August 23, 2017

**Message From the President:**
I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and our wonderful flying site.

So far this year we have successfully completed three club events. The Maple Valley Kids Festival led and sponsored by Dick Weaver. The Discovery Elementary School day camp and the Club open house. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in each event. This club would have a very difficult time existing without these types of events and your help.

We have two more events to finish out the year. The next event is the Museum of Flight RC model display on November 25. Dennis Sivak will be leading this event for his last time. After that is the club Christmas party on December 1st.

Finally, the future of the club needs to be discussed. This will be a much more difficult discussion than any of the previous budget or noise discussions we have had. Right now the club needs volunteers to fill every leadership position in the club. It is time for other club members to step up and perform the duties that no one wants to do.

We will have club officer’s nominations at the October meeting and elections during the November meeting.

We also need a float fly coordinator, Maple Valley Kids Festival coordinator and Museum of Flight RC airplay display coordinator. None of these positions are hard to do. They just take time and patience.

It is important that each of you understand that without officers there cannot be a club and without the club there will be no flying field. The club is in good financial shape right now and there is three years left on the use agreement.

The next two years will be the easiest time for one of you to be an officer.

Randy Ling

**Message from the Webmaster:**
I am sending this reminder early due to the importance of the President’s message. In our organizational documents we have defined elected and appointed officers. The Webmaster is an appointed position and it would be my pleasure to continue in this position as long as I can contribute positively to the club’s website. I had a few life events in the past year that interfered with my goals for the website, but I should have a much better 2018.

I would also like to add some comments to Randy’s message above. The current officers have contributed a lot to the club and nearly all of it has been implemented and documented in the club Dropbox folders. One of the other tasks that I enjoy is helping other officers any way I can with computer related efforts. For those members that consider taking on responsibilities as an officer, I think you will find the current officers will gladly provide you with lots of advice and the benefit of their years of experience. To that end, the following list shows some of the resources that are available to current and future club officers. I will coordinate with Randy on how we will provide access to this data for members considering an officer position in the club.
AMA Charter
Member Applications
Member Checks and Deposits
Annual To Do List
Budget
By-Laws
IRS and WA State Filing
Lake Washington Permits
LSH 501(c)7 Application
Meeting Agenda
Member Handbook and Rules
Old Data
Operating Procedures
Pilots Log
Receipts
Sound Check Log
Templates
Use Agreement
Calendar
Capital Inventory
Membership Roster
MoF Model Exhibit Email List

Not all of these documents are complete, but I will be working to have them finished before the end of 2017. They will most likely need updating from time to time, but I will work with current officers to accomplish that. I would like to thank members who contributed suggestions to the By-Laws as I have adopted most suggestions, except where I have not finished updating the documents.

This has been a huge effort that has been made easier due to the experience of the current officers. Our club is in far better shape than it was a year ago.

I would also like to thank this year's temporary officers, Gabe and Peter, who have contributed significantly to making our club better and making it possible for new officers to easily accomplish tasks assigned to their position. Dick Weaver has made available a complete history of our efforts to obtain permission from Seattle Parks for our weekly Float Fly. Every week I try to remember to thank Dick for all his work at the end of a float fly. Randy Ling’s similar efforts with King County has made it possible to maintain our Use Agreement for the flying field and Steve Ashmore's efforts in maintaining the field have been outstandingly successful.

Another thing that makes our club great is all the things that individual members do to volunteer for our Delta Dart/AMA Cub builds and share their knowledge, expertise and failures with new or old R/C model technology at the field, at the lake, or at meeting Show and Tell. Sometimes success isn't easy and we learn more from our failures. Volunteers make our club great!

I am also looking for contributions to our website. If you have pictures, articles, or links to other R/C webpages that should be on our website, please let me know.
I will send out another meeting reminder at the usual time with any updates on the President's message.

Steve Black
Lake Sawyer Hawks Webmaster (aka WebApprentice)