



October 2022

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

Indian Town Road, Vienna, MD

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Dear Member,

So much 'business' happens this time of year- we all start to scramble to get stuff done before time runs out. Year end comes at us, cold weather happens, holiday gatherings to look forward to, our patterns change. We have been asked to consider putting a float into the Vienna Christmas Parade. At the moment, there are no firm details, but the idea seems interesting as a way to be part of the community, and probably wouldn't need to be a huge effort. The AMA has offered to supply some balsa gliders for us to hand out to spectators at the parade, so I'm hoping to get details soon so we have time to work something out. Stay tuned on how this plays out and email me if you are

interested in participating if we actually put a float together. The club has some more of this year end busy-ness to tend to as well: we need to plan for next year with choosing club officers, decide on whether to raise dues or keep them where they are, start thinking about member needs and club events for next year, and pay our rant. (Freudian slip, I meant rent, but while I'm thinking about a rant- here goes) We also need to breathe deeply (three deep breaths seems to be what experts recommend) before responding to some outrage of the minute- and take time to reflect on our success and the joy that we rediscovered this year. Most of us actually survived the pandemic- with or without actually getting COVID. Many of us rediscovered what really matters because the world came to a screeching halt and cut us off from the old normal. Family, church, friends & lending a helping hand all took more of our attention. The club has several new members- when has that happened in recent memory- especially in the fall? Our events were busier than last year's were, and that translates as good news! No need to wait for Thanksgiving to think about the blessings you enjoy- do it now. You can do it again in November and you might even get more happiness out of counting your blessings the second time. Counting blessings twice is not cheating- its therapy! I wanted to thank the volunteers who helped make the Picnic and Giant Scale events such a success. We had \$255 in donations at the Picnic and deposited over \$1,000 after the Giant Scale event. And thanks to the volunteers who made the IMAC and the Control line events successful. Two members, Matt and Jack R have been mowing all year, and while we appreciate everyone who helps out, this lawn mowing stuff is often what creates problems for RC airplane clubs. We really appreciate not having to worry about the grass or the mowers. John O donated door prize engines for club meetings as well as raffle airplanes for the Giant Scale event- thank you. And while we are at it- thank you to the members who take the time to help others at the field and show up to support club events even when they aren't competing. This members helping members happens pretty much every week, so it might not feel like something extra or special, but it IS special. What a joy to have a group of people who normally stop what they are doing to help

someone else out! One of our new members happens to be one of the first people I met when I joined the club 20+ years ago and he stopped what he was doing to spend an hour tuning up the engine on my trainer airplane so I could learn to fly. Those Magnum engines were notorious for having touchy carburetors. Thank you again John and we are happy to have you back as a member! We have new RC pilots learning to fly, and members making sure that they get support and encouragement.

Cheers,

Jack

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](#)

A few pictures from the Picnic and Giant Scale Event



## Club Business . . .

A meeting was called to order at 7pm on Wednesday, September 14 with 5 members present. The Treasurer reported balances of \$1,344.50 in checking

and \$3,196.74 in savings and all bills are paid.

Giant Scale event was discussed and fingers were crossed for a good turnout and great weather. The club picnic was discussed and deemed a success and the group wanted to include it in the regular schedule for next year. The club received \$255 in donations- which is truly wonderful considering all of the places that folks have to stretch their finances these days. A suggestion was made to perhaps have some Electric powered plane contests next year.

With darkness coming earlier each day, the group decided to discontinue having live club meetings at the field until March or April depending on weather and business needing attention. Club Officers will continue to handle business via phone and email and members are encouraged to use phone and email to ask questions or make suggestions. We are asking for nominations of members wishing to become a club officer for next year. The current officers are probably willing to continue on for another year, although I haven't asked anybody yet so that all members can think about their preferences. Given the small surplus in the bank account, we expect to go into next year with almost \$2,000 after paying the rent at the end of the year. This cash to carry over to the next year has taken us several years to accomplish, but the members present at the meeting felt that keeping dues where they are for now made sense, with the option of asking the membership for additional funds if something unforeseen requires it next year.

We always start our event planning by mapping our event dates from the current year onto the corresponding dates for next year. I will begin updating the website with those tentative dates so that you can all start planning.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

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

- January 1- First to Fly at the field
- April 30 - Field Closed for Handsell Event
- May 18 - 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 10 - Club Picnic 9am until? Guests welcome
- September 14 - Meeting - 7pm at the field
- September 17-18 Giant Scale & Warbird Fly In
- October 8 -- Field Closed for Handsell event
- October 12 - No Meeting
- November 9 - No Meeting, but Officers to vote for
- December 14 - No Meeting- Merry Christmas

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## Support Our Local Hobby Shops

### Hobby Stop

Reopened and ready for business:  
22762 Sussex Hwy  
Seaford, DE

Happy Birthday to Us . . .

Jerry Raimo



### Links

[AMA Website](#)

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Easton**

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Easton, MD  
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410-310-2007

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302-381-6583

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[Jack Rosemere](#) -- Treasurer /  
membership coordinator  
410-330-4663

[Matt Sebring](#) -- Field Marshall  
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