



JUNE 2008

**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**

Dan Jones



Summer is definitely upon us, as the heat and humidity have certainly arrived. On a safety note, with the weather like this, please ensure you bring some drinking water with you to the field so that you can stay hydrated.

We conducted our third fun-fly on 8 June. Duane Beck was the Contest Director and put 13 pilots who withstood the heat and humidity through three challenging events; climb-glide timed event, accuracy landings, and the always fun “bomb drop.” We lost only one plane during the bomb drop portion and one other during the climb-glide, so overall a very successful event. Doug Cash dropped a bomb right on target and took first place overall for the contest. Thanks to Duane for putting together a great contest in which everyone had a lot of fun.

Our next fun-fly is on 6 July with Bruce Green as the CD. Justin Currier has volunteered to CD the August contest, and I’ll plan to CD the last contest in September.

Turnout for all three of our completed fun-flies has been tremendous, so if you’ve been looking for a fun challenge, come out and join us on 6 July. Additionally, every contest in which you compete earns you a chance at the end of year Fun-Fly Grand Prize Raffle held at the Club Christmas Party.

We will also be holding our Annual Club Picnic on 12 July at Lake Ritchie (directions on the website and elsewhere in the newsletter). The facilities at Lake Ritchie are very nice with a large pavilion with kitchen and working restrooms. Best of all, of course, is the lake which allows us to do some float flying. Please note there is no swimming at Lake Ritchie. We’ll be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers and have other refreshments. The picnic is traditionally one of our best events each year, so bring the family, your float plane, and come join us for good fellowship in a relaxed and beautiful setting.

A few last reminders as wrap up for this month. When flying, please keep your plane out beyond the far side of the runway. With our pit area and the owner’s barn so close to the runway, for safety, we do not want planes flying directly over the runway except for takeoffs and landings. Also, there are four pilot stations, so no more than four planes or helicopters taxiing, hovering, or flying at a time. Also, pilots need to fly from one of the designated pilot stations.

Please drive no faster than 5 mph from the owner’s large flag pole to the club parking area. The owner has trimmed the trees in front of the house providing greater visibility, but please keep your speed down. The June Club Meeting is at the field on 24 June, rain or shine. Hope to see you at the field and club meeting.

Dan Jones

EDITOR'S NOTES

Jeff Killen

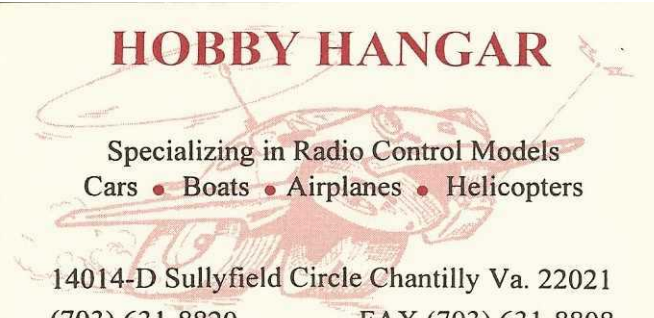
Upcoming Events:

- 1. Club Meeting, June 24, at the field, 7:00 PM**
- 2. Fun Fly #4, July 6, at the Field, 1:30 PM**
- 3. Club Picnic, July 12, at Lake Ritchie, 9 AM**

Directions to the Club Picnic: Turn off Route 17 like you are going to the Flying Circus (about a mile north of the turn off to our field). About ¼ mile from Route 17, there will be a right turn at a sign which says Lake Ritchie. You will see the lake and the pavilion a short distance ahead.

Bruce Green has some free wooden doors that would make great hobby building tables. Can him if you could use one of these.

NOTICE: In July we will print the club roster in the newsletter. If you would like any or all of your information to NOT appear in the newsletter, please contact me by July 10.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The May club meeting was held on May 27 at the Warrenton Community Center. There were no guests or new members.

The Secretary reported that he had collected the \$250 deposit back from the City Tavern in Manassas for the room to be used for our Christmas Party. This was returned to the Treasurer. Also, the newsletter went out a week early in May.

Nic Burhans, our Treasurer, gave a detailed report and noted that our current club treasury balance is \$9,249.52. We have a total of 121 members now, with 3 members who have not renewed their AMA membership. Other details he noted are:

- The club made \$592 on the IMAC contest (Hobby Hangar gave us \$300 for plaques and \$200 in prizes. Thanks Hobby Hangar !)
- A printed annual budget is available at the meeting for review. Our low point for funds should be in November.

Our Safety Officer (Bill McMullen) noted that he had to remind a club member to fly out in front of the flight line. Mr. Rhynalds will be building a hay barn by the parking area. Tree limbs near the house that were low have been cut back, which helps with visibility as we drive by the house. One more item: Do not stand beside or in front of an engine while you run it up !

