



**MARCH 2008**

**PRESIDENT'S  
CORNER**

**Dan Jones**



The weather seems to be improving so hopefully Spring is near. Bud Hilker and Bill McMullen along with the small group of volunteers that maintain our portion of the runway and grounds are preparing the mowers and equipment to be ready. We'll probably be fertilizing the grounds this year and may roll the runway to help smooth it out.

In other field maintenance, Bud has replaced the frequency pin clips, and we are having new channel numbers made for the pins. They should all be in place by the time you received this newsletter. As a reminder, please ensure to replace the pins on the frequency board when you are finish flying for the day.

Spring not only brings increased flying opportunities; it signals the beginning of our busy club events calendar and the need for VOLUNTEERS. Our events will only

be successful if members volunteer to participate and help where they can.

The 3-4 May IMAC contest is our first major event of the year. We'll need club members to help set up before the contest, tear down after the contest, and do a variety of jobs during the contest from cooking and serving food in the concessions stand to managing transmitter impound and scribing for judges. Being a two day contest, the more volunteers we have the less chance a person will be needed to work both days. If you can work both days, one day, or even just part of a day that would be a great help. Please contact Bill McMullen or me if you are available. We would like to get a good count of volunteers as early as possible as May is coming up fast.

April is the beginning of our annual Fun Fly Contest season with the first contest on 6 April. Our season is six contests. Member participation in Fun Flies has been steadily increasing over the past two years becoming our highest participation events. These contests are low on stress and high on fun, so I encourage all to give them a try. Entry fee is five dollars, and every participant "wins" a prize. Additionally, every contest you participate in earns you a chance in our end of year drawing for a grand prize. Last year the grand prize was a complete Spectrum 2.4 GHz radio system. Also, the top three season cumulative flyers receive special prizes at the end of year.

Members need to remember that on Fun Fly Sundays, flying and taxiing is restricted to only Fun Fly participants during the duration of the Fun Fly. Fun Flies begin at 1:30PM and normally run for one and a half to two hours depending on events and the number of participants. If you do not intend to participate in the Fun Fly, please plan your schedule at the field accordingly.

Lastly, I'm looking for volunteers to be Contest Directors for our Fun Flies. Please contact me as soon as

possible and let me know which Fun Fly you would like to CD.

That's all for now ... see ya at the field and club meetings.

Dan Jones

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

**Jeff Killen**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Club Meeting, March 25, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM**
- 2. Fun Fly #1, April 6, at the Field, 1:30 PM**



Hours: Mon – Sat, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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

**Jeff Killen**

The January club meeting was held on February 26 at the Warrenton Community Center. Bob Collier was welcomed back as a former FARM Club President. Welcome Bob ! Al Smith, an active pilot and friend of Mike Dale's, who also has restored an airplane (a Stearman) was also visiting.

The Secretary reported that Hobby Hangar paid \$110 to renew its ad for the year. Also, the newsletter was sent out a week earlier than usual.

Nic Burhans, our Treasurer, noted that our current club treasury balance is \$10,952.82. We have 4 new members since January 1, bringing the total to 118. Six members did not renew their AMA membership, and a list has been posted at the field. Nic also had a budget set up for the year, which shows that we should end the year near our beginning amount. He also noted that we received \$500 from the Culpepper airshow last October.

Our Safety Officer (Bill McMullen) had no safety items to report (which is a good thing).

Bud Hilker, our Field Marshall noted that the mower will be used within the next month for the first time this year. Some maintenance costs should be expected to get it ready for the season. The field will need to be fertilized at a cost of about \$300 - \$400.

### **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 hours allotted, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Various club members will present areas they specialize in. John had a map to help us find the building (the John Barton Payne building next to the library in old town Warrenton). He will also have available his paper about how to fly by misconception management.

Nic Burhans asked for comments on the by-laws change printed in the February newsletter. There was a question about how life members renew, but it is the same as all other members (AMA membership card is required). The change was approved. Dick Sutton will put the updated by-laws and our handbook on the web site.

The new field project in Culpepper County is coming along. Nic Burhans did the by-laws, the handbook, and agreement on operations of the airfield. These are now with the county for review. Construction of the site was reviewed by 30 engineers (we presume they are getting hungry for work).

