



JANUARY 2010

***PRESIDENT'S
CORNER***

Doug Cash



2010 is upon on us and promises to be another fun filled flying year for the F.A.R.M. Club. The new executive board met on January 2nd to decide who would be filling which positions. This year's board positions were decided as follows; President – Doug Cash (me), Vice President – Bill Towne, Treasurer – Nic Burhans, Secretary – Jeff Killen, Safety Officer – Dan Jones, Field Marshall – Ralph Graul, Member at Large – Bill McMullen. Dick Sutton has volunteered to continue managing the Website. Of course, I would like to thank Nic for hosting the meeting, but more importantly I would like to thank Anne for the pecan pie!

My first official duty as President is indeed a sad one. It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you, for those that did not already hear, Bud Hilker (1933-2009) passed away in his sleep on Sunday night, Dec 27th. Not only was Bud a long time member who always put forth great effort for the club, but he was good friend to all. Good flying Bud.

Now, before I forget, if you haven't already paid your dues for 2010 please remember to get them in before January 30 in order to avoid having to pay the initiation fee again.

Traditionally, in the January newsletter the new president tells a bit about themselves. I am going to break that tradition and save that for one of the later winter or early spring newsletters. Instead, I want to use the January newsletter to kick off the New Year by telling you a bit about who you, the F.A.R.M. club, are... at least to me.

We moved to the northern Virginia area in fall of 2002. During the summer of that year, I was able to make a few trips to the area to scout around for a house and learn the "lay of the land." Of course, one of the important things in the decision process was proximity to work, but more important was proximity to flying fields!

The AMA website provided the names and contact information for the local clubs and a search through the yellow pages (yes, the paper thingy not Google!) yielded the names of a couple of hobby shops. I stopped by the local hobby shops to see what "the word on the street" was about the local clubs. Then I pulled out the trusty map of the local area (a map? Is that anything like GPS?) and went in search of the flying sites before contacting any of the clubs. I drove right by one club's flying site...twice...before finding it since no-one was out flying on a perfect summer evening...in the middle of the week.

The next site I visited was located up by where my brother was living at the time. They had a nice paved runway and were quite friendly. But the traffic between the area and the office...ewwwwww! (I have since learned that the traffic is like this everywhere in the D.C. region, I just didn't get stuck in it at the time...).

The third field I tried to visit did not go well at all. I pulled up; there were two flyers at the field with their planes in the pit area and their cards up on the frequency board. As I got out of my Jeep one of the flyers yelled over “Hey, you’re not a club member, you’re not supposed to be here” in a less than friendly manner. I politely got back in the Jeep that I was almost out of and never looked back.

The last field I wanted to check out didn’t have an address listed, just contact information. So, I broke down and made a call to find out where the field was...so much for my sneaky cover. I set up a time to meet the club contact and was given directions to the F.A.R.M. The contact made sure we set up a time that allowed me to get back out of town, and get an airplane to bring. After all he said, why go out to a field with nothing to fly...I liked this guys thinking! So a week later I showed up with my Kyosho Sukhoi and field gear and was signed in as a guest at the field. I was given the field orientation, had my plane checked out, and then we flew. There was even another member at the field that evening, Wednesday as I recall. After two flights, I didn’t want to wear out my welcome, so I began to pack up my stuff while chatting with the two club members. I was given the run down on initiation fees and the dues. I asked about what I needed to do for any official check-flights. The club member that was there said, “In your case, just pay your fees. I just watched your flights and you hit all our requirements. By the way, I’m one of the instructors that would have to sign you off.” That was how I met Bill McMullen. Now, I’ve never asked Bill if he was actually looking at my plane while I was flying or not...and I think I will just leave it that way (I’m pretty sure I heard snoring...). So, my decision was made, we were able to find a townhouse we could afford that turned out to be about halfway between the office and the field. I paid my fees and got my hat (the black version at the time) and the rest is history.

Since then, I have gotten to know a number of the Saturday flyers, and the Sunday fun-fly flyers, and even snuck out on a few Fridays to invade the retiree group. Now, I can’t claim to know, or even to have met, everyone on the club roster, but over the past years I have met a fair number of you and I can honestly say that everyone has been great.

