



September 8, 2017

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Hello Members-

Soapbox time again for me. It won't be long before club officer nominations are due. This club is very different in many ways from other clubs I belong to. For one thing, we rarely have need for conflict resolution because we just don't have much conflict. For another thing, our club officers have remained pretty constant for a decade. It is often a good thing to have officer turnover because clubs can get stale and fresh ideas come with new officers. So do think about your club, and if you have some new ideas you want to try out and wish to step up and do some club volunteer work, consider becoming an officer. I suspect that our current officers are willing to carry on for another year, but that is not enough of reason to keep the status quo. You decide when a change is needed.

If you don't want the work but have ideas, then please share them with an officer and see how quickly we give them a try. One such idea that came up this month is an interest in having a club Picnic / Fun Fly this fall. We will discuss this at the next meeting - next Wednesday 9/13.

Another soap box topic of mine has to do with the "Feel of this club" vs some others

members. Some clubs work at being exclusive, others exist to serve a charitable purpose, some focus on education, or pooling resources for the common good. I would say that we fall into the last type. I know of RC clubs that want to be exclusive, don't want visitors, don't want to train new pilots. I do the AMA District IV website, and know that about 20% of the district club contacts didn't share websites, or newsletters, or wish to publish their field locations on our site. It seems so foreign to me not to want to grow and thrive and be inclusive. Being exclusive is another valid way that a club can choose to serve its members. Just saying that what I enjoy about our club works for me, but we can choose to be any way we want. Think about what matters to you and if we are missing something, or have it wrong -- do share.

Last topic for me this month = acknowledging our club volunteers. We have completed our 3 major club competition events which brings our out of town friends in to enjoy our field and our friendship. Along with the sanctioned flying, we also provide food and camping availability. In return, we end up with pilot fees and donations that help us keep our dues low. This club is blessed with volunteers who go way above and beyond. Skip Messick has been mowing our lawn since he finished leveling the bare dirt and the grass seed sprouted. Jim Cockran has been our cook, and this year also our Treasurer. Jim also purchases the food and supplies and ice and stays until nobody else needs a meal whenever the club schedules a weekend event. Matt Sebring has been hauling supplies, tables, generator, ice and beverages back and forth for many years covering events. He arrives early enough to provide coffee for our campers to wake up to. We have our event Champions like Tim Stagg and Ken Weaver and our Contest Directors like Jack Rosemere and Ken Weaver who take responsibility for event safety and represent the AMA on event weekends. We have officers like Duane Lundahl and George Fox and members like John O who offer to help out running scores back from judges, or handling pilot check in or helping with the cooking. And we have members who support the events by being spectators and food tasters. Without these jobs being handled, the club would not be able to host these events. Do stop these folks and say "THANK YOU" when you see them next.

These two photos are of aircraft that our members are flying obtained from our departed friend Ace Oertly. I wanted to share them in advance of the photos next month for the Ace Oertly IMAC Competition.



And I wanted to share some photos - below from the Jim Coll event this month.

See you at the field,

Jack







A Meeting was called to order on . . .

August 9, 2017 at the Field at 7pm. The Treasurer reported \$4,097.01 in savings and \$687.25 in checking. We have two events coming up on consecutive weekends. Volunteer needs are pretty much met except for a score runner for Jim Coll.

Jim Coll details were discussed: Friday afternoon field setup and paint marking; Saturday 8am pilot registration with the plan for an event close on Sunday around 2.

IMAC details were reviewed: about 24 pilots indicating an intent to attend. We will add BBQ chicken to the menu since this group will be large enough to consume the extra items. Weather permitting, both events should be great this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 7:20pm.

- September 10 - Annual Fish Fry -- SAC (Rain date Sept 17)
- September 13 - Club meeting at the Field 7pm
- October 11 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- November 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- December 13 - Christmas Party Meeting 7pm — at the train station

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Happy Birthday to You . . .

Gary Blades -
September 26

Jim Cockran -
September 24

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September 22

Zac Watson -
September 23



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[AMA Website](#)

[AMA - District IV](#)

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