



# Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

## NEWSLETTER

June 9, 2018

AMA Chartered Club # 4095

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6035 Shiloh Camp Rd, Hurlock, MD

## **IGNITER**

Dear Member,

We have a club meeting on Wednesday at the field, and pizza at 5:30 at Pizza Palace before the meeting for those interested.

Our crazy weather is still messing up weekend plans and I'll admit that I am out of the habit of flying on Sunday. A few of us did manage to fly on Thursday and Friday, and both days were wonderful reminders of why we like this hobby so much. I would encourage everyone to start seriously looking for chances to enjoy a few hours of enjoyment at the field.

There is an update on the proposed solar field next door- the vote to approve the project happened on May 31- so the only thing remaining for us is to work out the timing and location for a new club field. As you know, there was significant neighbor opposition to the project and several of us were being encouraged to join the fight. I personally made it my business to learn everything I could, and I felt that our club fighting against the project would not be enough to win. In addition, a win would be against the property owner who provides us driveway access to the field. That access could be revoked.

Since the vote, club officers have been busy looking at options. One promising option comes to us from Adam Krall, the man who now owns the land our field is on. A friend of his has a farm within 3 miles of our current field and he is interested in having us move there. I spoke with him on the phone and while no details are worked out, we have a location chosen in his field and we need to meet face to face to explore the details. I am happy to have something to consider. (there is a Google map of that farm below) At least one additional location has been provided by a club member and we can certainly consider others if a member has a good prospect. The criteria I have been working with is fairly simple and flexible: 1) as much open land to overfly as possible; 2) no major obstructions to runway ends and sizeable distances to neighboring houses; 3) field located close to where we currently are. Members have been coming to Hurlock for many years, and moving to Denton, or Cambridge or Seaford would disrupt sizeable chunks of the members. Also, we know where the local airports are and our current location is nearly perfect from a flying restriction standpoint.

Adam still reports that more hearings are scheduled for August where the solar field plan is to be expanded onto additional land parcels, and that means that we are probably safe flying at the current field all year and possibly even some of next year. Adam promises to keep us informed and so far, he has gone above and beyond helping us deal with the uncertainty of losing our place to fly.

To close on what could be serendipity at work- Jack Rosemere was delivering medicine last week and ran across a neighbor and mentioned our flying field move and it turned out that he was talking to our potential new landlord. And lastly, while Duane, Jack and I were measuring the new field- the adjoining property owner stopped to see what was going on. Turns out he is the same man who owns the solar project field and he would be happy to have us be his neighbor. Not a done deal yet, but some good initial signs. We will talk more at the meeting.

Jack

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Maiden flight of John O's glider- wish my Bird of Time would fly as nicely!



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A Meeting was called to order on . . .

May 9, 2018 at the Field at 7pm. There were 13 members present. Our Treasurer reported \$1,052.71 in checking and \$6,032.34 in savings with \$150

in petty cash. Two Toilets are in place for the summer event season.

The Jet Rally reported positive cash of \$525. A big Thank You to Dennis for being the event champion and to Matt, Doug and Mike for setup and cleanup.

A brief update on the solar project reported no activity, although some expensive lawyers were scheduled to represent the project at the upcoming hearing. Field Safety was discussed relative to making sure that next time we have a Jet Rally, we need to make sure that there is a mid field paint stripe to mark the closest that a jet may pass when doing a high speed runway pass. No injuries were reported, but the pilots need to be reminded to keep our safety record in place. Event details for the next event will be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.



**The Official 2018 Club Calendar- Check the website for more up to the minute schedule changes.**

- June 13 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- June 16 & 17 - IMAC
- July 11 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- July 21 - Multi- Club Fun Fly day
- August 8 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- August 11 & 12 - Jim Coll Stunt Contest

- September 12 - Club Meeting at the FIELD 7pm
- October 10 - Club Meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- November 14 - Club meeting at the Train Station 7pm
- December 12 - Christmas Party Meeting 7pm — at the Train Station - potluck

- August 18 & 19 - IMAC

Happy Birthday to You . .



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