



AMA Charter 1654

October 2016

FIELD MARSHALL'S CORNER

Bill Towne



day and the full scale warbirds never got off the ground due to the low 600 ft ceiling. Of course that meant the FARM and CMB RC clubs along with Hobby Hanger's show team, were the whole show. They set up the usual static display and the stalwart buddy box team flew in the increasing rain for two hours and buddy boxed about 15 to 20 kids and adults. See soaked club members in picture (below). Kwang's team flew in the rain as well and Don Szczur gave a pattern demonstration with rain drops on the glasses.

The grass growing is slowing down but will still need to be cut through October. Please let me or John Gilbert know if you can cut the field on October 21st, 28th or November 4th. Thanks and hope to see you at the field.....

Bill Towne

Wow, October has been quite a month! We had our annual fall float fly at Lake Richie on October 1st. The weather was changing from good to bad to good again leading up to the event. Although it was iffy Saturday morning we still had a good representation of pilots attending from up and down the east coast. Nic reported that we had 29 pilots and a hand full of guests. Everyone was able to get their planes aloft and power boats in the water. Dan Jones was able to fly the Yellow Northstar and with the larger engine it seemed to come up on plane a lot sooner than in June. Everyone was being very safe using spotters and there were no midair collisions or crashes on the lake, and there were very few rescue boat retrievals. As usual our great kitchen and cooking crew put on their usual picnic of bratwurst, burgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad and there was plenty of iced down soda and water. Nic did a great job as CD and the FARM club volunteers did a great job setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Of course we do have a considerable food left over so stay tuned for some picnics this fall.

The annual Culpeper Air Fest was held on October 8th, under the wrath on hurricane Matthew. It rained the entire



2016 Culpeper Air Fest Buddy boxing in the rain

EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

1. Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 10/25/2016 (2017 Board Nominations)



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The September club meeting was held on September 27 at the field. Twelve members attended, of which five were board members, and three were guests of Don Manson.

The business portion of the meeting was very short as we had a presentation planned by Duane Beck on Composites.

New Business

Note that renewals for membership in 2017 are coming soon.

Nominations for the 2017 Board of Directors will be received at the October and November club meetings.

We will soon be ordering more hats as we now have only eight on hand.

Presentation

Duane Beck gave us a thorough presentation on Composites. Nice job Duane.

Some of the major areas covered were a general introduction to composites, resins, polyesters, release agents, and core materials.

Treasurer Report

Nic Burhans noted the following:

---- The Club presently has \$2855 in the bank. We are doing well financially. We have two new members. Even though a hurricane is forecast for the day of the float fly

(10/1), bring money and food to support the charitable donation effort. We have 18 folks needing their check flight, and will offer training on that the morning of 10/9.

Show and Tell

Duane Beck showed us some items related to working with composites:

- Foam blocks
- Wire foam wing cutter with adjustable current power supply
- Vacuum bags
- Fabrics
- Handy adhesive 3M 77
- Vacuum pump
- Molds

50/50

Nic Burhans won the money from the drawing.

Board Meeting

We looked over safety article provided by Ernie Padgett. He had the current and proposed versions, with an additional section of revisions by Don Manson. The board will review and provide comments.

2016 Farm Club Survey

Dave Rothbart

We asked and you responded! Most surveys have very limited response however Farm had over 30% member participation to the questions posed. I want to thank everyone who responded allowing us to plan for the future of the Farm Club.

The survey is an attachment to this newsletter. In order to shorten the responses for the members to review I deleted duplicate answers, inappropriate comments and nice but unhelpful answers to the questions posed. The October meeting will be devoted to discussing the survey and start the process of applying action plans that may result out of each topic. If there is not enough time to review all of the questions at the October meeting the balance will be reviewed at the November Farm meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Duane Beck for helping to format the survey in order to make it user-friendly for you to use.

This is your opportunity to change the course of our organization. Decisions made will have an impact for the future of our club.

I hope to see you all at the October 25th Club meeting.

Dave



John Hunton at the Culpepper Air Fest



Buddy Box action at the Culpepper Air Fest

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The big boys were grounded at this year's Culpepper Air Fest due to low ceilings. Better luck next year !