



Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

NEWSLETTER

December 31, 2019

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

It is once again time to say "Happy New Year!" As is our custom, some of us will get to the field on New Year's Day early in the morning to start the year off right with a first flight. Some years present lovely flying weather, and others not so much. Regardless, there will be some folks at the field in the morning.

Sadly, I began receiving texts and emails yesterday afternoon that Andy Kane has died. He was not a member of our club, but participated in our Jet Rally events and I worked with him at the AMA District IV level. He left many close friends in the RC community. For those who do not know who he was- that is too bad, because Andy was a kind giving soul with a huge dedication to our

hobby. He will be very much missed.

Many of us have started receiving notices from the FAA of their proposed rules governing 'drones'. At least one of us has tried to read the multi hundred draft rule document. Many of us are concerned, and no doubt some are confused and/or outraged based on YouTube rants I have seen. AMA has indicated that their team is on it, and has been working for a number of years with Congress and the FAA. Advocating for us is what I believe we need the AMA for in today's world- we have a voice and a seat at the table. I see similarities in what the AMA is doing advocating for RC pilots with what the NRA has done for so many gun owners in our country. Unfortunately, RC flying is not recognized in our United States Constitution as a fundamental right of the citizens but Congress has passed a law forbidding the FAA from interfering with our hobby. Our form of government works this way. I am very jaded when it comes to dealing with Government. I have a lifetime of running healthcare related businesses and navigating the heavily regulated industry. So please excuse me for not breaking a sweat here. What just happened is just the machine running- Congress says "leave the RC hobby alone", the FAA says "we regulate anything that enters the US airspace", and homeland security is tasked with making sure nobody uses a drone to conduct terrorism. Now is the public comment period on the proposed FAA rules where we might be asked to comment- and I would encourage everyone to do so when asked by the AMA. While I do not believe the FAA will change course based on a hundred eighty nine thousand objections, the politicians who depend on our votes will notice our comments. While all of this FAA rule making was going on, Phase 3 of Obamacare just took hold (968 page document) and healthcare organizations will see their money rearranged again; and the public will continue receiving care at hospitals where they have no chance of knowing what the bill is going to be until months after receiving the care, or opportunity to purchase prescriptions from Canada at 60% off the US prices.

So what can we do- go fly our models and enjoy our hobby and each

other. Hopefully we won't need a hospital anytime soon, and we can believe that the AMA will carve out enough concessions to allow us to continue.

See you soon,

Jack

A Meeting was called to order on . . .

December 11, 2019 at the Train Station at 7pm with 16 members present. The Treasurer reported \$2,115.02 in checking and \$888.16 in savings with all bills paid. The treasurer asked that members wishing to pay dues via PayPal email him at rosemere@verizon.net and he will email you an invoice.

Since we had serious food to consume, the business part of the meeting was brief. Dates for 2020 events were penciled in: June 20-21 for IMAC, Aug 8-9 for Jim Coll, Aug 15-16 for IMAC and Oct 17 for the Jet Rally. We will need to coordinate schedules with Handsell, and will do so ASAP. Time to eat.

There being no further appetite, the meeting was called to a close at 8:37.

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

- January 1 - First to Fly informal member get

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

together at the field ? am to fly and go home

- January 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- February 12- Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- March 11- Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- April 8 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- April 25 -- Field Closed- Handsell Chicone Village Day ??
- May 13 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- June 10 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- June 20-21 IMAC

- August 12 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- 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 . . .

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