



May 2015

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Jeff Killen



(a redesigned Japanese kit [Viking] from late 90s)

Musings of a recently retired flyer

I retired last year at the end of August. It is nice to be retired. Some folks at work said they were jealous/envious of me. I still stay in contact with some of the folks from work.

I feel blest/fortunate to be doing this now. I'm just 62 years old, and in reasonably good health. I'm staying busy with a few things:

- Church (I'm an elder now, and help with their IT needs)
- Aging in-laws
- Home maintenance projects (currently replacing wood deck railings with white vinyl)

- Time with son who lives nearby (home projects, watching movies, and fishing ?)

One of the home maintenance projects I did was cleaning out and organizing my garage space. This took about 2 weeks. Some of the major improvements were:

- Recaptured enough space to put one car in the garage
- Trimmed out the entrance to attic space, and put a flat board up to cover the opening
- Ended up with 4 work areas (2 for storage, and 2 for building new things)
- Added 2 lights over the work areas
- Set up music / stereo for entertainment while I work
- Put in service a large workshop component box (has about 30 drawers)
- Organized screws into labelled containers
- Set up a new Masonite board to hang many tools

While I haven't done a lot of new plane projects with all this improvement, it does help with working thru projects and repairs around the house.

I continue to fly mostly as a sport flyer, although I do have a Piper J-3 in my garage. About 8 years ago, I transitioned out of glow fuel to fly all electrics. This has been a good transition for me. I also have mostly older 72 MHz radios, about half of which are Airtronics, and the other half Futaba. Flying on a budget is my moto. Also, getting flying quickly is another of my goals. Nearly half my planes were obtained from others (and already built), and the other half are ARFs which went together quickly.

Writing and documents have been a big part of my work life, so taking on the club newsletter nearly 19

years ago was a natural to me. And although they call me the Secretary, Nic Burhans does a lot of that work (as much of it goes with being the treasurer). My job over the years has been made easier by many of you who have provided articles and photos. Thanks for the help !

This is a fun club to be in. We have such a diverse group of guys, with so many unique skills, and flying interests. Where else could you find an architect, a CEO of a large car company, air line pilots, artists, communications engineers, power company linemen, military men, IT professionals, and the list goes on. Flying interests are also diverse, and we have plenty of excellent flyers. Everyone is helpful when you have a question, or need someone to help you with a new plane. I see a bright future ahead for us. So keep those planes and great ideas coming. There should be lots of fun events coming up this summer.

See you at the field and fly safe.

Jeff Killen



EDITOR'S NOTES

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Upcoming Events:

- 1. Club Meeting, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 5/26/2015**
- 2. Fun Fly #3, at the field, 1:30 PM, 6/7/2015**
- 3. Shenandoah Pattern Classic (Harrisonburg), All Day, 6/12-14/2015**
- 4. Spring FARM Pattern Contest, All Day, 5/22-24/2015**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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The April club meeting was held at the Warrenton Community Center on April 28. There were no visitors present. Attendance at the meeting was 4 board members, and 6 other members.

Officer Reports

Duane Beck (President) mentioned that cutting the field each week has had some issues. Miscommunication has occurred – revisit this to fix.

Bill Towne (Vice President) was not present, and thus had no report.

Dave Rothbart (Safety Officer) noted that having a spotter with you when you fly helps with knowing if someone has wandered onto the field.

Jeff Killen (Secretary) had no report.

Nic Burhans provided the following information (Treasurer).

- We now have 93 members in the club.
- Ken Dunlap has been checked out for solo flying. 6 others need to have their check out flight.
- We now have \$4057 in our bank account. We are looking good for the end of year (should be even).
- Insurance certificates are in for all events.
- Pattern classic at our field was reviewed:
 - o Modern – first day into second day
 - o Classic – finish out the second day
- Early May events were listed:
 - o 5/2 – Manassas air show
 - o 5/3 – Healy Springs – Fredricksburg event
 - o 5/8 – V/E day fly over
 - o 5/9 – Hobby Hangar – sidewalk sale

Old Business

No items of old business were noted.

New Business

Dick Sutton noted that our web site registration with Go Daddy will be about \$217.

Show and Tell

Gene Flynn – BJ Craft ARF, 2 meter pattern ship, two 5s battery packs, 20.5” prop, 11 lbs, monocote and paint, nice

Duane Beck – fuselage, carbon fiber, for 2 meter sailplane (built in Croatia). Light weight (156 grams).

50/50 Drawing – Nic Burhans won the money.

Presentation – Don Szczur gave an ipad video presentation about the trip with his son (Joseph) who represented the USA in the F3P international competition in Poland.

Board Meeting – AMA Leader Club rules have changed; we must do a charity event to qualify. To meet this requirement, we will donate leftover food from our upcoming Float Fly and Club Picnic to the Fauquier County Food Bank.



The crew of a B-26 Marauder outside their plane, nicknamed Ginger, 1944.

In Honor of V/E Day, how about a few pictures ?

The flight deck crew prepares planes for launch from the USS Lexington (CV-16), en route near New Guinea , early April, 1944. ----->



Close-up, in-flight view of a Douglas SBD Dauntless piloted by American Lt. George Glacken (left) with his gunner Leo Boulanger, near New Guinea , early April, 1944.



A group of Curtiss P-40 Warhawks escorted a pair of Consolidated B-24D Liberators on a flight near the Aleutian islands, Alaska , 1944.



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Joel Killen with a science project from 1996.