



January 2024 Edition

President's Corner: Bill Towne



Happy New Year one and all!

FARM had a nice Christmas party on December 2nd with our sister club CMB at the Black Bear Bistro in Warrenton. Dinner was tasty and the former president Dave Rothbart gave a nice presentation on accomplishments for 2023 and of course we had another riotous gift scramble.

One of the best accomplishments that we archived was our FFA FRIA status for FARM and CMB which means we can fly at our club fields without having to purchase and install flight identification modules in our all of our planes. I actually did witness one of these modules installed in a member's plane when he was flying and it did work and was interesting seeing his flight path in

relation to the plot view of the field, the planes altitude and speed as well. If our field sea level data is correct, we exceed the 400 ft altitude restriction inadvertently several times (oops!) but I don't think FAA sent him a ticket!! Please remember the other restrictions, you must have club membership, you must be registered with the FAA and have FAA card with you, your FAA number marked on all your planes that you fly, and you must have passed the FAA Trust safety test and have your card.

Weather has been challenging with lots of rain and wind this month I haven't been flying since before Christmas. I had a house full this Christmas holiday with my three kids, spouses and six grand kids! This picture shows me assembling a Guillow's Foker triplane kit in the kitchen. My basement hanger ping pong building table had to be cleared off so Lionel trains could be set up as required by the grand kids!

The Boys reported a problem with the Scag mower this year after we put in a new engine. It runs and cuts just fine but it's too slow even with the throttle at max. The Husqvarna runs circles around it! Ralph brought it to Cecil's repair shop but we haven't herd back yet.

Better weather ahead. Hope to see you at the field soon! *Bill*

President's Pilot Box: Bill Towne

- See above.

Vice President's Pilot Box: Ernie Padgette

- No specific items this Month.

Secretary's Pilot Box: Nic Burhans

Happy and Safe New Year to all and your loved ones.

As you can see from the banner at the top, the Fauquier Aero Recreation Modelers' (FARM) flying site at Rhynalds Farm is an FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA).

This designation satisfies the remote ID requirement for anyone flying at our club's site after 16 September 2023. Our FRIA will be in effect until 15 September 2027. At/or before this point AMA will request a renewal from the FAA for our location; once the FAA renewal guidelines have been established.

If you would like to see where all the FAA approved FRIAs are located, utilize this link:

[https://www.friamap.com/?fbclid=IwAR2ykt9qzx4gwNjTrBU2-](https://www.friamap.com/?fbclid=IwAR2ykt9qzx4gwNjTrBU2-2UN56zNEfFejVdDQ1P6DUoTQuLkKbFt7XkT4S8)

[2UN56zNEfFejVdDQ1P6DUoTQuLkKbFt7XkT4S8](https://www.friamap.com/?fbclid=IwAR2ykt9qzx4gwNjTrBU2-2UN56zNEfFejVdDQ1P6DUoTQuLkKbFt7XkT4S8) then click on the overall map and you can zoom into any area of your interest, including FARM.

The AMA will not be enforcing their Remote ID (RID) requirements for those flying outside FRIA designated areas until 16 March this year. At which point, you will need to be flying an aircraft either with an RID module already installed by its manufacturer (Standard mode) or a separately purchased RID module installed by you in your aircraft (Broadcast mode). If you purchase a RID module, you can use it in all your aircraft that do not have a module imbedded by its manufacturer.

If/when you purchase a RID module, you will need to go to FAA's Drone Zone website

<https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/> (where you got/renewed you FAA registration number) and register your RID module.

The 2024 AMA charter renewal and site insurance process has been completed.

The initial 2024 Club Calendar has been published on the Club website. Some of the dates and locations have not been confirmed as of yet.

The initial 2024 FARM mowing schedule has published on the Club Website. Thank you to those who have volunteered to mow this year.

Below is the list of the FARM Club officers, their respective positions, and their phone numbers.

