



AMA CHARTER CLUB #502
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**2026
Theme**
Fun, Flying &
Friendship

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2026 Winter Edition

Welcome to 2026!

2026 is off to an incredible start! We have a packed edition for you this quarter, highlighting our new officer team and a full calendar of upcoming events. Dive in to read the latest officer reports, celebrate our award winners, test your knowledge and win in our new Trivia Contest along with much more!



Your 2026 Club Officers

President - John Ashley



Treasurer - Terry Boser



Trustee - Tony Bistransky

Trustee—Lowell Croskey*

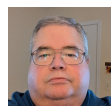
Safety Coordinator - Donald Gregg

Field Manager—Brett McKay

V. President - Ned Brown*



Secretary - Brett Walker*



*New for 2026



Presidents Report - By John Ashley

Seems almost like déjà vu all over again, but on the day before our Christmas party my leg was hurting really bad so the next day I went to the doctor's office and they sent me straight to the hospital. So, I'm now recovering from operation number four on my right leg I hope to be ready to go again by spring. In the meantime, I just want to make a few comments about how things been going for the club.

As you know we had elections of officers in December I'm very glad to hear that Brett Walker stepped up to be Secretary and Ned Brown stepped up to be Vice President. I want to thank with all my heart the good work that Butch Bennett did serving as Vice President, for years he did a great job filling in for me when I was unable to be there. I also want to thank Virgil Craiu so much for stepping up to be Secretary and restarting the monthly meeting minutes and doing a wonderful job on the newsletter. Now stepping up to be club Secretary is Brett Walker who is going to be I think a dynamic club Secretary, he's already stepped in and begun the newsletter and many many other administrative duties that will help me out a lot. I also want to thank Ned for stepping up to be Vice President, for many many many years we all have known Ned

as our refreshment guy. Well, he stepped up into more responsibility and I can only thank him for that.

We have a great year coming up better than ever. You may know that we did get the new mower and you can read more about that in another section of this newsletter. It is practically brand new so we now have two zero turns and two or three other riding mowers, this means that the cutting of the grass will be shortened up so that no one should be delayed from flying when they come out anytime during the day. Now coming up this year we're turning in special use permits again for float flies at the Nemesilla Reservoir. We have many other plans and events for the club that I can go into longer length at that at a later time, but I want to keep this message brief because I had a vision years ago when we were still at the Summit County Fairgrounds of finding a permanent home for our club. Unfortunately, we've now moved twice in the last 10 years and I think we may have found our new home. Mr. Hartong is very happy with how we have developed the field and I am just absolutely thrilled to see how well it's been kept up maintained and so on, that is thanks to a grounds crew led by Brett McKay, and cannot thank them enough for what

they do. The place looks like a manicured park and it creates a great impression on people who come to visit.

Well, I'm going to not ramble on and on I will say that I have not disappeared, I personally have not been to the field for almost a year because of the leg injuries and I hope to be in my final stage of recovery now. In fact, I'm waiting for the physical therapist to come by. I will be staying in touch with everyone and just keep your eye on your emails you may be getting some from Brett our new club Secretary who is working on a newsletter and I can't thank him enough for all the stuff that he's already done and everybody in the club who has stepped forward to keep our club vibrant and relevant.

I hope to see you all again very soon!



2026 Club Membership Dues

Your 2026 annual club membership due are now due. We are asking that you send those in as soon as possible. We have had several large expenses already this year and would like to get our funds replenished so we are ready for upcoming expenses for the field and events.

Send To:

Terry Boser
3306 Lenox Village Dr.
#115
Fairlawn Oh 44333

Dues \$100



Please confirm we have your correct address, phone # and email address.

Also we would like to get an emergency contact name and number as well.

Ravenna Kennel Club Dog Show May 8 - 11

We will be assisting with the Ravenna Kennel club dog show again this year and are in need of volunteers. This is a very beneficial financially to the club for very little work if we can get several club members to help

out throughout each day. We will also need a couple overnight volunteers as well. If you are able to assist please contact Ned Brown to schedule your time and day you can help.



Newsletter Trivia Contest

This is a 3 part question

- A. What year was the AMA founded?**
- B. Who sponsored the first National Aeromodelling Championships (NATS) and in what year?**

Send your answers to:

bwalker2251@gmail.com

by Feb 28th.

Rules:

1. Membership dues must be current.
2. Can only win once in a calendar year.
3. Officers are not eligible (Pres, V. Pres, Treasurer, & Secretary).
4. Winner will be drawn from all correct responses at the club meeting.