### **New Business**

Charlie Koustenis had 3 things: a flyer on windsocks at good prices, a comment about getting on Hobby Hangar email list ([hobbyhangarva.com](http://hobbyhangarva.com)), and a VHS cassette tape on applying monokote.

The NVRC Auction will be held March 22 (see full page flyer in this newsletter).

Ty Lyman has news about IMAC events. There is a boot camp on March 1-2. Our contest is May 3-4. On May 31-June 1 there is a contest in Ashland, VA. March 8-9 there is one in North Carolina, and on March 15-16 there is a judging school in Fayetteville, N. C.

Vince Tabacco reported on the Charity Float Fly. Jan Ritchie has agreed to do both the picnic and float fly events for a single fee of \$500 (thus, one event is free). Do you have raffle suggestions ? A J-3 Cub on floats and a Beaver on floats were suggested. Ron King has provided some donations for the float fly.

Don Szczur and Chris Moon will be doing a pattern judging clinic at Leesburg, Banshee Reeks Park, on March 16. See full page flyer in this newsletter.

**Presentation**

John Hunton did a presentation on Stability and Configuration of airplanes.

**Show and Tell**

Justin Currier – ME 109 Messerschmitt, with scale markings and paint. Norvel .061, 4 channels with micro servos ALSO 0. S. FSR .60 motor converted to diesel

Ron Coen – Flying Model magazine Lindsay’s Racer, Astra 19 direct drive brushless motor, 3 channel, 3 cell LiPo

Jeff Killen – P-51 Mustang – electric ARF, with brushed motor, 1320 mah LiPo, 4 channel, fun fly plane, noisy !

John Hunton – Halifax – Plans and pieces of a large electric project. Wing will have 5 sections, weight will be about 15 lbs. Progress since last meeting. ALSO Vega (Amelia Earhart plane) uses electronics from storebought Accipiter

Gene Flynn – Electric Taylorcraft ARF, 480 outrunner, 31 oz. ALSO electric helicopter Minititan

Duane Beck – \$25 servo cyler from York Electronics, TX

**50/50 Drawing**

Fuel was won by Ralph G. (Fuel was donated by Hobby Hangar). Money was won by Justin Currier.

**Board Meeting**

The by-laws change was approved.

For the Christmas party, it looks like we will go for Wellington community center again. Dan Jones and the secretary will call Larry Kauffman to see if he can finish the arrangements. (Update: Jeff Killen learned from Larry that Wellington is not available. Jeff will check on a local diner venue in Manassas.)

***TREASURER’S REPORT***

**Nic Burhans**

In the next column on this page is the report from Nic.

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 29 February 2008

Beginning Account Balance:	01 Feb 08	\$ 11,004.44
<b>INCOME</b>		
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New Member Checks:	3	\$ 270.00
Renewal Check	1	\$ 37.50
Hobby Hangar Advertisement		\$ 110.00
Feb's 50/50-cash		\$ 33.00
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Total Income:		\$ 450.50
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Sum of Assets:		\$ 11,454.94
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
New Bank Checks		\$ 70.94
New Bank Deposit Records		\$ 35.68
Dues Reimbursement #1210		\$ 12.50
Lake Ritchie Deposit #1211		\$ 150.00
Newsletter #1212		\$ 49.20
Frequency pin clips #1213		\$ 23.57
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Total Expenses:		\$ 341.89
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Ending Account Balance:	29 Feb 08	\$ 11,113.05
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Paid Members:		114
New Members:		4
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Total Membership:		118
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2008 New Members:		
Shawn Collins		
Ernie Padgette		
Steven Wiczalkowski		
Bob Collyer		
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Regular Members:		89
Junior Members:		3
Senior Members:		22
Life Members:		3
Associate Members:		1
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Total Membership:		118
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2008 AMA Current:		107
AMA Life Members:		5
AMA Expired as of 12/31/07:		6
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		118
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AMA Expired Members:		
Ernest Legg 860329		
Matt Naqvi 789220		
Zain Rathore 359930		
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