



January 2021

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

Happy New Year !

Your flying club continues to thrive despite all that ails the world. There is reason to be optimistic that flows from our own human nature: much of what bothers us boils down to dealing with "the unknown". Many of us struggle when we ponder "what might happen next ?" in the face of foreseeable trouble. That makes this January especially good.

- this is not an election year
- we know when a covid vaccine will be invented and the world is focused on getting back to normal
- we know what the FAA will do to monitor UAS (which is what we fly for fun)
- we know where we can fly and recognize friends at the field

My take on the first two items is to just focus on my life, put some joy into every day, take action when it is my turn to do something, and recognize the many things I have to be thankful for. These first two bullets come with their own systems and processes and will unfold in ways that will affect me, but my job is done until I see an opportunity to make life better for those around me and myself. My hobby has been regulated with this latest round of announcements from FAA. Not unexpected, and many of us exercised our free speech rights to comment which I think helped shape the end result.

Looking to 2021 at the field, we have events being planned and the growing likelihood that we can enjoy getting together this year. We had Jack Rosemere first in the air on New Year's day, followed by Jack Upchurch, Duane Lundahl and Skip Messick. The temperature was nippy enough that nobody waited around to fly more than once- but from a club perspective, this year has started just like every one before it- with lunatics flying in weather not meant for flying.

See you soon,

Jack



Our AMA District IV Vice President has sent us some AMA eGift Certificates (via his able bodied assistant) which can be used in the AMA Gift Store. We are thinking that these should go to members who want them- first come, first served.

So the catch is we will award these based on two criteria:

1. if you would like one, [email Jack Rosemere NOW](#)
2. we will give priority to paid up members until we run out (I think we have one certificate for each toe)

This New Year's Day brought Duane, Jack R, Skip, Matt and Jack U out to the field in 33 degree overcast weather to carry out the proper start to a new year. Jack Rosemere launched his ducted fan conversion of the Tim Stagg Foamy model with some help from Matt Sebring. Not long after that first flight, Jack U and Duane had airplanes in the air and Skip (operating under severe handicap of having to assemble

his IMAC plane, fuel it up and get the engine running) put in the first engine powered flight of the year.





Club Business Update - No regular meeting held this month ...

Treasurer Reports \$4,208.89 in checking and \$2,865.42 in savings. Rent and cost for lime are still to come out of this fund. Members are beginning to renew for 2021.

On December 29, AMA hosted a live YouTube Q&A about the newly released Remote ID rules from the FAA. As you might recall, there were over 53,000 comments posted by the public on these proposed rules and the original content would have made our hobby flying much more difficult if not impossible to comply with. Bottom line for our club is this:

- We can purchase and fly new airplanes to be manufactured in the future which contain the required equipment. (perhaps 18 months to 3 years from now)
- We can purchase a small 'Broadcast Module' which would be added to your aircraft. (perhaps 18 months to 3 years from now) This yet to be made device should be the size as a postage stamp and be movable from airplane to airplane and is projected to cost \$20-\$50. (we'll believe it when we see it) This will allow existing aircraft to fly in places other than recognized Fixed Flying Sites. The system would tie to the existing FAA pilot registration and would link the Broadcast Module serial number to your pilot number. Presumably this would renew when the FAA registration renews every 3 years.
- As an AMA Chartered club, our field will become a 'FRIA' which means that it is recognized as a place that we fly airplanes and we can continue to fly as usual without any Broadcast Module. The club would likely deal with the AMA and the AMA would be dealing with the FAA. We would renew every 4 years.

So on this topic, as a club member- we probably hit a home run given that there was going to be some regulation coming at us. If you want to fly your quad in your neighborhood, you will need to do more than a member just flying at a club field.

Links for more information:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/amainaction>

Membership renewals are due by the end of this month to be able to renew at the discount rate. If you wish to use PayPal for payment, we still need your membership form so that we can keep our records straight. Contact [Jack Rosemere](#) for a Paypal link. Or download the form, fill it out and attach your check. The address to mail to is on the bottom of the form.

[Membership Renewal Form](#)

The Official 2021 Club Calendar- Check the website for more up to the minute schedule changes.

- January 1- First to Fly - informal get together for members wishing to start the year off right - sometime on New Year's Day- 8am;9am or whenever ???
- January 9 - No meeting
- February 13 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field
- March 13 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field
- April 17 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field
- May 15 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field
- May 22-23- Control Line Event

- July 17 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field
- August 7 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field
- August 14-15 - Jim Coll Stunt Contest
- September 4 - 1pm - Possible meeting at the field
- September 11-12 - Giant Scale Fly In
- September 18-19 - Giant Scale Rain Date
- October 16 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field
- November 13 - 1pm - Possible meeting at the field

- June 12 - 1pm -Possible meeting at the field

- December 11 - 1pm - Possible meeting at the field

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Seaford, DE
302-629-3944

**Hobby Town of
Easton**

106 Marlboro Ave
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Happy Birthday to Us . . .

Sarge Johnson

Mike Kearney

Jack Rosemere

Jack Upchurch



Links

[AMA Website](#)

[AMA - District IV](#)

[Know Before You
Fly](#)

[FAA- Pilot
Registration](#)

[Renewal
Membership Form](#)

[Jack Upchurch](#) -- President
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