**Winner will receive a
\$25 Gift Certificate to
Aero Tech Hobbies**



2026 Event Schedule

As we get started in to the new year it's time to start making arrangements and setting dates for our annual club events. Some final details are still being worked out so we can finalize these dates.



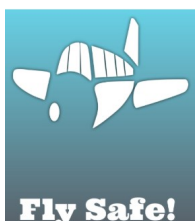
2026 Event Dates

- May 16** - Float Fly, Nemesilia Reservoir
- June 6** - Float Fly, Nemesilia Reservoir
- June 27** - Club Picnic / Paint Ball Contest
- July 11** - Float Fly, Nemesilia Reservoir
- Aug 8** - National Model Aviation Day
- Aug 15** - Float Fly, Nemesilia Reservoir
- Sept 12** - Float Fly, Nemesilia Reservoir
- Sept 19** - Flying Pig



Safety Officers Report - Donald Gregg

Nothing to report this issue, however I will have a new article for the spring newsletter, see you then!



Field Managers Report—Brett McKay

Went out to the field after the holidays, and it is holding up well despite the high winds and snow so far this winter.

Our new Gravely Zero Turn Pro ZX52 is tucked away in the shed

and as soon as spring weather breaks we will check it

all out and change any fluids that need complet-



ed before mowing season starts. Can't wait to use this new machine. Special thanks to Bob Richmond for selling it at such a reasonable price. He also donated a lift to help with the maintenance. We sent him a Thank you card right after we picked it up.

The pilot safety fences are hung behind the mower shed until spring. The newer pilot stands have been placed under the shelter

to help protect them until spring.

As always if anyone is interested in helping with the field maintenance just contact Jim Hanson, Ned Brown, Lowell Croskey, Terry Boser or myself and we would be more than happy to show you what to do.

Also Thanks to the field crew for all they do to keep everything up and running!





2025 Christmas Dinner

At our December club meeting we held our annual Christmas dinner, Dinner was prepared for us by Amy Park & family, WOW what a treat! Everything was well prepared and tasted great, Fried Chicken, Homemade Ziti, Salads, Beans, Cake, and Ned's drink bar plus more! I don't think anyone left hungry!

Hopefully we can see more of you there this year, Dec 3rd 2026!



2025 Appreciation Awards

Also at our December meeting we recognized 2 people that have gone above and beyond for the club.



On Behalf of Corsair Model Airplane Club to Dave Lees



On Behalf of Corsair Model Airplane Club to Amy Park



Secretary Report - By Brett Walker

First I would like to introduce myself and share a little about myself. I have been flying RC since the mid 80's, however I stepped away about 10 years ago and am now getting back to flying again. I have been a heli pilot most of the years but am focusing more on airplanes now, gotta slow things down.

I have held several officers positions, with multiple clubs over the years such as President, Treasurer & Secretary here in Ohio and Texas. I was also on the board as Treasurer and Secretary for the Helicopter special interest group for AMA, (IRCHA).

My most notable accomplishment since I have been in the hobby I would say was while I was on the board with IRCHA we took an event that drew a little under 500 pilots and built it to the largest single venue event in the world and brought in just over 1000 pilots from all over the world.

Enough about me and on to the club. I am looking forward to getting back to flying and helping out with the

club, A couple things I am working are one the trivia contest in the newsletter with a \$25 gift certificate for the winner and another I am working with Tyler on is the website to help with updates and adding a blog section under the members only area where we can chat, post messages, field updates etc.. then maybe a section for like lost & found items left at the field and maybe a mini classified.

I am also working on a new club management program that we can house all our club documents, member database, events etc.. Some other things we can do is send out mass emails, reminders for like meetings, when your AMA is due to expire, badges for event, even FAA decals for your planes and much much more. I will be sending more out on this soon and will have more information at the next club meeting in March.

We have a lot of events scheduled for this year so we are going to be busy. With that we will need volunteers and the funds to support

those. That said it is important we collect club dues as soon as possible. I understand with not having club meetings in Jan & Feb it's more of a challenge to get those turned in. So we are looking for ideas as to what might make it easier to get those in sooner. Also when you are sending in your dues we are asking that you confirm your address, phone # and email as I am finding several members are not up to date. We are also asking for a couple additional items to complete our database and to be to use some of the functions I mentioned above. The additional information we would like is an emergency contact (name & phone #) and your FAA #, please.

Well I better cut this off for now, I look forward to meeting everyone and getting out to the field. If there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter going forward let me know.



That's all for now!
See you in the Spring edition
of the Corsair Chronicle