



MARCH 2010

**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER
Doug Cash**



Let's go fly a kite, up to the highest height, Let's go fly a kite...oh sorry I started getting carried away with it being March. Of course, by the time you read this March will be nearing its end which means the first club fun fly is just around the corner. These monthly fun flies are a great deal of fun, allow you to get to know some of your fellow F.A.R.M.ers, and have been growing in popularity over the last several years. And best of all, completing a fun fly gets you an entry into the big prize drawing at the annual Christmas party. So get those final maintenance checks done and take those planes up for their test rides to make sure you're ready for April 18th!

Bill Towne will be coordinating the field maintenance and mowing schedule this season (THANK YOU BILL!!!). We all want to fly, but the field needs to be mowed for that to happen. So please drop Bill an e-mail or give him a call to volunteer to mow this year.

In the February issue I asked you to let me know if there was topic you would like to present, or that you would like to see presented, at one of the club meetings. One of the requests I received was for painting with an airbrush including other things such as masking etc. If you would like to volunteer to cover this topic for the club please let me know so we can schedule appropriately.

Well I guess I should start to catch up with the traditional January newsletter "Who is This President Guy" tradition;

Who is This President Guy Episode 1;
The Early Years...VERY Early

One or two folks already know this, but I was born in Detroit, not out in the 'burbs, but right down in the city. Now, I didn't start right off with R/C flying. Partly because the equipment was difficult for me to hold since it was bigger than me, and I didn't have a job yet so cost was an issue, but mostly because I didn't even know what it was yet. But, I am told, I quickly improvised a method to grow my budding interest in aviation and had various objects flying around the room at a very early age (getting things over those high crib walls...whew, that took some effort!).

No one is quite sure what spawned my early interest, but apparently it progressed to paper airplanes very early. Dad got moved to Illinois well before I hit kindergarten age, and we lived there until I was out of third grade. Dad used to make it a point to bring us back souvenirs from his business trips, and one of the early memories I have is one these souvenirs, a small plastic Sopwith Camel model. And yes, It was a glue together not a snap together type. Now it wasn't quite as neat as the live bunnies he brought back on one trip (mom may disagree), but it lasted much longer...but that's a different story. After it was done, that little Sopwith made many "flights" around the house and yard.

It wasn't long until I acquired an actual flying balsa model. Some of you may be familiar with this very complex model which required more assembly than a modern ARF. In fact, some of you may even remember how to slide those balsa wings through the slot in the fuselage and remember assigning the little red plastic pilot and canopy to the first mission.

These little wooden planes soon became popular with all the neighborhood kids (what can I say, I'm a trend setter) with our driveway, and street in front of it, becoming the main airport terminal. We thought our planes were pretty cool until one day one of the "older" kids showed up with a new top secret model from the skunkworks. It was radically different than our little balsa flyers printed in blue, IT DIDN'T HAVE A SLOT IN THE FUSELAGE FOR THE WING. In fact, it didn't have just one wing, but two pieces that clipped into a little red plastic piece that fit onto the much smaller fuselage. This thing was smaller, had thinner wings (lighter), and was very high dollar. It cost twice as much as our now seemingly huge planes, with a deployment cost of 10¢ each! Of course, after seeing it fly one flight on the summer street thermals (while our planes flew two or three flights in the same time) some of us knew we had to have one of those.

"Who is this President Guy" will pick up here next time.

Keep those wings level,

Douglas Cash

EDITOR'S NOTES

Jeff Killen

Upcoming Events:

- 1. Club Meeting, March 23, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM**
- 2. NVRC Auction, March 28, at WT Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax, VA, 10:00 AM (www.1nvrc.com)**
- 3. Fun Fly #1, April 18, at the field, 1:30 PM**



Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The February club meeting was held on February 23 at the Warrenton Community Center. Fourteen club members were present besides all board members. There were no guests or visitors.

The Safety officer (Dan Jones) asked everyone to check on your models now.

The Secretary and Field Marshall had nothing to report.

The Treasurer noted the following:

- We now have \$7691.27 (spreadsheet available)
- We now have 101 members, with 3 new members (Shutt, Whitaker, and Dacey)
- There was a bank mixup over 50 cents which Nic took care of.
- We have T shirts, caps, but we will need shirts soon.
- Twelve members from last year did not renew – a list is at the field.
- We will add spouse names to the member list.
- We received charter renewal form and leader club form and need to process them.
- Safety poster has 3-4 changes. Read it !
- I have paid for 2 float fly reservations in 2010.

Old Business

Airplane stands – Charlie K. is still working on these. They will be larger and the rear will be higher.

Bill McMullen is still working on the battery charger station.

CD directors – one person has taken the test.

Presentations – we have 2 ideas now. We will see one soon on spray painting.

New Business

Hobby Hangar is working on getting permission to fly on Whitman's field in Catlett.

Pilots Licenses – you need a plastic license after 3/31. See web site registry.faa.gov for details.

Bill Towne will take over the lead on maintaining the field. Thanks Bruce for all you have done to help out. Nic Burhans will help mow.

We received an award from Fauquier County for our participation with the Crockett Park event.

There will be an open house event at the new Barnstormers field on a Saturday in June. Date is TBD. John Hunton drew up pavilion plans, which were passed around the room.

We received Thank You notes from the folks who run the Culpepper Air Fest.

Presentation

John Hunton did a talk on airfoils and aerodynamics.

Show and Tell

Gene Flynn – Pitts bipe, 3 lbs, for .15 equivalent electric power.

John Hunton – 4 things:

- Skyshark – easy to fly
- Stealth wing study
- Twin engine electric with all Chinese components
- Flying Flea

Charlie Koustenis – fuselage of a Tiger 3 that Ernie Padgett managed to acquire. 92” wingspan. Will use Saito 300 twin.

Jeff Killen – Cap 232, with 400 brushless motor.

50/50

Mike Dale won the cash.
Ernie Padgett won the fuel from **Hobby Hangar**.
Nic Burhans won a T-shirt, and a cup holder.

Bill McMullen with one of his large gas helicopters. The lawnmower and yellow guy belong to John Hunton.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Nic Burhans

Nic’s report for February is below.

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of	28 Feb 10	
	01 Feb 10	\$ 8,751.27
INCOME	#	
New Members Fees & Dues- 1	2/24/2010	\$ 90.00
February 50/50-cash	2/24/2010	\$ 32.00
Total Income:		\$ 122.00
Sum of Assets:		\$ 8,873.27
EXPENSES		
Lake Ritchie - rent & security	#1386	\$ 1,150.00
Newsletter Printing	#1387	\$ 41.58
Newsletter Postage	#1387	\$ 44.00
Xmas Party - Sodas	#1388	\$ 39.96
Total Expenses:		\$ 1,275.54
Ending Account Balance:	28 Feb 10	\$ 7,597.73

Regular Members:	61
Senior Members:	32
Junior Members:	3
Associate Members:	2
Life Members:	3
Total Membership:	101

2010 New Members:
Binky Schutt
Jeff Whitaker
Panayiotis Dacey

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