2023 FARM memberships have expired and those who have not renewed their memberships are not allowed to fly at Club field until it is renewed for 2024. The regular annual FARM membership renewal process will remain underway until applications postmarked 31 January 2024. If your 2024 FARM membership renewal package is not postmarked as of 31 January 2024, you are required by the Club's Bylaws to add an additional \$40.00 to your renewal (regular and senior members).

At this point, one member, Tyson Stammler has chosen not to renew his FARM memberships.

To All FARM Club members, this is your Newsletter. The "**Tips and Projects Box**" and "**From the Field Box**" sections are for your inputs for the edification, enjoyment, and potential feedback from your fellow FARM Club members. Publishing input deadline is the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Take the time to help us all enjoy our hobby to the fullest. *Nic*

Treasurer's Pilot Box: Nic Burhans

Happy and Safe New Year to all and your love ones.

The 2024 AMA Charter and Insurance fees have been paid.

The Spring 2024 Float Fly Sanction and Insurance fees have been paid.

The Fall 2024 Float Fly Sanction and Insurance fees have been paid.

The Board has approved a fall FARM Pattern Contest with Don Szczur as CD.

As of 8 January the FARM Club has 67 members. Of these, 50 have renewed and 17 are awaiting renewal package processing.

The 17 remaining renewals represent \$1,265.00 in dues.

The Club's General Fund presently has \$8,558.49

This gives the Club a potential of \$9,823.49 to work with this year, if all renew. *Nic*

Safety Officer's Pilot Box: Mike Wiczalkowski

Nothing specific to report for the month of January!

However:

AMA FLYING SITE SAFETY RULES

1. Deliberate flying behind the safety line/zero line is prohibited.
2. Each 72 MHz transmitter must display frequency identification.
3. Taxiing is not allowed in the pit area.
4. It is strongly recommended that members do not fly alone.
5. Children should not be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the direct supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.
6. The established club frequency control plan will be in force at all times.
7. Control line equipment shall be inspected before the initial flight each day.
8. Helicopter flights are allowed in designated areas only.
9. Sailplane high start lines are to run parallel to active runway.
10. Direction of flight is determined by the wind direction, etc.
11. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
12. Models will fly only in predesignated areas, and will yield right-of-way to full-size aircraft.

Remember everyone is a safety office!

Keep your head on a swivel!

Eye's in the back of your head!

Have a safe flying day! *Mike*

Field Marshal's Pilot Box: Ralph Graul

And the Weather people said "It could have been 30 inches of snow!"

The Scag mower has been in the shop Since early December to see about increasing the forward speed while mowing. I have not heard if they have started working on it yet, but we will need to get it back before April.

Will keep you posted when I have updates. *Ralph*

Member at Large's Pilot Box: Charlie Koustenis

- No specific items this Month.

Member at Large's Pilot Box: Bill Flathers

- No specific items this Month.

Web Master's Pilot Box: Dick Sutton

I wanted to direct your attention to FARM's Newsletter section on the website. You will notice that the page lists the one and only newsletter so far: January's. As the year progresses, every month there will be a new newsletter listed. When next year arrives, 2025, you will notice that the 2025 newsletters will start over in the left-hand column and last year's newsletters are available in the archives.

You will also notice that there are two buttons that I have added for your convenience below the Archive, the bottom button "View 2024" will always bring back a list of the current year's newsletters, while the second from the bottom "View 2023" will always bring back last year's newsletters.

As we have accumulated 25 years of newsletters, the Newsletter Archives area can be very useful. Here you can select a desired year of newsletters and have that year fetched into the left-hand column for your viewing pleasure. You can always return to the current year or last year newsletters via the two buttons provided.

Here's hoping you all have a Happy New Year and enjoy your newsletters. Also, if you have any

questions/concerns about the website just send me an email and let me know. *Dick*

FARM Member “Tips & Projects” Box:

- See Bill’s input above.

“From the Field” Input Pilot Box:

- No Items this Month.

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