

December 3, 2016

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

38 36'25.61" N 75 53'06.52" W

6035 Shiloh Camp Rd, Hurlock, MD

# IGNITER

Merry Christmas !

I thought I would try out an old favorite politically incorrect sentiment and wish everyone Merry Christmas rather than hoping not to offend anybody and search for a term expressing a neutral wish for a wonderful day of choice this month.

Once again, our club elections went smoothly, without any hanging chads or even any protesters. I continue to tell folks that we are blessed with the right members who collectively do what the club needs doing. We had a need for a new Treasurer this year, and one appeared. Our accounts are all switched over and should you fill out an old member renewal form and send it to the retired treasurer, it isn't even a problem at this club. We all continue to meet, fly and work with each other no matter what title anybody has. I can remember a time when outgoing officers were never heard from again. So Thanksgiving is past, but the spirit of Thanksgiving can continue into the coming year. Thank you all for continued trust in your club officers and thank you for making it so easy to manage the club.

The new 2017 Club Officers:

Treasurer -- Jim Cockran V President -- Duane Lundahl President -- Jack Upchurch

We are hoping for 100% member renewal, and are asking everybody to fill out a membership form as well as pay up. The renewal forms serve at least 3 vital functions: 1) it helps us keep member contact information current; 2) it gives us a piece of paper to go back to should we make a mistake somewhere; 3) your signature on the form verifies that you intend to abide by our club rules and the AMA rules. I just read a club newsletter from a Northern Virginia RC club that has been visited by FAA officials who wanted to see numbers on airplanes and members carrying their FAA pilot registration cards. I doubt we will enjoy FAA attention all the way out here in our corn field, but a part of our having the right to enjoy our hobby comes from being good citizens. Do enjoy your rights but also be good citizens.

Please consider making time for the Christmas Party meeting on December 14 at 7pm. We promise to get you home before bed time:)

See you at the field,

Jack

# **ESAC Christmas Party / Meeting**

### December 14 at 7pm -- at the Train Station in Hurlock

- Short club meeting at 7pm to discuss club events and contest prizes
- DVD slideshow disks for members
- Door Prizes
- 1. Sodas plates and utensils provided by the club
- 2. Food provided by members
- 3. Friends/ Family /Guests welcome

## A Meeting was called to order on . . .

November 9, 2016 at 7pm. The new Treasurer provided current bank balances of \$2,498.61 in checking and \$1,709.52 in savings. The President reported that the books had been audited and bank balances reconciled prior to handing over to Jim Cockran. Members were invited to inspect the books at any time. The club pays field rent in December each year, but all other expenses are up to date.

Per the Bylaws, the nominated slate of Officers for 2017 were brought up for a formal vote of the members present. The Officers were approved by unanimous vote. Members were advised that because the club is a corporation, the Board of Directors is the official body running the club. Each year, the elected Officers become Board Members with sufficient additional members to assure no deadlock votes. Club Directors in 2017 will be: Jim Cockran, Duane Lundahl, George Fox, Matt Sebring and Jack Upchurch.

The club Christmas Party / meeting was discussed. Plans for the December 14 7pm event include food and drink provided by members and the club. Jack has a DVD slideshow of images from the past year to share with members, and we hope to have a short meeting where we discuss club event suggestions for the coming year. So far, we have suggestions of having a Jet Fun Fly and a Scale event. The JIm Coll control line event is already being planned as are the IMAC contests we have been having twice per year.

Prizes for the competition events need to be discussed as well. The pins and club T-shirts were well received, but the club will need to purchase more T-shirts in larger sizes if we want to use them again for prizes and there is a suggestion of doing something with pilot pictures and wood plaques for IMAC. We will explore our options, but wanted to briefly run the idea past members at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 7:35pm.

### STOLEN RC STUFF HAS BEEN RECOVERED

The club has received word that police have recovered some stolen RC airplanes and stuff. If you have lost some RC stuff and want to check to see about having it returned, please call Patrick at Hobby Town of Easton -- 410-822-7800.

 Dec 14 -- Christmas Party Meeing at the Train Station 7pm -- Bring some food to share  January 1, 2017 -- Annual unofficial "First in the Air" New Year's Day get together at the field. Electrics can fly anytime they want, Glow and gas need to wait until 9am.

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Hobby Stop 22762 Sussex Hwy Seaford, DE 302-629-3944

Hobby Town of Easton 106 Marlboro Ave Easton, MD 410-822-7800 Happy Birthday to You . . .

John Chapis -December 17

Howard Elezy --December 11

Mike Granger --December 22

Ray Payne --December 26

Len Serio -- December 24

William Tull --December 17



<u>Links</u>

AMA Website

AMA - District IV

Know Before You Fly

FAA- Pilot Registration

Renewal Membership Form Jack Upchurch -- President 410-310-2007

Duane Lundahl -- V. President 301-717-5727

<u>George Fox</u> -- Safety Officer 410-310-9245

#### **CLUB OFFICERS -- CONTACT**

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<u>Skip Messick</u> -- Field Marshall 443-521-2939



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