You support local community events several times each year, you sponsor a number of open events and competitions in addition to the club fun-flies, and you have always been willing to lend a helping hand to one another (even when no-one asked but probably should have). On any given day at the field I can find anything flying from GIANT 40% planes down to tiny electric park-flyers. Helicopters and gliders share the same

airspace with no issues. There are sport flyers, national competitors, and AMA Hall of Fame members all in the same pits. While some clubs in the area segregate themselves to one aircraft type only, at F.A.R.M. I can watch, and learn, about it all. And where else can you see the variety of full scale aircraft coming by, sometimes down on the deck?

So, that is who you, the F.A.R.M. are, to me. A great bunch of flyers who welcome everyone regardless of what they fly. Frankly, I’ve been surprised that there isn’t a constant stream of real estate agents trying to use the club as a selling point!

I look forward to serving as your President this year, it is an honor.

Doug Cash

EDITOR’S NOTES

Jeff Killen

Upcoming Events:

- 1. Club Meeting, January 26, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM**



Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The December Christmas Party was held on December 12 at the Warrenton Community Center. A great time was had by all. A few notes from the party follow.

The annual MAP award was given to Bruce Green. Congratulations Bruce (Captain Thumbs) on your accomplishments and learning how to become friends with the neighbors around the flying field.

Frank and Lisa Dombrowski were announced as newlyweds, having been married just 2 weeks at the time of the party. Congratulations !

Fun fly prizes were awarded as announced by Mike Dale the Fun Fly Coordinator for 2009. 22 flyers participated in the events. Bill White won the prize drawing: a F4U Corsair kit. The best total scores for the top 3 places were:

1. Ralph Graul
2. Charlie Koustenis
3. Vince Tabacco – Nic Burhans (tie)

To resolve the tie, Nic B. took the gift card, and Vince T. will get a free ride in Mike Dale's Provost.

The 2010 Board of Directors will consist of the following club members:

Bill Towne
Dan Jones
Jeff Killen
Ralph Graul
Nic Burhans
Bill McMullen

(Offices were determined at the Board Members meeting at Nic Burhans home on January 2.)

Our club officers for 2010 are the following:

President – Doug Cash
Vice President – Bill Towne
Secretary – Jeff Killen
Treasurer – Nic Burhans
Safety Officer – Dan Jones
Field Marshall – Ralph Graul
Member at Large – Bill McMullen

We went over the schedule for the year. The results are captured in the schedule page in this newsletter. Some highlights are:

- There will be 2 pattern contests this year
- Christmas Party will be at the Warrenton Community Center again.
- First Fun Fly will be on April 18.

The Treasurer reviewed where we stand with membership renewals. **37 members had not renewed, so there are many out there who need to do this. If you do not renew by Jan. 31, and decide to renew later, you will be charged the initiation fee. So don't delay !**

We start the year with \$8179.76. We will need to watch the budget this year. Expenses are projected to be more by \$1589.10 this year as compared to 2009. Nic provided a spreadsheet with the details.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nic Burhans

Nic's reports for November and December are below and to the right.

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of	30 Nov 09	
	01 Nov 09	\$ 7,130.80
INCOME	#	
Membership Renewals - 3	11/5/2009	\$ 75.00
Membership Renewals - 8	11/11/2009	\$ 350.00
Membership Renewals - 12	11/20/2009	\$ 425.00
Fauquier Co.	11/20/2009	\$ 50.00
<u>Total Income:</u>		<u>\$ 900.00</u>
<u>Sum of Assets:</u>		<u>\$ 8,030.80</u>
EXPENSES		
Flying Equip - boat & motor	#1372	\$ 380.00
Office Supplyies - stamps	#1373	\$ 17.60
Fq Co Parks & Rec - Donation	#1374	\$ 50.00
November Newsletter Printing	#1375	\$ 50.72
November Newsletter Postage	#1375	\$ 52.80
<u>Total Expenses:</u>		<u>\$ 551.12</u>
Ending Account Balance:	30 Nov 09	<u>\$ 7,479.68</u>
Regular Members:	71	
Senior Members:	33	
Junior Members:	4	
Life Members:	3	
Associate Members:	2	
<u>Total Membership:</u>	<u>113</u>	
2009 New Members:	11	
Butch Quallich		
Branwell McClory		
Mike Stevens		
Douglas Carlock		
Frank Dombrowski		
Lisa Jones		
Bob Jonson		
Fil Vasilas		
John Bisaga		
Bill Parn		
Steve Panos		

