



March 2021

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

This week has promise of flying weather coming our way ! Like it or not, the virus craziness of last year has not gone away completely, but some signs of hope are coming our way. If you check our website or the calendar at the bottom of the newsletters, you will see that we have scheduled normal flying events this year. We have always hosted events that contended with weather and schedule conflicts- but this year we also must overcome a year spent in some "Outer Limits" episode with our old habits broken and some new ones in place.

So the question is- "When am I going to get back to flying with my friends?"

Many of you know that I have been on the side of over the top caution with this virus. My business demanded that of me- at least that is my story and I am sticking with it. Now my business world has been mostly vaccinated (except for the employees exercising their right to refuse). So we are opening back up visitation as allowed by the State Health Department and group dining and we find some folks on the outside who never shut down (and did just fine) and some who refuse to wear masks and refuse to be vaccinated.

I just want to deal here with the elephant in the room where our club is concerned. Folks in our country have freedom to make personal choices that work for them. We all enjoy that freedom. When you add up all of those personal choices, sometimes society benefits and other times an individual benefits at the expense of the group. In Game Theory, it is called 'The Tragedy of the Commons'. In that game, an individual benefits by grazing his cattle on public land as much as possible while society loses if all the grass is eaten up by grazing cattle. It is in the individual's interest to graze as much of the free grass as possible but in the best interest of the group not to use up all the grass. This virus presents situations where the individual and the group could be needing different things. My goal is to assist our members to comfortably enjoy a friendly play ground despite whatever differences we have. We are individuals who choose to play together as a group and it is important that we deal with both individual and collective concepts. To me, that includes not being judgmental about what someone else is doing to survive. I have been told that I am stupid for refusing dinner invitations with friends this past year, and I was also witness to a confrontation in a post office where an unmasked man came in and coughed. He was then confronted by a masked woman in line and accused of attempted murder.

Let us remember who we are as club members, and let other members do what is comfortable for them and also recognize that we are still just making it up as

we go. If you are concerned about the virus, a vaccine is coming your way one day soon (if not already coursing through your bloodstream), and if you don't think all the fuss is warranted, our field remains open for business with space for folks to spread out as they deem necessary. Try to give them some space without taking offense. We have enough grass to satisfy us all.

See you soon,

Jack

A Meeting was called to order on . . .

We didn't have a meeting last month and not going to have one in March either. There isn't any business that needs doing at the moment. The Treasurer reports \$1,783.10 in checking and savings has \$2,865.47.

So our calendar does have in person meetings scheduled starting in April and we have events on the books.

If you want to pay by PayPal, email [Jack Rosemere](mailto:Jack.Rosemere) and he can send you an invoice. If you want to print out a [renewal form](#) and send a check- mail that to Jack Rosemere at 609 William St Cambridge, MD 21613.

Our May 22-23 Control Line event is being actively planned.

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 - No Meeting - 1pm at the field
- March 13 - No Meeting
- April 17 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- May 15 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- May 22-23 - Spring Fling Control Line Contest
- June 12 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- June 12-13 - IMAC Battle at the Bay

- July 17 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- August 7 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- August 14-15 - Jim Coll Memorial Stunt Line Contest
- August 28-29 - IMAC Competition
- September 4 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- September 11-12 - Giant Scale Fly In
- September 18-19 - Giant Scale rain date
- October 16 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- November 13 - Meeting - 1pm at the field
- December 11 - Meeting - 1pm at the field

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Dennis Hastings

John Opsitnik



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