



APRIL 2008

**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**

Dan Jones



Spring is upon us and your club has entered into its busiest time period of activities. There are plenty of opportunities to participate and support which is definitely needed to ensure these activities are successful.

Bill McMullen, Bud Hilker, Bruce Green and other volunteers have the field in great shape. We are very lucky that we have members who voluntarily maintain our field sparing the club additional expenses. Through the efforts of a few, the entire membership benefits greatly.

Although the weather was marginal, we did complete a very successful Fun Fly on Sunday, 6 April. Bill McMullen served as the contest director, and we had 12 members participate. Bill put the contestants through a "7 Card Stud Poker" accuracy landing sequence. Each contestant completed four accuracy landings to earn card values and then was dealt three cards to complete their hand. When all was said and done, Vince Tabacco took

first place with four of a kind. Considering the marginal weather, the turnout for our season Fun Fly opener was tremendous with all participants having an outstanding time.

Our next Fun Fly is scheduled for May 18. Nic Burhans has volunteered to serve as contest director. Nic always comes up with some great events to put the pilots through, so I encourage you to come out and take part. Events are structured so that pilots of all skill levels can compete in a low stress competition; high fun setting. Regardless of where you place in the final standings, I guarantee you'll have fun.

Speaking of the Fun Fly, I'd like to thank Hobby Hangar for assisting us with prizes this year. There are more details of their "sponsorship" elsewhere in this newsletter. In short, we are very fortunate to have such a well managed full-service hobby shop in our immediate area to service our modeling needs. If you have not been by the shop recently, stop by and check them out. You'll be glad you did.

Also, I need to thank Ron King for his donation of several items for Fun Fly prizes.

The May 3-4 IMAC contest is rapidly approaching. Our event is regarded as one of the best on the east coast, but an event like this is not possible without your help. We need members to volunteer to help set-up beforehand, tear-down afterwards, and work various functions throughout the course of the contest. None of the work is hard and no experience is needed. All that is required is to have a "can-do" attitude, and to come out and have a great time with other members and the visiting flyers. If you can help out a half day, a full day, or both days, please let Bill McMullen or myself know.

That will do it for this month ... see you at the field and monthly meeting.

Dan Jones

EDITOR'S NOTES

Jeff Killen

Upcoming Events:

- 1. Club Meeting, April 22, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM**
- 2. IMAC Contest, May 3-4, at the field**
- 3. Fun Fly #2, May 18, at the Field, 1:30 PM**



Hours: Mon – Sat, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Be sure to check out the Hobby Hangar web site at www.hobbyhangar.com. Also, you can sign up for the newsletter at the site. Two special items in the newsletter this month are a special order purchase from Kondor Model Products (in Canada) that saves you shipping and taxes. But you must order by 4/25. Also Bob is offering special prices to upgrade to the new 2.4 GHz equipment; this includes free receivers and gift cards. So check it out !

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The March club meeting was held on March 25 at the Warrenton Community Center. Harley Antal was welcomed as a guest and became our latest new member. Dave Darica was a guest and is looking at getting back into the hobby.

The Secretary reported that for the second month in a row the newsletter was sent out a week earlier than usual.

Nic Burhans, our Treasurer, gave a detailed report and noted that our current club treasury balance is \$10,425.77. We have a total of 119 members now. Other details he noted are:

- Air Park and AMA magazine subscriptions are renewed at local libraries
- IRS report is filed
- The leader club package has been sent to AMA

- Insurance package is in
- Deposit for club picnic in July has been sent
- Club charter package has been received
- Stare Corporation Commission papers received, and will be returned soon
- We are looking good for the budget for this year

Our Safety Officer (Bill McMullen) noted that he had to remind a new member about flying safely at the field. Bill also noted that Bud Hilker has been doing some maintenance on the mowers, and that the field will be rolled on Friday, 3/28. The new numbers and clips are on the frequency pins. Thanks Bud and Bruce for working on this.

Bud Hilker, our Field Marshall noted that the mower

Old Business

John Hunton reported (by letter) on the speaking engagement the club presented at the Warrenton library and thanked us for the effort. The folks at the library liked what we did, and want us back next year.

Bill McMullen reported on the upcoming IMAC contest in May. We already have 14 flyers pre-registered. Bill was looking for a person to cover the food, and Justin Currier agreed to do this. Thanks, Justin.

New Business

Bill McMullen reported that a new helo flying concern may begin soon at the Luck Stone plant which is 2.9 miles from our field. Joe Capola is trying to start this. There is a 3 mile rule with AMA, so we need to see the exact location on a map, and the plant is quite large. We will then want to the interference test like we did a while back with the Flying Circus.

Dan Chapman has an enclosed trailer for sale for \$700. Vince Tabacco was interested in buying it.

Charlie Koustenis reported on a new line of ARFs from Canada (KMP). These look like high end products of good quality. If several of us want to buy a product, Hobby Hangar may be able to do the purchase and save us shipping costs. Try kmp.ca to view. Also, Hobby Hangar is sponsoring an indoor electric fly event at the Dulles Sportsplex on Saturday, 3/29, from 8-10 PM.

Nic Burhans showed us a new flyer on the AMA Park Pilot Program. It will be in the Warrenton library.

