



FEBRUARY 2008

**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**

Dan Jones



The ups and downs of winter weather are upon us with a few good days spread between days of cold and rain. I hope you have been able to make it out to the field to get some flying. The first weekend in February was beautiful and we had a good showing both Saturday and Sunday.

A couple of members have asked me to provide a short introduction of myself. I got started in modeling during the early seventies flying control line and “attempting” radio control. My first R/C model was a Goldberg Senior Falcon with a Kraft four-channel radio. Unfortunately, that model lasted only a year or two, and being a high schooler and college student, my R/C flying was short-lived due to lack of funds. After entering the Air Force, my interest was flying general aviation full-scale and flight instructing. I jumped back into R/C in 1995 with a Great Planes Super Stik 60, and I have been

active flying sport and giant scale models as much as my military career allowed. I first joined the FARM Club in 2000 when I was reassigned to the Pentagon. I left the club in 2003 when reassigned to Louisiana. Retiring from the Air Force in 2005, I returned to this area and rejoined the club. I had the good fortune to be a member of a half dozen or so excellent clubs during this tenure. The FARM Club continues my good fortune by providing exceptional opportunities to enjoy this hobby/sport and camaraderie of outstanding members.

Last month I relayed that now is a good time to inspect your models. While I mentioned replacing old fuel lines, I should have also included inspecting the rubber stopper in the fuel tank. At least two of us have had the tank stopper deteriorate resulting in a leaking tank. While digging the tank out of the model can be a hassle, a little extra work now could save a lot of repair work later.

Speaking of working on models, please remember that we are planning to hold our club picnic and the Charity Float Fly at Lake Ritchie. If you don't have a float plane, now is the time to be getting one ready. There is an excellent set of Float Plane Setup instructions by Charlie Koustenis posted on the club website under the “Articles” section.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is an advisory concerning certain Futaba 2.4 ghz systems, and the potential need to do interference checks. As a reminder, we have slots and “pins” on the frequency board for members flying 2.4 ghz systems to place their membership and AMA cards. This should help you know if there are other 2.4 ghz flyers at the field.

That's all for this month ... hope to see you at the field and the monthly club meeting.

Dan Jones

EDITOR'S NOTES

Jeff Killen

Upcoming Events:

Club Meeting, Feb. 26, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The January club meeting was held on January 22 at the Warrenton Community Center. Ernie Padgett was introduced as a first time attender. Welcome Ernie !

Nic Burhans (our new Treasurer this year) announced that he had completed an audit of the books, and that our starting balance for the year is \$11,213.82. Other stats on the number of members were given (figures for the end of January are given in the report in this letter, in lieu of giving the end-of-December figures.)

The Secretary reported that Hobby Hangar plans to renew its ad for the year. We will get the payment next month (February).

Our Safety Officer (Bill McMullen) alerted us to a safety item from Futaba regarding FASST spread spectrum radios. See the full page notice in this newsletter. Hobby Hangar will serve as a receiving station for the necessary repairs.

Old Business

John Hunton reported on the speaking engagement the club will present at the Fauquier library in Warrenton, on March 9. We will have 2.5 hours, from 1:30 PM to 4 PM. Various club members will present areas they specialize in. Pictures of planes and static displays would be helpful from the membership. Contact John H.

The new field project in Culpepper County is coming along. The layout has been finalized. A new board has been set up with 6 members. Nic Burhans will be the Treasurer, and by-laws are now defined.

New Business

The membership present voted to make all renewals for our club (for 2009 and thereafter) to be contingent upon verified membership in AMA. This is a procedure other clubs use (like NVRC) and it helps the Treasurer at renewal time. The Board later approved this as well.

Due to the tightness of space we experienced at the 2007 Christmas Party, the members voted to check on getting the New Baltimore Fire Station for 2008. We will pursue this.

Bill McMullen reported that we now have May 3-4 approved for the IMAC contest. Vince Tabacco will serve as the point of contact for the Charity Float Fly.

Show and Tell

John Hunton – Halifax – Plans and pieces of a large electric project. Wing will have 5 sections, weight will be about 15 lbs.

Charlie Koustenis – Byron Corsair – 1/5 scale, retracts, gear doors. It was an Ebay purchase that required lots of re-work. Fuji 64 engine.

Duane Beck – Genie – a composite wing glider. 120” wing

50/50 Drawing

Fuel was won by Charlie K. (Fuel was donated by Hobby Hangar).

Money was won by Ernie Padgett, who returned it to the Treasury. Thanks, Ernie.

Board Meeting

Bruce Green volunteered to set up group email addressing so that group announcements can be made quickly. Thanks, Bruce.

Life member designation was added to the by-laws.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nic Burhans

On the next page is the report from Nic. This is a new format that will save me (the Secretary) lots of typing. Thanks Nic.

