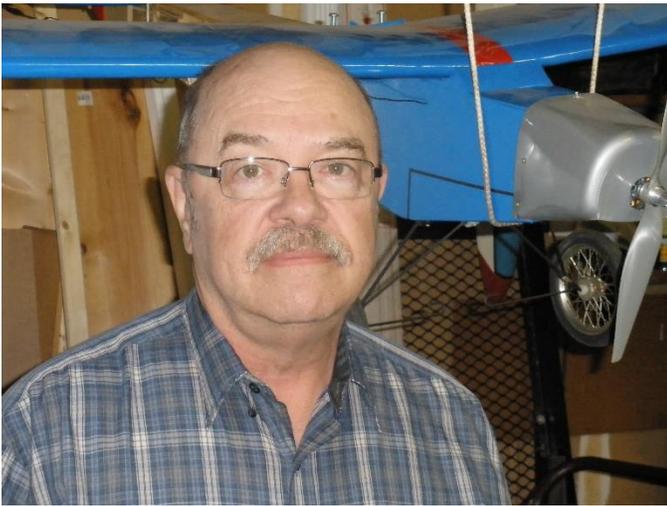




**October 2015**

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

**Jeff Killen**



**Culpepper Air Fest Highlights**

I arrived early, and nearly lost my cell phone on the way out to the field, but did not. I knew it was going to be a good day. And it was.

I arrived around 7:30 AM, without my pass, but no one asked for it. Another good sign.

Ralph G. arranged the tables for a nice static display, so that we could get most of the big models up front.

It was chilly to start with; I was sure glad I had a hooded FARM jacket. The early hours of the day had some wind to deal with, which made it difficult for our buddy box operations. But we got by.

Demos from the expert model flyers were awesome. I had not seen all this in times past. But I liked the 3 jets that flew (A-10 Warthog, British Vampire, and a Navy blue angel.)

We had aerobatic flying demonstrated by the Szczurs (both Don and son Joseph).

Ernie Padgett put on a well-attended ground school for the kids.

Manning the static display was fun; the hit of the day was the big C-130 U S Coast Guard scale model brought by Hank Mausolf. And I had a chance to talk with many folks and answer their questions. Also talked to a few people of faith who sported their colors, or mentioned their churches (this lights me up, as I enjoy serving as an elder in a local church.)

After the models, full size flying began, and was really excellent. Some of the flyers seen were:  
B-25 Mitchell (you could buy a ride in this one)  
L-39 jet (a Russian jet from the cold war era)  
P-51 Mustang  
Pitts homebuild  
WW I aircraft (Stearmans, and others)  
Navy Corsair  
Navy T-34 trainer (I flew in this as a midshipman in 1973)  
Marine Corp Harrier  
Chinese Yak plane (the number escapes me)

We also saw parachuting with the American flag at high noon, accompanied by the singing of the national anthem. Very cool.

The Flying Circus folks were there, and gave us a wing walking demonstration.

We were not the only ones to do displays. Besides our friends from Hobby Hangar who showed off several large models, there was a group from Germana Community College next to our static display. They were advertising courses in flying

drones and UAVs. Their largest machine, with 6 motors, costs around \$8K. (See picture, last page).

Our own Bill Towne did an interview with a Culpepper news outlet, and provided basic information on the FARM and CMB clubs. In the background were the two nice banners for the clubs.

Even the weather cooperated (Thank you, Lord.)

That's it for now, don't forget to check the At the Field info on the web site and come out and fly in the nice fall weather.

*Jeff Killen*



## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

**Jeff Killen**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 10/27/2015 (2016 Board Nominations will be received)**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Jeff Killen**

The September club meeting was held at the Community Center on September 22. There were no visitors present. Attendance at the meeting was 4 board members, and 7 other members.

### **Officer Reports**

Duane Beck (President) had no report.

Bill Towne (Vice President) had no report.

Dave Rothbart (Safety Officer) and Charlie Koustenis (Member At Large) were not present. Dave sent in a note saying that someone drove a plane into the pits recently; reminder – never do this.

Jeff Killen (Secretary) had no report.

John Gilbert (Field Marshall) was not present.

Nic Burhans provided the following information (Treasurer).

- We now have \$2517 in our bank account. Money should increase as we near the end of the year. Nic estimates we will end the year \$900 below where we start the year (at \$5605). This includes the increase in our monthly rental fee.
- 6 flyers still require check out at the field.
- When you renew your AMA membership, please send a copy to Nic Burhans

### **Old Business**

Preparations for the upcoming Float Fly were discussed. We still need someone to pick up water/soda to the site.

Culpepper Air Fest and Crockett Park events on 10/10 were discussed. (See Secretary's Corner article on the Air Fest.)

### **New Business**

Ernie Padgett suggested we have a column in the newsletter on Tips and Tricks. So, guys, send 'em in! I will publish them.

Fred Gay suggested raising our dues to cover the field cost increase. The Board will address this. One member suggested raising dues even for seniors, as they are only \$25 a year now (which is not high).

### **Presentation**

John Hunton did a flip chart presentation on his work with UAVs for the military.

### **Show and Tell**

Nothing this month.

### **A Bit of Wisdom**

The world is run by those who attend meetings.  
Ernie Padgett

### **50/50 Drawing**

Bill Towne won the money. Duane Beck won the fuel.

### **Board Meeting**

Annual dues will increase by \$10 per person. Fun Fly year end gifts and Float Fly fees (spring) will be adjusted. See the article by Duane Beck.

### ***FARM Annual Dues and Fees***

**Duane Beck**

After carefully considering the club's current financial situation, the board has decided that, after 15 years without change, the annual dues must to be raised by \$10, starting in 2016. There has been an increase in the lease payments for use of the flying field, along with other significant one-time expenses recently. Please be assured that the board does not make this change lightly, but believes it to be in the best interests of the club's ability to continue operating for the benefit of its members.

**Photos on this page are from the Culpeper Air Fest on October 10.**



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