



**JULY 2008**

**PRESIDENT'S  
CORNER**

**Dan Jones**



It's hard to believe it is already July, and that this year is half over. It has been a successful first half for the club. So far through June, the club has conducted three highly successful and attended fun-flys and also hosted an outstanding two-day IMAC contest in May.

By the time you get this newsletter, in July, we will have held our fourth Fun-fly and the Club Picnic at Lake Ritchie which is always a great treat for club members. Hopefully, the heat, humidity, and thunderstorms cooperated with us this year for those two events.

We still have many events for the remainder of the year that I hope all members will avail themselves. We will hold the fifth and sixth Fun-flys in August and September. We have a fun-fly make-up date set aside in October if one of those earlier events falls through due to weather.

On 2 August, Ron Coen will CD our Electric/Silent Fly. Ron gave a great intro to this event in last month's newsletter. This is a low-key event to come to learn about and fly electric models which seems to be the fastest expanding aspect of our hobby these days. Lunch is included in the landing fee, and there are always some very nice raffle prizes.

September is a very active month for the club. In addition to the Club Fun-fly on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the club will be hosting the two-day Northern Virginia AMA Pattern Championship on 20-21 September. Don Szczur runs this excellent contest each year that draws flyers from Maryland, the Carolinas and other surrounding areas. We'll be needing volunteers to help with the concessions stand for this event. Also in September, the annual Bealeton Giant Scale Fly-in will occur 5-7 September at the Flying Circus airfield. This is a widely attended event. Due to the proximity of our two fields, the FARM Club field is closed those dates.

October is another busy month starting with the Club hosted Charity Float Fly at Lake Ritchie on the fourth. Last year's turnout was the best ever, and we are all hoping for good weather that will bring another great turnout this year. Good fellowship, food, prizes, and of course, good flying showcases this fun event for a worthy cause. Also in October, the club will be participating in the 11 October Culpepper Airfest by providing an R/C model static display and flight demonstration.

We'll cap the year off with our Christmas Party on 13 December. This year the party will be at the Warrenton Community Center. It is always a great time, so plan to attend.

That's it for this month. I hope to see you at the events listed above, the flying field, and the club meetings.

Dan Jones

## ***EDITOR'S NOTES***

**Jeff Killen**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Club Meeting, July 22, at the field, 7:00 PM**
- 2. Electric/Silent Fly, August 2, at field, 9 AM – 2 PM**
- 3. Fun Fly #5, August 10, at the Field, 1:30 PM**



Hours: Mon – Sat, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***

**Jeff Killen**

The June club meeting was held on June 24 at the field. There were no guests or new members.

The Secretary reported that he had contacted Hobby Hangar about doing a full page advertisement. They said maybe they would do one in July.

Nic Burhans, our Treasurer, gave a detailed report and noted that our current club treasury balance is \$9,460.34. We have a total of 125 members now, with 2 members who have not renewed their AMA membership. Other details he noted are:

- The Haddens (junior and senior) have just joined the club. (They were at the meeting and did some flying. Welcome !)
- A printed annual budget is available at the meeting for review.

Our Safety Officer (Bill McMullen) noted that sometimes new members are not getting checked out. But the need to do this is in our new member materials. Bill also talked about the possibility of putting a helo flyers pad back behind the parking area. The board will discuss this further.

Bud Hilker (maintenance) said that we had to put a new starter in the skag mower.

Mr Rhynalds dropped by and noted that one of his daughters was getting married on 6/28, and he encouraged us to be around to fly except for the ceremony at 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm.

### **Old Business**

On the question about helo flying on 27 MHz channels, it seems this has now been resolved. The helo flyers at Luck Stone have moved their flying site a bit futher away from our field. Distance measurements were taken via 2 GPS systems, and it was determined that the new location at Luck Stone is 3.03 miles from our site. So they are now legal by AMA rules. We had checked with AMA and their was no proposal on the table to reduce the required inter-site distance to 2 miles.

Duane Beck reported on the last Fun Fly (he was the CD). There were 14 flyers which was great. The next event is on July 6.

