



AEROPOLIS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2010

**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**
Doug Cash



First, Congratulations to David Rothbart for winning the April Fun Fly! Bill Towne's "Whirling Dervish Taxi Derby Fun Fly" proved challenging. Unfortunately one aircraft sustained some damage during the competition. On the bright side, as a result of this Charlie Koustenis was awarded the special President's award for the first crash of the fun fly competition season. If you want to know what the award was you will need to talk to Charlie!

Flying season is well under way and the field has been kept busy with lots of flying. Be sure to thank the mowing crew for getting the field in shape, and maybe consider volunteering to help them out one week.

I'd like to welcome some new members that joined this month; Binky Schutt, Jeff Whitaker, Panayiotis Dacey, Charles Harding, James Harding, Gerald Hood, Jerry Smith, Matt Maldonado, Kevin Moran, Chuck Spangler, and Les Broaddus. We currently have 109 members.

One of our new members has an interest in FPV (First Person View) flying, and has the gear to support that interest! I have asked him to do a presentation at one of our outdoor meetings so others that may be interested can see it in action. This will likely occur at the June or July meeting. On that note, FPV has a few extra rules referenced by the AMA safety code. One of the extra rules is that the person flying FPV must have another qualified pilot acting as the pilot in command on the buddy box setup while flying on the goggles. So, if you're out at the field and someone asks for your assistance, please help out. Hopefully, you will find this new technology as interesting as I do!

Lastly, the board is considering switching the monthly newsletter to an e-newsletter which would be e-mailed as well as posted on the club's web-site. As most of you know prior to this year the club was receiving the news letter production as a donation from a club member. Due to some equipment changes that donation was no longer possible. As a result, between the copying and mailing costs the club is spending in excess of

\$85.00 a month on the newsletter, or over \$1000.00 per year. While that may not seem like much, it is enough that we are likely to see a budget shortfall this year because of this. That could of course continue in subsequent years and could eventually become a significant issue. If you are opposed to receiving the newsletter as an e-newsletter and wish to continue receiving a hardcopy (some members don't have e-mail, etc.) please let Nic Burhans or myself know. This will help us in the decision process.

Keep those wings level,

Douglas Cash

EDITOR'S NOTES

Jeff Killen

Upcoming Events:

- 1. Club Meeting, April 27, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM**
- 2. Fun Fly #2, May 16, at the field, 1:30 PM**



Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

I couldn't make the March meeting. But Bill Towne did and was kind enough to provide the following notes. Thanks Bill.

The March club meeting was held on the 23rd at the Warrenton Community Center. Thirteen members were present including 5 board members and 2 new members.

At Doug's request the new members from the Woodbridge area, Gerald Hood and Jerry Smith introduced themselves. They are both experienced pattern flyers but still need check flights at the FARM field.

Old Business

Nic had reported there was \$7767 in the treasury. Nic had reported there are additional new 2010 members: Binky Schutt, Jeff Whitaker, Panayiotis Darcy, and Charles Harding and his son James. Charles has FVP capability but per current AMA regulations, must be accompanied by an experienced hand on a Buddy box. Nic also reported there are two additional members submitting applications.

Bill Towne passed his test and is now a Provisional CD. He will CD our Fall Float Fly.

Bill McMullen talked to Don about powering a charging station with 110 V AC. Don was OK with this so Bill and Gene Flynn will organize this and ask for our help when required.

A new order of shirts and hats will be initiated.

The clubs Golden Leader status was questioned and discussed.

Larry Kauffman submitted his paper work in for our May 28-30 Pattern contest. Board needs to approve money for trophies. Larry will also try and hit Chris Moon up for some prizes. This event will be catered by Culpepper folks and Gene Flynn will help organize this. Nic is gathering up the necessary scoring materials. Pilot's fee will be \$30 this year.

Bill McMullen turned over forms for the club's annual VA incorporation registration fees. Nic will submit these with the \$25 fee.

New Business

Jerry Smith indicated they had a little trouble finding the community center their first time out. We might want to add a street address to the web site.

Jerry also tried the FARM Field download on his G5 simulator. It didn't work. He volunteered to see if he could re-do this for the latter versions of Flight Simulator.

Show and Tell

Charlie Koustenis updated us on his rebuild of Ernie's Tiger 90 Prototype. He had finished a wing panel. Also he found termites had attacked the elevator framing. Others were not surprised as the plane was from Florida. Charlie also demonstrated his installation of navigational Strobe lights on John Muller's new sport plane. John wanted these after seeing Charlie's installation on a Cessna -182 he was building for Hobby hanger.

Duane Beck just received some 6 cell Rhino battery packs form Hobby King in China. Delivered in 48 hours. They were \$52 each and he also bought a neat little finger size cell pack voltage checker for the field which reads each cell and total voltage.

Duane and Charlie both reported the new programmable digital servos were very cool. You can program the rotation range, reverse operation, endpoints etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nic Burhans

Nic's report for March is to the right.

FARM IncTreasurer's Report as of	31 Mar 10	
	01 Mar 10	\$ 7,597.73
INCOME	#	
Membership Renewals	xxx	xxx
New Members Fees & Dues- 7	3/26/2010	\$ 565.00
US Scale Team ticket funds	3/26/2010	\$ 40.00
Club T-shirts & Ball caps-cash	3/26/2010	\$ 15.00
March 50/50-cash	3/26/2010	\$ 34.00
Total Income:		\$ 654.00
Sum of Assets:		\$ 8,251.73
EXPENSES		
Butler & Eicher Septic Cleaning	#1389	\$ 35.00
AMA 2010 Charter	#1390	\$ 90.00
VA State Corp. Comm. 2010 Reg.	#1391	\$ 25.00
US Scale Team ticket funds	#1392	\$ 40.00
Newsletter Printing	#1393	\$ 39.90
Newsletter Postage	#1393	\$ 44.00
Bank Charge - New Checks	xxx	\$ 61.23
Total Expenses:		\$ 335.13
Ending Account Balance:	31 Mar 10	\$ 7,916.60
Regular Members:	68	
Senior Members:	32	
Junior Members:	4	
Associate Members:	2	
Life Members:	3	
Total Membership:	109	
2010 New Members:		
Binky Schutt		
Jeff Whitaker		
Panayiotis Dacey	Needs	check flight
Charles Harding	Needs	check flight
James Harding	Needs	check flight
Gerald Hood	Needs	check flight
Jerry Smith	Needs	check flight
Matt Maldonado		
Kevin Moran	Needs	check flight
Chuck Spangler	Needs	check flight
Les Broaddus	Needs	check flight

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