



July 2025 Edition

President's Corner: Ernie Padgette



Heads up, guys.

Ralph Graul and I just finished mowing at FARM a couple of days ago. It took us more than three (3) hours. Much of that time was spent dealing with the resulting thatch; simply moving it around to make things look presentable for you, our members.

After discussing things, Ralph and I agreed the field and pit areas should be cut twice a week until the steady rain we've been having slows a bit. Since we came up with the idea, we'll take the first mid-week slot and cut the grass next Tuesday, 15 July. After that, we'd appreciate some volunteers to help out.

So, if you'd like to help out with keeping the field looking nice, and keeping it flyable, please step up. Just let Nic or I know you'll (hopefully with a friend) take the mid-week slot that week. In the interim, be aware most of the runway edges have a six-inch-high wall of thatch right now.

While I'm at it, I want to thank Ralph Graul, Gordon Collyer of CMB, and Alton Hampton for helping out with representing both clubs with the Fauquier County Summer STEAM events last month. If you haven't heard, what was the STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is now the STEAM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Rather than concentrating only on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, the school systems will now be concentrating on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

We put on demonstrations at three different STEAM events around Fauquier County over three consecutive evenings. Ralph put on the flying demos at each event, and the rest of us manned our booth to show the students and their parents how RC planes actually work. We had a very popular simulator set up and handed out literature from both clubs. Ralph, Gordon and Al did a great job representing our sport to the public. And maybe I helped a bit.

Fly Safe.

Ernie P.

President's Pilot Box: Ernie Padgette

- See above.
- No additional Club specific items this Month.

Ernie P.

Vice President's Pilot Box: Nic Burhans

- No specific items this Month.
- Stay Cool

Nic

Secretary's Pilot Box: Nic Burhans

- As the June Treasurer reports indicated, the FARM Spring Float Fly generated over twelve pounds of non-perishable food items (an update) and \$195.00 in donations for the Fauquier Food Bank. This monetary collection means that the Food Bank can purchase over \$780.00 in food items for distribution.
- The Food Bank has again sent the Club a grateful Thank You letter.
- Additionally, FARM provided the Fauquier Family Shelter the remaining Subway sandwich platters and chips for their distribution.
- The Family Shelter has also thanked the Club:

“Dear Fauquier Aero Recreational Models,

I would like to thank you for your generous support of Family Shelter Services with the donation of Subway sandwiches on June 14, 2025.

When you support Family Shelter Services, you are part of something really special: a community dedicated to helping the less fortunate - our vulnerable friends and neighbors. Without your support, so much of what we do would not be possible.

Your commitment to Family Shelter Services, its mission and cause is what makes this organization a valuable community asset, offering a hand up by providing both short-term shelter and longer-term transitional housing programs for those who need it.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping us in our efforts to break the cycle of homelessness and transform lives!

Sincerely,

Marya Johnson

Event & Development Coordinator

Family Shelter Services”

- FARM Club Calendar:

Upcoming 2025 events:

July 27	Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #4 @ Club Field <i>Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day</i> CD: Ken Bassett Food: ???	All Day
July 27	Sunday	FARM Club Meeting @ Club Field	1:00 PM
August 31	Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #5 @ Club Field <i>Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day</i> CD: Ernie Padgette Food: ???	All Day
August 31	Sunday	FARM Club Meeting @ Club Field	1:00 PM

September 13-14 Sat-Sun	FARM Pattern Contest @ FARM Field CD: Don Szczur dszczur@verizon.net	All Day
September 23 Tuesday	FARM Club Zoom Meeting	7:00 PM
September 28 Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #6 @ Club Field <i>Picnic, Pilot Training and Flight Check day</i> CD: ??? Food: ???	All Day
October 8-9 Wed-Th	<u>Culpeper Airfest STEM Days / static displays</u> CD: Nic Burhans npb6218@earthlink.net	8A-4P
October 11 Sat	<u>Culpeper Airfest static display / air show</u> CD: Nic Burhans npb6218@earthlink.net	7AM-4PM
October 28 Tuesday	FARM Club Zoom Meeting 2026 FARM Board Nominations Open	7:00 PM
November 4 Tuesday	State/Local Election Day	All Day
November 25 Tuesday	FARM Club Zoom Meeting 2026 FARM Board Nominations Close Voting begins	7:00 PM
December 6 Saturday	<u>Joint CMB and FARM Christmas Party</u> 2026 FARM Board Election Concludes	6:00-10 PM

Remember to Be SAFE and stay hydrated!

Nic

Treasurer's Pilot Box: Nic Burhans

- As of 12 July, the FARM Club presently has 57 members. (18 Regular members, 33 Senior members, 1 Junior member, 1 Associate member, and 4 Life members).

- As of 12 June, the Club presently has a balance of \$6,675.09 in the general fund.

Continue to Be Safe and Cool

Nic

Safety Officer's Pilot Box: Mike Wiczalkowski

- No Club specific items this Month.

Continue to Be Safe

Mike

Field Marshal's Pilot Box: Ralph Graul

- While cutting the flying site on July 11th Ernie and I came to the conclusion with all the rain we are getting this summer we need to start cutting the field twice a week. The grass has gotten very thick this summer so cutting twice a week will hopefully help us not having to deal with clumping grass.

- It would also be a better idea not to cut the grass in the morning when the grass is wet which causes the grass to clump worse.
- I will be cutting the grass on Tuesday, 15 July, late afternoon or early evening, weather permitting. Anyone who would like to help with the mid-week mowing, please let us know.
- No other Club specific items this Month.

Ralph

Member at Large's Pilot Box: Charlie Koustenis

- No Club specific items this Month.

Charlie

Member at Large's Pilot Box: Bill Flathers

- No Club specific items this Month.

Bill F

Web Master's Pilot Box: Dick Sutton

- No Club website specific items this Month.

Dick

FARM Member "Tips & Projects" Box: Any FARM Member

- No member items this Month.

"From the Field" Anything Input Pilot Box: Any FARM Member

- Time to share the hobby/aircraft types with new faces.

Since 1970 I have been building and flying R/C aircraft. Most of these 350, plus, aircraft were built for others.

Because I have been somewhat inactive since moving to VA, it seems appropriate to start divesting myself of some of my accumulated fleet of aircraft.

So, I am offering most of my planes for sale. They include, pattern, float, vintage, indoor, park flyers, and some quad copters/drones. Some are kits, some scratch built, and some modern foamies. Almost all are fully equipped and ready to fly.

I have them hiding everywhere in the house:



Because I live in the Lake of the Woods gated community, you will have to give me a call at 412-760-4593 to schedule a time to come to take a look at/for your dream aircraft.

Terry Terrenoire

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