NVRC auction report was given by several members. A small event than usual, by most accounts of those who attend it often.

Vince Tabacco reported that there will be a swap meet in September, in Stephen City, VA.

Vince Tabacco also has a Grapner sail boat, and was looking for someone to work on it prior to the float fly and picnic. Vince will do a presentation on floats next meeting.

There is a new hobby shop, Awesome Hobby, on Rt. 17, 9 miles north from the 17/I-95 intersection. It deals mostly in cars, and has a race track, but they can and do order many things for airplane flyers.

On 6/28 in Laurel, MD., Airplanes of the World IV, will have a scale fly in. Cost is \$10. See freestateaeromodelers.org.

For the Christmas party, we have 2 options. Use the John Martin Payne room in downtown Warrenton for a \$35 fee, and bring our own food. We can reserve this no more than 3 months in advance. OR, we use the meeting room at City Tavern (Old Towne Inn) in downtown Manassas, VA. Here we pay a per person fee, get fed, and hold the party. 30 person minimum is required. We will reserve the room at the City Tavern, and cancel it if we can get the library in Warranton.

For the pattern contest in September, Don Szczur will CD it, Larry Kaufmann will co-CD it.

Our first Fun Fly of the season is on 4/6. Bill McMullen will be the CD.

Show and Tell

Justin Currier – Report on 0. S. FSR .60 motor converted to diesel. The motor runs well in a range of 800 - 9K RPM.

Charlie Koustenis – 3 ways to do hinges

Nic Burhans – Seaplane with OS .46 – tank problem – added wheels for land

Mike Marohnic – Vought F4U Corsair , Pica kit, for sale, \$150. Also, a Hiroho, Ebo 50 helicopter. New motor, and his own paint fade work on the body. OS 50, 8.5 lbs, hot !

Bill McMullen – Ergo 60 helicopter. OS .70, 11.25 lbs

Bud Hilker – Corsair ARF, OS .61, 7 lbs., 15 oz nose weight !

50/50 Drawing

Fuel was won by Charlie K. (Fuel was donated by Hobby Hangar). Money was won by Bill McMullen. Justin Currier won a gift card.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nic Burhans

Nic's report is below.

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 31 March 2008

Beginning Account Balance: 01 Mar 08 \$ 11,113.05

INCOME	#	
New Member Check	1	\$ 25.00
March's 50/50-cash		\$ 29.00
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Total Income:		\$ 54.00
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Sum of Assets:		\$ 11,167.05

EXPENSES

FCPL Subscrips to MA & PP #1214	\$ 20.00
FCPL Presentation Handouts #1215	\$ 51.03
Freq Pin Numbers #1216	\$ 26.25
AMA Charter Renewal #1217	\$ 90.00
Lake Ritchie Picnic Rental #1218	\$ 500.00
Field Maintenance #1219	\$ 468.07
Newsletter #1220	\$ 49.20
Treasurer of Virginia #1221	\$ 25.00
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Total Expenses:	\$ 1,229.55

Ending Account Balance: 31 Mar 08 \$ 9,937.50

Paid Members: 114

New Members: 5

Total Membership: 119

2008 New Members:

Shawn Collins

Ernie Padgette

Steven Wiczalkowski

Bob Collyer

Harley Antal

Regular Members: 89

Junior Members: 4

Senior Members: 22

Life Members: 3

Associate Members: 1

Total Membership: 119

2008 AMA Current: 111

AMA Life Members: 5

AMA Expired as of 12/31/07: 3

119

AMA Expired Members:

Matt Naqvi 789220

Christopher Sealey 335601

Joshua Sealey 883671

Fun Fly prizes and Hobby Hangar Support **Dan Jones**

A special thanks to Hobby Hangar for their outstanding support to our annual fun fly program.

Charlie Koustenis and I met at Hobby Hangar one afternoon and selected the prizes for the six Fun Flys. There are additional end-of-year grand prizes that we'll secure later.

As a club, our Fun Fly program is designed to promote club fellowship in a low-stress, high-fun setting. Contestant entry fees (\$5.00 per event) help off-set some of the cost, but without the support of Hobby Hangar we would not be able to provide the variety and quality of prizes we will be awarding. In effect, Hobby Hangar elected to be a major sponsor of our Fun Fly program. Please remember and support Hobby Hangar when considering your modeling needs.

Our goal is that every contestant at the end of a fun fly will feel they had a good time with fellow club members and they walked away with a prize that they would use in either building and flying an ARF or a kit model.

Some of the prizes selected (some items were acquired in multiple quantities):

15% 2/4stroke fuel
glow fuel line with in-line filter

Plus some other good to have stuff

medium CA	remote glow head
thin CA	razor plane
ZAP Gel glue tube	covering iron cloth cover
Pacer Hinge Glue	threadlocker
Formula 560 canopy glue	fuel can fittings
5-minute epoxy	#11 X-acto blades
15-minute epoxy	fuel line plugs
30-minute epoxy	T-pins
No 1 X-acto knife	clevis 4-in-1 tool
OS #8 glow plugs	tailwheel assembly

Again, thanks to Hobby Hangar for their outstanding support to this program. I hope to see you at a Fun Fly.

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