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

Beginning Account Balance: 01 Jan 08 \$ 11,213.82

INCOME		#	
New Members Checks	1		\$ 90.00
Renewal Dues Checks	8		\$ 400.00
October Fun Fly-cash			\$ 30.00
Found in cash box-cash			\$ 21.00
Jan's 50/50-cash			\$ 43.00

Total Income: \$ 584.00

Sum of Assets: \$ 11,797.82

EXPENSES

Dues Reimbursement Check #1150		\$ 25.00
Club Field Rental(F,M,A) #1206		\$ 600.00
Stamps #1207		\$ 24.60
Newsletter #1208		\$ 45.10
Hobby Hangar-New Engine#1209		\$ 98.68

Total Expenses: \$ 793.38

Ending Account Balance: 31 Jan 08 \$ 11,004.44

Paid Members: 113
 New Members: 1
 Total Membership: 114

2007 members that did NOT renew 7

Jeremy Gaddy C
 Geoff Godfrey E
 Bill Hargreaves E
 Dennis Hoffman E
 David Meinke E
 Rita J Meredith C
 Lucas Wingo E

Regular Members: 86
 Junior Members: 3
 Senior Members: 21
 Life Members: 3
 Associate Members: 1
 Total Membership: 114

2008 FARM members AMA Current: 106
 Not Valid AMA Information: 1
 AMA Expired as of 12/31/07: 7
114

2008 members NOT AMA current

William Edgar E
 Doug Elstob E
 Ernest Legg E
 Matt Naqvi E
 Zain A Rathore E
 Christopher Sealey N
 Joshua Sealey E
 Chris Winston E

AMA Membership Status

C = AMA Current

N = Not Valid AMA Information

E = AMA Expired as of 12/31/07

Futaba 6EX, 7C and TM-7 Service Advisory

Updated January 30, 2008

This service advisory affects only owners of the Futaba TM-7 module and 6EX and 7C FASST systems. Each FASST transmitter contains a unique eight digit identification code, programmed at the factory to identify the respective transmitter and to allow a receiver to be paired only to that radio's signal. Recently we have learned that a very small number of the TM-7 modules, and 6EX and 7C FASST systems were incorrectly coded with a common code number during the manufacturing process. These units were subsequently sold prior to our awareness of the situation.

If two or more units, utilizing this common identification code, were to be in use simultaneously, they may cause interference with one another. Please note: Units which utilize the correct identification code will not be affected by these units.

We're extremely confident that this is not a widespread problem. However, to catch any possible incorrectly coded units in the field and to give you peace of mind that your system is not affected, we have set up test stations at participating hobby shops throughout the country where you will be able to determine -- within a matter of minutes -- whether or not your transmitter is affected, at no charge to you. There are 100 such Test Stations in place now, and the number will be increased to 500 over the next two to three weeks. Please see [below](#) for a listing of these testing stations. Or, if you prefer, you may send it in to our service center and we will analyze it for you at no charge. If any problem is found, it will be replaced. We will gladly pay the postage for returning the unit and sending it back to you.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Futaba Service Center at: 217-398-0007 or via email at: service@futaba-rc.com. Our staff is available to you Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm U.S. Central Standard Time.

Precautionary Measures and Information-

1. As with all radio control equipment, we strongly suggest that you pre-flight your aircraft thoroughly prior to flying. When flying at a location with other FASST owners, prior to flying we suggest that all pilots briefly activate their systems simultaneously to check for any interaction between units. If any interactions should occur, do NOT fly. Return the unit to the Futaba Service Center for immediate replacement.
2. Each time that your transmitter is turned on, it is imperative that you allow the FASST system an adequate amount of time to thoroughly boot-up completely before shutting down the transmitter. After the battery voltage appears on the LCD, we recommend allowing the system to remain on at least one (1) additional second prior to turning off the power to the transmitter.
3. If the transmitter and receiver have lost their binding which required them to be re-linked, we recommend returning them to the Futaba Service Center for analysis. This is not expected behavior and should be investigated accordingly.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

Nic Burhans

1The FARM Board of Directors, at its 22 January 2008 meeting, proposed the following two changes to the FARM Club Bylaws.

Change #1:

Background: Life members fulfill all the requirements as Active Members and, by oversight, were not included in the Active Members class of membership.

Proposed: Include LIFE in the section 2.1 Active Members class of membership as follows.

2.1 Members. As provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall have three classes of memberships. They shall be the Active Members (senior, junior, life, and regular), the Associated Members, and the Honorary Members. All Active Members will have full voting rights.

Change #2

Background: With the FARM Club's change to a calendar year basis to coincide with AMA membership and insurance renewals, proof of AMA currency is needed with new member applications and member renewals.

Proposed: Insert a new sub-paragraph 2.6(A) and renumber the subsequent sub-paragraphs sequentially and include Life Active members in the new sub-paragraph 2.6(B) as follows.

2.6 Annual Renewal of Membership and Payment of Fees.

(A) All membership applications shall include a copy of the current AMA membership card. All membership renewals shall include a copy of the renewed (next year's) AMA membership card.

(B) Annual dues shall be as follows:

(1) Active members, \$50.00

(2) Junior Active members (those who will not reach their 20th birthday during the calendar year), \$25.00.

(3) Senior Active members (those who are or will be at least 65 years of age during the calendar year), \$25.00.

(4) Life Active members, no dues charge.

(5) Associate members, donation.

(C) Membership shall be renewed by 1 January of each year.

(1) A grace period ending 30 January will be allowed for current members. If a member renews their membership past 30 January and before 1 March, then that member will have to pay the Corporation initiation fee in addition to annual dues.

(D) If a member joins on or after 1 July, dues shall be one half (1/2) of the above stated dues. The full initiation fee still applies.

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