



***FEBRUARY 2010***

***PRESIDENT'S  
CORNER***

**Doug Cash**



Well Febrrrrrrruary is almost over. I would like to say that spring weather is just around the corner, but unfortunately Phil saw his shadow and said to add six more weeks. While, I will go out on a limb and predict that Spring will arrive on March 20, I am not going to predict how much more s--- we will get. On the positive side, everyone should be getting plenty of winter flying in, or at least simulator time!

Even with the additional s--- flying weather everyone should still be planning ahead for the fun-fly contests, float fly, and pattern contests which are just around the corner.

On that note, the club only has a few people that are AMA certified Contest Directors (CDs). In order for events such as the pattern contest and float fly to occur, the club needs to have an AMA certified CD obtain the event sanction and run the event. We would like to increase the number of CD's available to run these events so that the same people don't end up doing all the work and not getting to enjoy the club events like everyone else.

It's a simple process that requires you to review a couple of documents then take an open book test. Once your test is completed, you send it off to the AMA with a \$20.00 fee and they check your answers. Once you pass the test you are a probationary CD until you successfully run your first event, after which you officially become a CD and that notation is added to your AMA card. Additionally, if you run two events in the same year, you earn 50% off your AMA dues! For those who may be interested in pursuing this, we have posted a link on the F.A.R.M. website with the necessary information/documents you will need.

We all like the club meetings that have something other than the usual club business going on, so if you would like to do a presentation let me know and we will get it scheduled. Also, if there is something you would like to learn more about let me know and I will put the word out to see if we can get a presentation lined up for the most requested topics.

And finally; with all the s--- you can avoid any potential of "cabin fever" by spending some time inspecting your aircraft to ensure they are airworthy ahead of the (hopefully) approaching warmer weather. Torn/loose covering, engine mounts, secure firewalls, linkages, and keeping the batteries cycled are just a few of the things to consider. Remember, those gremlins are sneaky buggers so check everything...twice!

Cheers,

Douglas Cash

## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

**Jeff Killen**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Club Meeting, February 23, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM**



Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Jeff Killen**

The January club meeting was held on January 26 at the Warrenton Community Center. Twelve club members were present besides board members (minus Nic Burhans). There were no guests or visitors.

Bill Towne will make a final effort to call those who have not renewed their membership for 2010.

Dan Jones had no other safety items except to remind us all to BE SAFE as we fly.

The Secretary recommended we do not charge Hobby Hangar for their advertisement for 2010. Everyone agreed to this recommendation.

The Field Marshall noted that the porta potty is nearly full. Thus a call will be made to the owners to have it serviced.

### **Old Business**

The club has received a nice letter from the organizers of the Culpepper Airfest thanking us for our part in the show last year.

Culpepper Barnstormers update – A story by John Hunton was put in the Culpepper newspaper. A 911 address is being obtained for the field. John Hunton has a building plan prepared. Needs of the club have been provided to the county. Porta potty location is TBD.

The road in to the site is still in-work; some soil fill-in is still needed. Grand opening date for the field is still TBD, but will likely be sometime in May; we want several key folks to be there.

### **New Business**

There is a NOTAM for the Washington area for the day of the State of the Union address.

CDs for Fun Flies are needed. Members may become AMA CDs. This is easy to do, and it is good to have several folks available when we have a sanctioned event. We have 4 AMA CDs now (Doug Cash, Vince Tabacco, Larry Kaufmann, and Bill McMullen).

CDs for our Fun Flies this year are being determined. So far we have:

4/18 – Bill Towne	7/11 – Charlie Koustenis
5/16 – Bill McMullen	8/15 – John Hunton-tbd
6/13 – Dan Jones	9/5 - Doug Cash-tbd

Nic Burhans has confirmed the reservation for 7/24 at Lake Ritchie.

Meeting presentations are needed. John Hunton will do one on Basic Aerodynamics.

We need longer airplane stands for larger planes. Mike Marohnic offered to help with this, as did Charlie Koustenis in coordination with John Mueller.

It would be good to have a solar powered battery charging station at the field. Bill McMullen will talk with Mr. Rhynalds about this.

The September pattern contest is a FARM club event, not a NVRC event. Doug Cash will talk with Larry Kaufmann and Don Szczur about this.

### **Show and Tell**

Bill Towne – Tiger 60, with OS 60 FX motor, tricycle gear. Took a year to build it.

John Hunton – twin motor electric powered model, featuring Chinese motors, controllers. Counter rotating props.

Ernie Padgett – Toy Helicopter, 2 channel, unbreakable, and lots of fun for about \$50.

### **50/50**

Dan Jones won the cash (\$28).

Ralph Graul won a gift card from **Hobby Hangar**.

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **Nic Burhans**

Nic's report for January is below.

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of	31 Jan 10 01 Jan 10	\$ 8,179.76
INCOME	#	\$ 0.00
Membership Renewals - 22	2/4/2010	\$ 1,050.00
New Member Fees & Dues - 1	2/4/2010	\$ 90.00
Membership Renewals - 2	02/xx	\$ 100.00
January 50/50	02/xx	\$ 28.00
Total Income:		\$ 1,268.00
Sum of Assets:		\$ 9,447.76
EXPENSES		
Card for Bud Hilker	#1383	\$ 3.98
Field Rental - F,M,A	#1384	\$ 600.00
Newsletter - Printing	#1385	\$ 48.51
Newsletter - Postage	#1385	\$ 44.00
Total Expenses:		\$ 696.49
Ending Account Balance:	31 Jan 10	\$ 8,751.27

Regular Members:	60
Senior Members:	32
Junior Members:	3
Associate Members:	2
Life Members:	<u>3</u>
Total Membership:	<u>100</u>

### 2010 New Members:

Binky Schutt

Jeff Whitaker

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