.

Of particular interest to me is a growing appreciation for what the AMA is doing to protect our hobby. In the Executive Council Meeting, I was asked to share my thoughts and here is an approximation of what I said:

The AMA is doing great work from what I have been privileged to witness in this discussion today. It is a shame that most members have no clue what is being done on their behalf. In 10 years I never met an AMA official until Jay Marsh was elected a few months ago and we had an AVP show up at a club meeting. It is a mistake to have membership that does not know leadership. The AMA needs to be taking credit for the work it is doing, now more than ever. The man sitting here next to me who leads the effort with the FAA to protect our rights to fly is a hero in my book, and until today I didn't know he existed or what he was doing for me. The strategy-- become recognized as a National representative of the Hobby flying community, the establishment of safety rules, the efforts to form partnerships with outside groups like the EAA, Google and the hobby industry should be told to the members

Dave Brown responded that everything is published in the Model Aviation Magazine for members. I had to admit that I generally stop reading when I get to that section of the magazine- my fault for sure. But the AMA needs to be a living entity and needs face to face communication at each club to be effective with the members.

Club Calendar -

including our events, events of Interest, and other local club events

- Pizza Palace at 5:30 before the meeting
- June 10-- 7pm -- Club Meeting at the FIELD
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- June 20-21 IMAC
- July 8 -- 7pm -- club meeting
- July 9-11 Warbirds Over DE
- August 8-9 -- Jim Coll Memorial Control Line Stunt Contest
- August 12 -- 7pm-- club meeting
- August 22-23 -- IMAC
- September 9 7pm club meeting
- September 12 ESAC Fun Fly
- October 14 -- 7pm -- club meeting
- November 11 -- 7pm -- club meeting - officer voting
- December 9 -- 7pm --Christmas Party Meeting

Happy Birthday to YOU !!!

Bonnie Fueller -- June 8

Shaun Goodwin -- June 17

Skip Messick -- June 28

So, I am asking y'all to do what I haven't been doing - read the dull portions of your MA magazine and become informed. There is a full on assault out there which could impact our rights to fly at our field or anywhere else. The debate about including 'drones' or not is already concluded. If the AMA does not represent the entire hobby flying public, then why would the FAA bother to deal with us? It is be so much easier to ban flying and make criminals out of anyone who flies without a pilots license, than to focus on those idiots who fly unsafely. When the AMA asked for member comment the first time, members responded with about 30,000 comments. When the FAA started with their interpretive ruling, the member comments were in the 5,000-8,000 comment range. The only way to deal in the political world is to become informed and respond every time our toes are stepped on. Politicians do pay attention to voters and we represent enough voters to make a difference. I am encouraged with what I heard going on with our leadership - I still wish they would make some time to let us know what they are doing for us. As Dad used to say, "It is hard to complain about the food when you know the cook."

See you at the field-

Jack Upchurch



spectators at the flightline

Bob Snead -- June 28

James Stewart -- June 28

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Our local Hobby shop:

Members are encouraged to support our two local hobby stores:

Hobby Stop in Seaford.

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

410-822-7801



lunch demo hovering turbine



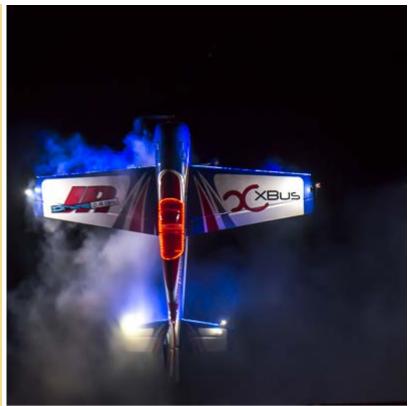
lunch demo 3 hover



lunch demo 3d



Float fly area



night flying



Flying without full horizontal stab



fearless leaders



AMA tent



membership meeting

A meeting was called to order ...

At 7 pm on May 13 at the field.

Since Duane and Jack were at Joe Nall, our Treasurer Jack Rosemere was running the meeting. And I do mean RUNNING. Reports are that a new worlds record for shortest meeting was set - 3 minutes - and done. So I guess we still have money in the bank, and I suppose everything is still fine at the field. Thanks Jack - maybe we need to let him run meetings from now on.

There being no business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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.

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



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