



# Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

## NEWSLETTER

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AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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## **IGNITER**

Hello Members-

Just a reminder that the next meeting will be a week from tomorrow - at the field 7pm -- July 13.

A big Thank You to our club volunteers who made the IMAC competition on June 18-19 a success. Skip made sure the grounds were in tip top shape, Kenny served as CD and his wife handled score keeping, Jim Cockran cooked both days with assistance from Matt, Duane, and myself. Matt handled the logistics and made sure we had everything we needed. Several of us provided side dishes to accompany the hotdogs, burgers and BBQ chicken. Mostly, we all tried to stay out of the way and have fun while Jim worked. We deposited over \$1,100 to cover expenses and leave a cushion as well as having a great time with our IMAC friends from out of town. We departed from the usual practice of awarding plaques to the competition winners - this year we gave out club T-shirts and IMAC pins which were custom designed for us. We hope to get some feedback about the new award idea when we have our second competition in August.

We might be looking for a few more volunteers for the Jim Coll and IMAC

date on August 8. Just sayin' that I could be unavailable for one of the events and we like having photos of our events. If you like taking pictures, consider giving it a try. I usually also bring a side dish both days - baked beans or potato salad or brownies, and pick up donuts in the morning.

Still on the front burner is the topic of "Drones". I heard one of the IMAC competitors expressing his viewpoint that Drones should not be a part of our hobby. You all already know what I think because I get to share my thoughts in this newsletter. I won't spend space here repeating myself, but I do want to point out that the AMA magazine seems almost consumed these days with news about activities surrounding our right to fly and various aspects of dealing with drones and the government. Members are encouraged to do more than just look at the pretty pictures in that magazine. I belong to the special interest group of the AMA for turbine pilots (JPO - Jet Pilots Organization), and their recent newsletter edition was almost exclusively devoted to discussing drones. The historical similarities between drones and jets are apparent with the prior concern over Turbine model safety and discussions back then about not allowing jets in the AMA. The now familiar path taken by the AMA of studying the data and developing special safety rules covering the flying of turbine powered aircraft generated a special waiver program and a special set of safety rules just for jets. I can't remember the last time I heard someone express the belief that jets do not belong in our hobby. Including drone pilots IS what the AMA is about these days -- growing membership. Not just for the dues money, but for the clout with the government when the need to have a discussion comes up. Representing 200,000 voters is better than 100,000 in politics. Like it or not, our hobby is becoming a political football.

See you at the field,

Jack



A couple of pictures from IMAC at Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club





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## A Meeting was called to order on . . .

June 8, 2016 at the field at 7pm. The Treasurer reported \$2,309.23 in savings and \$1,069.19 in checking.

Members interested in purchasing a club T-shirt were in luck. The shirts and award pins were on display for member review. Details for the upcoming IMAC competition were reviewed- all bases covered. It was reported that 20 pilots had signed up and weather was expected to be great. The group agreed to provide coffee and donuts to the crowd both days and volunteers for donating side dishes were lined up.

New Members David and Roger Greene were welcomed.

The new website is up and running, with some new slideshows to be added as time allows. The weather station is functional, with some discussion about raising the weather vane another 10' to provide a more accurate wind speed reading.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 7:33pm.

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- July 13 -- 7 pm --Club Meeting at the Field

- September 14 -- 7pm --Club Meeting at the Field-- Officer

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