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of	31 Dec 09	
	01 Dec 09	\$ 7,479.68
INCOME	#	
Membership Renewals - 12	12/3/2009	\$ 500.00
November 50/50-cash	12/3/2009	\$ 24.00
Membership Renewals - 7	12/7/2009	\$ 300.00
Membership Renewals - 14	12/16/2009	\$ 500.00
Membership Renewals - 8	12/31/2009	\$ 375.00
New Members Fees & Dues-1	12/16/2009	\$ 90.00
<u>Total Income:</u>		<u>\$ 1,789.00</u>
<u>Sum of Assets:</u>		<u>\$ 9,268.68</u>
EXPENSES		
Fun Fly - final prizes	#1376	\$ 266.74
November Newsletter Printing	#1377	\$ 32.20
November Newsletter Postage	#1377	\$ 44.00
Xmas party supplies-paper	#1378	\$ 31.93
2010 Community Center Rent	#1379	\$ 360.00
Xmas party supplies-food	#1380	\$ 280.96
Xmas party supplies-diserts	#1381	\$ 37.89
USPS - stamps	#1382	\$ 35.20
<u>Total Expenses:</u>		<u>\$ 1,088.92</u>
Ending Account Balance:	31 Dec 09	<u>\$ 8,179.76</u>
Regular Members:	70	
Senior Members:	34	
Junior Members:	4	
Life Members:	3	
Associate Members:	2	
<u>Total Membership:</u>	<u>113</u>	

**FAUQUIER AERO RECREATION MODELERS
2010 CLUB CALENDAR**

January 26	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center	7:00 PM
February 23	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center	7:00 PM
March 23	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center	7:00 PM
April 18	Sunday	Fun Fly #1 @ Club Field	1:30 PM
April 27	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center	7:00 PM
May 16	Sunday	Fun Fly #2 @ Club Field	1:30 PM
May 25	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center	7:00 PM
May 28-30	Fri-Sun	Spring FARM Pattern Contest	All Day
June 13	Sunday	Fun Fly #3 @ Club Field	1:30 PM
June 22	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Club Field	7:00 PM
July 11	Sunday	Fun Fly #4 @ Club Field	1:30 PM
July 24	Saturday	Club Picnic & Float Fly @ Lake Ritchie	9:00 AM
July 27	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Club Field	7:00 PM
August 7	Saturday	Electric / Silent Fly @ Club Field	9AM-3PM
August 15	Sunday	Fun Fly #5 @ Club Field	1:30 PM
August 24	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Club Field	7:00 PM
September 5	Sunday	Fun Fly #6 @ Club Field	1:30 PM
Sept 10-12	Fri-Sun	Field Closed: Bealeton Giant Scale Fly-in	All Day
Sept 17-19	Fri-Sun	Fall FARM Pattern Contest @ Club Field	All Day
September 28	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center	7:00 PM
October 2	Saturday	Field Closed: FARM Float Fly @ Lake Ritchie 9 AM	
October 9	Saturday	Culpeper Airfest static display / air show	8AM-3PM
October 9	Saturday	Crocket Park Children's Festival	11AM-4PM
October 17	Sunday	Fun Fly #7 (if needed) @ Club Field	1:30 PM
October 26	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center/ 2011 Board Nominations	7:00 PM
November 23	Tuesday	Club Meeting @ Community Center/ 2011 Board Nominations	7:00 PM
December 11	Saturday	Christmas Party/ Announce seven 2011 Board of Director members	6:00 PM

FARM OFFICERS for 2010

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Secretary	Jeff Killen	703-369-0807
Treasurer	Nic Burhans	540-349-2733
Safety Officer	Dan Jones	703-644-0989
Member at Large.	Bill McMullen	540-347-5871
Field Marshall	Ralph Graul	540-341-0368

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