

FARM Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Douglas Cash



Greetings everyone!

Last month's field trip to the Wright Experience garnered quite the turnout. We had in excess of 30 people that all had a great time. Bill Hadden was a fantastic guide. And WOW does he know a lot about the Wright brothers.

The first time the club went to the Wright Experience many years ago we got to see the production side of the house where they reproduced components in the same fashion as would have been done at the time. Since then, they have had time to complete a few of the aircraft so this time we got to see the finished aircraft side of the operation.

The amount of time and research that they have spent digging up information is simply astounding. One of the tiny little secrets revealed to us during our visit was how practical the Wrights were. As an example, when assembling the 1910 Montgomery Alabama aircraft, they were missing some of the bolts needed to secure the wing struts. Orville was unable to find the correct bolts at the local hardware store. So, instead, he bought some nails, and after inserting them through the attachment holes, he bent them to secure everything in place. With that kind of practicality Orville may have made a good modeler! ☺.

The really neat part of that story is that the Wright Experience, having learned of this through photographic evidence they uncovered, has actually included that detail in their reproduction of that aircraft.

Another fun part of the evening was when we were shown the custom Wright Flyer simulator they have. You can actually sit in it as if you were in a real Wright flyer and use the actual flight controls as on the plane to fly your aircraft around the giant screen television world in front of you. Nic's neighbor's children who attended, Dewey (an aspiring pilot) and Steven (wants to be a lawyer), both enjoyed this a great deal, and seemed to have a knack for it. (For those wondering, I crashed during my landing ☹).



From minute details such as the nails holding on wings to reproducing actual engines, the Wright Experience takes the time to get it historically accurate, truly an amazing group. I am going to take the opportunity to be childish here and tell those of you who missed this; you really missed out.

The club's second seasonal fun-fly, named the Double Cross, took place on May 6. Nic Burhans was the CD and came up with quite the event. Scoring had a number of plot twists including the event's namesake which resulted in the addition of more points (low score won) should your flying skills still be in the winter simulator mode. .

There were 8 participants in the Double Cross Fun Fly. Although the fun fly was quite fun, it was even more entertaining watching Nic calculate the scores with all the twists and double crosses involved!
The order of final placement:

1. Bill Towne
2. Doug Cash
3. Charles Harding
4. Charlie Koustenis
5. Dan Jones
6. Vince Tobacco
7. Nic Burhans
8. Bruce Green

Congratulations Bill!

The next club Fun Fly is June 3, so plan to come out and join your club members for some fun.

While on the subject of upcoming events, please remember that the Spring FARM Pattern Contest is May 25-27 (Fri-Sun) at the club field. As Friday is a practice day, club members can still fly that day, but the field is closed on Saturday and Sunday for the contest.

This Month's Field Reminder

This month's reminder involves the safety of some that may not understand the dangers lurking at the field on their own; specifically children and pets.

FARM club flying site etiquette #9 states: "All pets or animals must be on a leash and away from the flight line at all times." While not expressly stated, parents should also keep track of their children while at the field.

There are numerous hazards at the field which could quickly turn into life-altering events for pets and children. A static propeller is sharp and could even prove deadly should someone fall on it. A spinning propeller is even more hazardous.

Another consideration is that model aircraft and their components can be quite expensive.

A child or pet running through the pits could easily damage or destroy an aircraft or radio; or worse be injured or killed by a spinning propeller. These are not scenarios that any of us want to encounter, so please remember to keep all pets on a leash at the field and keep a close eye on your children when you bring them.

Please be sure to pass on reminders of these responsibilities to any guests at the field with pets or children.

Get out and fly!

Douglas Cash



EDITOR'S NOTES

Jeff Killen

Upcoming Events:

1. **Monthly Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7 PM, 5/22/2012**
2. **Spring FARM Pattern Contest, at the field, all day, 5/25-27/2012**
3. **Fun Fly #3, at the field, 1:30 PM, 6/3/2012**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The April monthly meeting was held on April 24 at the Wright Experience. There were about 20 members present for the tour. No other business was conducted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nic Burhans

Nic's report for April is below.

FARM Inc. Treasurer's Report as of	30 Apr 12	
	01 Apr 12	\$ 7,781.49
	Deposit	
	Date	
INCOME		
2012 Membership Renewals (1)	Apr 30	\$ 50.00
2012 Renewal Late Fees (1)	Apr 30	\$ 40.00
April Fun Fly (11)	Apr 30	\$ 55.00
Voided check #1514	Apr 4	\$ 20.00
Total Income:		\$ 165.00
Sum of Assets:		\$ 7,946.49
EXPENSES		
	Check #	
Field Maintenance - hose	#1553	\$ 39.16
Flying Maintenance - field paint	#1554	\$ 32.53
Fun Fly - prizes	#1555	\$ 267.35
Field Rental - May, June, July	#1556	\$ 600.00
AMA - FQCPL MA Subscription	#1557	\$ 19.98
AMA - FQCPL Park Pilot Subscription	#1557	\$ 19.97
Field Maintenance - gas	#1558	\$ 19.40
Newsletter - printing	#1559	\$ 12.60
Field Maintenance - pins & rope	#1560	\$ 24.37
Total Expenses:		\$ 1,035.36
Ending Account Balance:	30 Apr 12	\$ 6,911.13

Regular Members:	66
Senior Members:	36
Junior Members:	4
Associate Members:	2
Life Members:	4
Total Membership:	112

Members Needing Documented Checkout:

James Bristle	Needs	check flight
Glenn Schultz	Needs	check flight
2012 New Members Needing Checkout:		
Tony Matusic		
Melvin Elliott		
John Gilbert	Needs	check flight
Jim Corbin	Needs	check flight
David Dix	Needs	check flight
Kevin Duncan		
John Howe		
Gil Brandenburg	Needs	check flight
Franco Lubinsky		
Salam Syed		
Thomas Parry	Needs	check flight
Brooks Brinson		
Dave Shrewsbury	Needs	check flight

2009 AIRFEST PHOTOS

Ralph Graul

Thanks Ralph for sending these along (this page and the last page) and giving me good pictures to publish.



HDOH, what is that anyway ?



Looks like a B-25 Mitchel, Snoopy and his dog house, and an IMAC style aerobatic plane.

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Flying Dog House anyone ? Go get 'um Snoopy !