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AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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Dear Member,

We are bearing down on groundhog day, and perhaps feeling like we are Bill Murray (in the movie "Groundhog Day") living the same day over and over trying to get it right but most of us this time are more worried about moving on. For those of you who aren't interested in my demented thoughts, just renew your club membership and that will be good enough for today to help support the club. I hear from folks that occasionally something I write touches a nerve, makes them think, or urges them to do something they were putting off.

So here goes...

Now is the time to renew your club membership. Here is a link to download the renewal member form which has the address for sending your check and the form with any new contact information we might need. If you prefer to use PayPal for paying dues, email [Jack Rosemere](mailto:Jack.Rosemere) and ask him to send you a PayPal Invoice.

[Membership Renewal Form](#)

I'm thinking that we were individually mostly doing things right before all the unrest broke out, before Covid, before the last election, and (fill in your favorite disfunction topic). At the club, we had fun, we met with our friends, we made new friends, we shared with each other and we helped out when we saw a need. I'm betting that we also did these things at home with our families, in Church, in our neighborhoods, in school. So what went wrong to cause us to be feeling the way we feel today? I've concluded that one thing happened to me and maybe something similar happened to you- we've confronted massive change that we feel powerless to do anything about. We've witnessed daily news reports of protests, violence, various groups advocating that we tear down our institutions, our government, our history, law enforcement, our school curriculum. Suggesting that we give up our personal rights (or that we fight each other to the death to keep them), and that we must stop thinking and let someone smarter do it for us. We are told we must eliminate all speech that offends us, we must not tolerate each other anymore unless we all agree on everything. To me, this all adds up to a feeling of lost control.

Therapists talk of "locus of control" that describes an individual's sense of how much control they feel on a scale that goes from "I have no control over my fate" to "My decisions determine my fate". Is it possible that we just need to take back the control that we had before all of the massive upheaval? I think it is worth a try- here is how it could work: 1) remember to be Grateful and Thankful and choose to fill your mind with positive thoughts; 2) remember back to 2019 when you were functioning, and so was everybody else in your

environment? Now, just choose to give direction to yourself again like you did before. I'm not suggesting that we ignore the world around us, but we have new opportunities to be good husbands/wives, good fathers and mothers, good neighbors, good congregation members, good PTA volunteers, good citizens. We were all these things before being told otherwise- so choose to do what worked before. The zealots out there with causes will fight the battles of their choosing, but that does not mean that you and I have to participate in every single one of them- in some cases, you don't even need to pick a side if it means you can live your life and be happier. Being back in control of your own fate is exhilarating! Then you can choose to be grateful and thankful, choose to be kind and respectful, and supportive of each other- not because someone mandated it- but because you choose it. The difference in your head makes all the difference in whether you are feeling a smiley face or a pile of poo. You can choose- seriously, it can be just that simple. Being positive and supportive around each other could turn out to be as contagious as Omicron, and you don't need to stick a Q-tip up your nose to know who has it.

Club Business . . .

The Treasurer has reported balances of \$895.65 in checking and \$2,898.78 in savings and all bills are paid. There are 19 members paid up including 3 life members. Not bad for a year just getting started and too cold to fly.

I am thrilled to announce that Spring is a month closer than it was in the last newsletter:) OK, not entirely my doing, but I am taking credit just the same since I am still here and a month has passed. John O has donated door prizes to be handed out at each club meeting this year. We are anxiously waiting for weather conducive to having meetings at the field. John had expressed a desire to increase meeting attendance and has offered to provide a brand new in the box Glow Engine to be given at each meeting to one lucky attendee. That could be inspiration to find a plan or kit and get building or an

ARF sized right for your new engine. We will announce meeting dates and the calendar below in the newsletter as well as live on the website - both will have up to the minute correct information.

Event details are already coming together and sanctions are in hand for the 4 scheduled events - 2 control line and 2 IMAC. Together with member renewals, the club is building a cushion in the bank.

That's it for now.

The Official 2022 Club Calendar- Check the website for any last minute schedule changes.

- January 1- First to Fly at the field
- April 23 - Field Closed for Handsell Event
- May 11 - Meeting - 7pm at the field
- May 21-22 - Spring Fling Stunt Line Contest
- June 8 - Meeting - 7pm at the field
- June 11-12 - IMAC Competition
- July 13 - Meeting - 7pm at the field

- August 10 -- Meeting -- 7pm at the field
- August 13-14 - Jim Coll Stunt Contest
- August 27-28 - IMAC Competition
- September 14 - Meeting - 7pm at the field
- October 8 -- Field Closed for Handsell event
- October 12 - Meeting - 7pm at the field

Happy Birthday to Us . . .



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Links

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