Bill also gave a report on the IMAC contest. 22 flyers participated. Bill asked those present to think about whether or not we should continue holding the IMAC contests. There is little money in it, and it is a lot of work. Vince Tabacco noted that the visibility it gives the club is great. Maybe some of the workload can be shifted to others next time. We all need to think about this for next year.

Old Business

Nic Burhans reported on the last Fun Fly (he was the CD). The weather held and it was a good time. Duane Beck is the CD for the next event.

Nic Burhans did a nice letter to two sponsors of the IMAC contest. Thanks, Nic.

John Hunton reported on the Culpeper field project. Dewberry won the contract to do the design work for the new site. After the field's planted hay is cut, we are to fly a demo at the site. John will call folks when this is set up. The field is not yet official with the county. Mike Dale continues to cultivate relationships with the council members. John will review the plans for the runway.

New Business

John reported that the Warrenton Library wants us to do another talk. This would be to 50-80 youngsters. They asked for July 12, but this is a bad date for us. John will try to get another date.

Mike Dale discussed the Culpepper Airshow on October 11. They can't pay us this year, which we decided is

OK, as we get many good benefits from participating. We should try to get a jet model there this year. They want to give us one hour this year (we had just a half-hour last year).

John Hunton reported that Hank Mausolf is a candidate for the AMA Model Hall of Fame.

Bud Hilker noted that we can get free money from the R/C Trade Association for reports on our activities that appear in local newspapers. We have gotten this money in the past.

Vince Tabacco is getting a Hangar 9 Cub (.40 size) with a Saito .72. for the Float Fly Raffle on Oct. 4. Several club members will help build it. We will get a 2.4 GHZ spectrum radio for it, as this is what people want now. Vince will come back next month with prices for 3 competing radios so we can choose the one we want.

There is a new hobby dealer in Culpepper. This is Evan Beck, who runs Soggy Bottom Paintball and RC.

Bill McMullen reported that Joe Copollo held an open house last weekend at Luck Stone location. This was for helicopters. Charlie K. knows the location of their flying site. Hobby Hangar will sponsor events there.

Show and Tell

John Hunton discussed the sound system for his Halifax. Doug Cash knows a link to a system that works.

John Hunton – reworked a prefab plane’s wing with some bad flying manners. Great improvement.

John Hunton – Northrop Grumman on skis. Has ‘park bench’ ailerons.

Bill Towne – Neptune float plane – hardware and pushrod questions

Nic Burhans – his Amphibian conversion project shown last month flew well

Doug Cash – glow engine starting motor uses 18V Makita electric drill battery pack and is cordless. Nice.

50/50 Drawing

Fuel was won by Bill White. (Fuel was donated by Hobby Hangar). Money was won by Doug Cash.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Nic Burhans

Nic’s report is in the column to the right.

FARM Inc. Treasurer’s Report as of 31 May

	01 May 08	\$ 8,598.04
INCOME	#	
Member Renewal-check	1	\$ 50.00
IMAC - Food Booth Receipts		\$ 287.80
IMAC - Contestant Entry Fees		\$ 560.00
IMAC - Change Setup Return-cash		\$ 384.00
IMAC - Raffle		\$ 200.00
Christmas Party Contingency Return		\$ 250.00
May's Fun Fly Entrys-cash	12	\$ 60.00
May's 50/50-cash		\$ 29.00
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Total Income:		\$ 1,820.80
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Sum of Assets:		\$ 10,418.84

EXPENSES		
Field Maint - Gas	#1236	\$ 15.00
Field Maint - Gas	#1237	\$ 20.00
IMAC - Food Booth Supplies Sat.	#1238	\$ 217.40
IMAC - Food Booth Supplies Sun.	#1239	\$ 79.09
FCPRD - Christmas Party rent	#1240	\$ 120.00
IMAC - Grill rental	#1241	\$ 20.00
New Member Fees Return	#1242	\$ 90.00
IMAC - Porta-Toilet Rrent & Service	#1243	\$ 124.25
Postage & Office Supplies	#1244	\$ 63.27
IMAC - Contest Fee (\$3x20)	#1245	\$ 60.00
Fun Fly - Line Paint	#1246	\$ 31.31
Field Maint - Gas	#1247	\$ 15.00
Newsletter-Stamps	#1248	\$ 50.20
Charity Float Fly-Raffle Prize Parts	#1249	\$ 247.98

Total Expenses:		\$ 1,153.50
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Ending Account Balance:	31 May	\$ 9,265.34

Regular Members:	91
Junior Members:	4
Senior Members:	23
Life Members:	3
Associate Members:	1
2008 Total Membership:	<u>122</u>

2008 AMA Current:	114
AMA Life Members:	5
AMA Expired as of 12/31/07:	<u>3</u>
	<u>122</u>

2008 FARM IMAC Final Treasurer’s Report

Total Income:	\$ 1,347.80
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Total Expenses:	\$ 755.74
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Ending IMAC Balance:	\$ 592.06

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

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