The club picnic (on 7/12) at Lake Ritchie is just around the corner. Vince T. asked for someone to get the sailboat to the picnic. The grill is here at the field. Bill Towne said he would get the food. The funds to use the site have been paid.

John Hunton reported on the Culpeper field project. We are waiting on the farmer to cut the field. There is a layout issue which may hurt with insurance. Mike Dale is working this. The city is spending money which is good.

On the Warrenton Library wanting us to do another talk, John reported that the Library must use July 12, so John decided to do the talk for the club, which we all agreed with. This will be a group of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders; the talk will last about 1.5 hours.

The radio for the Float Fly give away will be the Futaba FASST system.

### **New Business**

Charlie K. asked everyone to get on the Hobby Hangar mailing list.

The Electric Fly is on Saturday, August 2, at the field from 8 AM to 2 PM. Open flying after that. \$10 covers entry fee, lunch, and enters you in several prize drawings. See flyer in this newsletter. We will mail a flyer to the Skyline club (Vince T. to provide address).

## **Show and Tell**

John Hunton showed us a foam tow-behind glider for his Halifax.

Nic Burhans – Super floats for foamies. Also universal floats for electrics, \$20 with hardware provided.

Jeff Killen – Electric Mini Pulse XT – Uses 450 outrunner motor with LiPo (2100 maH battery). Flies well.

## **50/50 Drawing**

Fuel was won by Hank Mausolf. (Fuel was donated by Hobby Hangar). Money was won by Doug Cash which he donated back to the club to use for Electric Fly prizes.

## **FARM ELECTRIC/SILENT FLY DAY**

### **Ron Coen**

Hello fellow FARM members. I hope everyone is enjoying the year and getting lots of stick time. My wife and I have been out of town most of the spring with our RV and I haven't gotten much flying time so far this year. We are back for a while now and I hope to make it to the field more frequently.

The FARM Electric/Silent flying day is coming up on Saturday, August 2nd, from 8:00am to 2:00pm at the FARM field. I invite all FARM members to come out and participate. It is a low key, non-competitive event where we fly electrics only and have a nice lunch and a drawing for some nice RC Electric prizes. It will only cost you a \$10 landing fee and that includes your lunch and a chance in the drawings. Hobby Hangar is helping with the prizes. Lunch will be your choice of two types of subs, bake beans, potato salad, Texas sheet cake, and cold drinks. Even if you don't have an electric plane it's worth the price just for lunch and a chance in the drawings.

The last couple of years we have had a rather modest turnout from FARM club members. It has been held on Sundays in previous years, which was an issue for some members. This year it is on a Saturday and I am hoping this will help increase participation. Please make an effort to come out on Saturday, August 2nd and have a good time while supporting your FARM club. If we don't get good participation we may not have the event in the future. I look forward to seeing you there!

Ron Coen  
Member At Large

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Nic Burhans**

Nic's report is below:

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 30 June

	01 Jun 08	\$ 9,265.34
INCOME	#	
New/Renewed Members-fees	3	\$ 205.00
Electric Fly Prizes Donation-cash		\$ 23.00
June's Fun Fly Entrys-cash	13	\$ 65.00
June's's 50/50-cash		\$ 24.00
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Total Income:		\$ 317.00
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Sum of Assets:		\$ 9,582.34

EXPENSES		
Field Maint-Gas	#1250	\$ 20.00
Porta-Toilet-Service	#1251	\$ 35.00
Field Maint-Gas	#1252	\$ 20.00
Newsletter-Stamps	#1253	\$ 50.40
Field Maint-Mower Starter	#1254	\$ 106.90
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Total Expenses:		\$ 232.30

Ending Account Balance: 30 Jun \$ 9,350.04

Regular Members:	93
Junior Members:	4
Senior Members:	24
Life Members:	3
Associate Members:	<u>1</u>
Total Membership:	<u>125</u>

June New/Renewed Members:

Sammy Soaper-RM

William Hadden-Senior

Bill E Hadden-RM

2008 AMA Current: 118

AMA Life Members: 5

AMA Expired as of 12/31/07: 2

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