

# FARM Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Douglas Cash



Well, here it is February and the flying weather has been pretty good. I know Phil said we should expect a long hard winter, but when was the last time a weather rodent got anything correct?

I want to thank Gary Valenzuela for his promoting of the F.A.R.M. and bringing so many guests out to meet us. This has resulted not only in much good will in the area, but quite a few new members! Well done Gary!

Since we are coming out of the usual winter flying doldrums a bit early this year, and since we have quite a few new members, I want to throw out a few safety reminders that are unique to our field since it is on an active full scale airstrip. First, please remember to put the flag up when you come out to fly. In addition to its patriotic role, our flag also serves as a visual aid to help

full scale pilots know the RC club is active. Second, we all love to watch the exiting high alpha flying (note I said watch since I am so uncoordinated ☺), but since we are on an active runway our flying site etiquette states “3D maneuvers will be conducted past the edge of the runway over the tall grass.” While full scale aircraft should do a high flyby to let us know they intend to use the runway or its airspace, sometimes that does not occur and they suddenly appear at low levels and high speeds. Remember that full scale always has the right of way and your model is expendable. Lastly, please watch your speed on the road into the club flying site. There may be small children playing that could suddenly appear in your path.

As a reminder we are considering a group visit to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center later in the year (maybe September). It may be easier to do this on a weekend instead of a Tuesday. In order to get a private tour group we would need to guarantee 20 people. **So if you are interested please send Jeff Killen an e-mail before March 1** so he can keep track of the interest level in order for the board to make a decision before things get filled up at the museum.

## Who is this President Guy? The Lost Stories

In my previous stint as President there was a series of columns to help you get to know me a bit better. In those columns I sometimes referenced other side stories like the many everyone in the hobby has, but sometimes didn't go into detail. Well, beginning next month (mostly because I am too lazy this month) I will try to fill in a few of the holes for the fun and entertainment of our Peanut Gallery.

Until next month, keep those wings moving!

Douglas Cash

## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

**Jeff Killen**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Monthly Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7 PM, 2/28/2012**
- 2. NVRC Auction, 3/18/2012 (see web site for details)**



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Jeff Killen**

The January monthly meeting was held on January 24 at the Warrenton Community Center. There were 14 members present, including 5 board members. New guys attending were Gil Brandenburg, Kevin Duncan, and John Howe.

### **Officer Reports**

The Secretary noted that the January newsletter had some changes including a new color masthead with some help from Doug and his wife.

Nic Burhans gave the Treasurer's report. We have about \$8050 in the bank now. Ninety three members have renewed, five have resigned, seven new flyers have joined this year, and 25 member have not renewed. There is a no fly list at the field.

Nic showed us a pin stick for 2.4 GHZ flyers, and those present approved its use. (Doug Cash asked everyone to be sure to request others membership card if you don't know them. A new roster will be provided on Feb 1. Our finances are doing well; we are ahead by about \$430. Nic estimates that for the year we are ahead about \$1000.

We have requested two dates for the Ritchie Lake events; the 23 June date was switched to 30 June as the club picnic and first Float Fly.

For the clothing items, we sold \$121 in 2011, and have \$465 inventory remaining.

Yearly budget was available on the back table at the meeting.

The Field Marshall reported that the mowers are ready for the spring.

On a safety note, one club member fell and cut his face on the tale of a plane.

### **Old Business**

For next month's club meeting, we will need to meet in the small room in the community center.

### **New Business**

Keep in mind that we will meet at the Wright Experience for the April meeting.

We will do a trip to the Air and Space Museum in Chantilly, if we get at least 20 who want to go. See note in the President's Corner article. The Space Shuttle Discovery will replace the Enterprise shuttle soon.

If you have any ideas for presentations at the club meeting, please let Doug Cash know. Charlie Koustenis will do some of these.

In recent AMA magazine note the article and award to Edwin Manson on p. 156. Our club also made the District 4 article in the magazine.

Fun Fly CDs for this year are needed. So far we have:

April 1 – Doug Cash  
May 6 – Nic Burhans  
June 3 – Bill Towne

Other dates are July 8, August 5, September 2. Charlie Koustenis will take one of these.

The Float Fly dates and CDs are:

June 30 – Bill Towne  
October 6 – Bill McMullen

### **Show and Tell**

Nic Burhans, Lou Flohr, and Dave Rothbart worked to get \$80 donated back to the club from an estate sale which included models.

Nic Burhans – Elder 40 (from Lou Flohr), a reclamation project, coverite fabric (faded), low noise, .40 4c motor, has been flown and does well.

Nic Burhans – Contender, built like a tank. .53 4c motor. Removed lead, lots of up thrust in motor mount by the plans, not yet flown

Charlie Koustenis – pure white biplane (Pitts, or Christen Eagle ?). Parts in a bag, obtained at the NVRC auction last year on a \$20 open bid! 60” wing, bought canopy, tail wheel, and spinner was \$59 ! Power is from a DLE 30cc gas motor. Guessed at CG, as 25-28% of wing chord. Fourteen pounds ready to fly, but not yet flown.

### 50/50

Nic Burhans won the money.

Kevin Duncan won the fuel (Thanks Hobby Hangar)



One of Gene Flynn’s helicopters from about a year ago.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

### **Nic Burhans**

Nic’s report for January is below.

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of	31 Jan 12	
	01 Jan 12	\$ 7,616.02
	Deposit	
	Date	
<b>INCOME</b>		
2012 New Member Dues & Fees (3)	Jan 17	\$ 270.00
2012 Membership Renewals (8)	Jan 17	\$ 600.00
2013 Membership Renewals (9)	Jan 31	\$ 425.00
2012 New Member Dues & Fees (1)	Jan 31	\$ 90.00
January 50/50	Jan 31	\$ 19.00
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$ 1,404.00</b>
<b>Sum of Assets:</b>		<b>\$ 9,020.02</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	Check #	
Field Rental - Feb through April 2012	#1539	\$ 600.00
US Post Office - stamps	#1540	\$ 35.20
Newsletter - printing	#1541	\$ 17.33
Newsletter - postage	#1541	\$ 8.80
Lake Ritchie - security deposit	#1542	\$ 150.00
Lake Ritchie - 30 June rent	#1542	\$ 500.00
Lake Ritchie - 6 October rent	#1542	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$ 1,811.33</b>
<b>Ending Account Balance:</b>		<b>31 Jan 12 \$ 7,208.69</b>
Regular Members:	72	
Senior Members:	37	
Junior Members:	4	
Associate Members:	2	
Life Members:	3	
<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>118</b>	
<b>Members Needing Documented Checkout:</b>		
James Bristle	Needs	check flight
Mark Phillips	Needs	check flight
Glenn Schultz	Needs	check flight
2012 New Members Needing Checkout:		
Tony Matusic	Needs	check flight
Melvin Elliott	Needs	check flight
John Gilbert	Needs	check flight
Jim Corbin	Needs	check flight
David Dix	Needs	check flight
Kevin Duncan		
John Howe	Needs	check flight
Gil Brandenburg	Needs	check flight

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One of those pretty birds is the Cleveland, right John H. ?