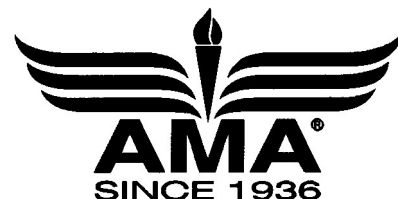


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Club President Shares Thoughts on 2016

I hope that everyone is having a great Christmas and New Year. Maybe you even have some new toys to try out at the field.

Thank you to this year's elected officers, appointed officers, workers and volunteers. As a result of your efforts we have had a good year. Thank you to Matt Hendrix as he leaves the position of Secretary and welcome to his successor, Jeff Owens.

Last year, I shared my goals as your club president for the 2016 year. They were:

1. Increase member participation at the meetings and club events.

Our meeting attendance more than doubled in 2016. We've had some interesting topics, some "hot" topics, and several delightful presentations.

The attendance at our flying events has always been good. We did make some progress in recruiting volunteers to put on the events. Remember last year I wrote, "If we are going to have events, we will have a committee of workers to share the load." You'll remember that at the first event of the year there was no food or raffle because no one would volunteer to work. We've made progress in this area, but still have a good ways to go. Make your New Year's Resolution to give back to the club by helping with an event or activity.

2. Finish the 2016 year with the budget in the black.



The final numbers are not in. At the end of November we did a projection for the rest of the budget year. The projection looked as though we should be a little bit in the black. Hurray! Bill will have the final figures for 2016 at the January meeting.

3. Continue to enhance our relationship with the county.

Our interactions with Parks and Recreation have been too numerous to list in this letter. Our club has used every opportunity to strengthen our partnership. One example of better communication is that you received more detailed information about the timing of the track activities so that you didn't show up only to find the field not flyable. Other examples of our relationship with Parks and Recreation include tours for members to the proposed future flying site; and of course, we had a great visit with Leigh Davis at our August meeting.

Goals for 2017?

What I hear most from members is, "Let's do a regional event." We need to ask ourselves if we really want to do that. There is no right or wrong answer; but, there is a huge commitment if the answer is "yes". Does our club have the collective will and infrastructure of workers and volunteers to pull off a regional event? Let's start talking about it at the January meeting.

I appreciate your showing of trust for me to be president again in 2017.

Club Meeting News

Jeff Owens, Secretary

Our annual Christmas Party was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 with 32 members and guests in attendance. A social hour was held starting around 6:15 PM with much animated discussion, as well as partaking of Beef O'Brady's various menu items.

President Jay Wiggins called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The amended November minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. The President then thanked all those who held elected or appointed offices during the past year. The slate of new officers was presented – Presi-

dent (Jay Wiggins), Vice President (Randy Yarborough), Treasurer (Bill Ashbaker), and Secretary (Jeff Owens). The slate was voted on and approved. Those holding appointed positions have all agreed to continue for next year.

A raffle was held for an FMS Led Firefly contributed by Frank Bastos and Jim Ogorek. The winning ticket was held by Jim Bussey.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. More discussion and merriment ensued.



Members and guests enjoyed the 2016 club meeting and Christmas party.



Meet Our Club Officers for 2017



Randy Yarborough
Vice President

Randy has been a club member for three years. He served as our club secretary and vice president in previous years.



Jay Wiggins
President & Co. Liaison

Jay has been a club member for two years. He served as our club president last year.



Jeff Owens
Secretary & Web Master

Jeff has been a club member for 41 years. He served as our club president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor in previous years. He has served as our web master for the last 19 years. Jeff is our pattern competition expert.



Bill Ashbaker
Treasurer & Newsletter Ed.

Bill has been a club member for more than 14 years. He served as our club treasurer for the past six years and our newsletter editor for the past 3 years.



Geoff Lawrence
Training Coordinator

Geoff has been a club member for 46 years. He served as our club secretary in previous years and our training coordinator for the last 3 years.



Gordie Meade
Field Marshal

Gordie has been a club member for 44 years. He served as our safety officer in previous years and our field marshal for the past four years. Gordie is our helicopter precision competition expert.



Jim Ogorek
Safety Officer

Jim has been a club member for eight years. He served as our club president in previous years and our safety officer for the past three years.

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Primary flight training is available by appointment on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm when the weather is nice and not too breezy. Contact the Training Coordinator or one of the instructors to make an appointment:

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Jeff Owens 850-644-4765	Jim Ogorek 850-766-2477
Bill Ashbaker 850-656-5932	Matthew Hendrix 954-448-2738

Field Hours

Electrics/Sailplanes	30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset 7 days/week
Gassers/Nitros	10:00 AM until 30 minutes after sunset except Sunday. Sunday gasser/nitro flying begins at 12:00 PM. All gassers and nitros must have a suitable muffler.

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