



**January 2017**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Dave Rothbart**



I'm back for another year as your president. So, what's the first order of business? Many of you filled out the survey sent out the beginning of 2016. After reviewing the responses during the October and November Farm Club meeting here are the key points you would like addressed and how we have been able to implement some of these requests as we go forward:

- There is a need for additional charging stations for the electric fliers. It has been suggested that a shed roof be added across the entire closed end of the shelter along with a shelf for the chargers to sit on and wired to accommodate the new set up. **I am asking for volunteers to undertake the task of framing up the shed roof , shelf and wiring of the new stations.**
- Fun fly events will now start at 1PM.
- In an effort to grow Fun Fly participation Chez Bill will grill burgers and brats 'prior to each Fun Fly event. We will try to notify participants in advance if Chez Bill is not available to cook or

bad weather causes a cancellation for the Fun Fly event. Due to the additional expense, we may pass around the hat for contributions to cover the cost of food.

- Drones will follow the same flight protocols used by helicopter pilots.
- Chez Bill will call out for a few pot luck lunches at the field. This will entail participation by the attending members to work for all present.
- We will try again to set up a swap meet. The last two were poorly attended and will be eliminated if there is still low participation the next time.
- All members are welcome to display "For Sale" items at Farm Club meetings.
- There has been a call for continuing presentations at Club meetings. I will continue to set up these presentations a long as attendance increases. It's frankly embarrassing to ask people to spend time to put together a program when meetings are so poorly attended.
- Don Manson provided a new pattern pilot presentation this past summer that was well attended. I will ask Don Manson and Don Szczur to put on additional pattern seminars that may include having the Farm members fly while either Don critic's their flight. This a non-competitive event designed to help improve pilot flight performance.
- The Web Master and Newsletter will alternate new photos monthly. Please send club related photos directly to Dick Sutton and Jeff Killen.

So what am I working on this winter? I will be going through my planes and batteries during the winter season to ensure that everything will be ready for the 2017 season. I have a new foamy building project along with a

frame up if I find something interesting to build. What will you be working on?

If you have partially or completed projects, please bring it to a meeting for show and tell. Keep warm in the meantime.

Happy Flying,

*Dave Rothbart*

### **EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events**

**Jeff Killen**

1. **Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 1/24/2017**
2. **Newport News Swap Meet, Newport News-VA, 9 AM, 2/11/2017, [rustyk716@gmail.com](mailto:rustyk716@gmail.com)**
3. **Valley RC Swap Meet, Weyers Cave-VA, 9 AM, 2/18/2017, [Pietecasius@yahoo.com](mailto:Pietecasius@yahoo.com)**
4. **AMA Expo East, at Secaucus, NJ, all day, 2/24-26/2017, [amaexpo.com](http://amaexpo.com)**



### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Jeff Killen**

This short summary gives you a brief note on happenings at the club Christmas Party on December 3.

Dave Rothbart started the festivities with a few words of thanks to key helpers during the last year. A special award (a wrench and a red/white/blue chef's hat) was given to Bill Towne for his work providing food and doing mower maintenance.

As usual, we had Fun Fly awards per data provided by Mike Dale, our scorekeeper. First, second, and third prizes went to:

- First – Dave Rothbart
- Second – Ralph Graul
- Third – Charlie Koustenis

The grand prize for fun fly participants went to Charlie K. He received a nice Sukhoi aircraft.

The Broken Plane award went to John Gilbert.

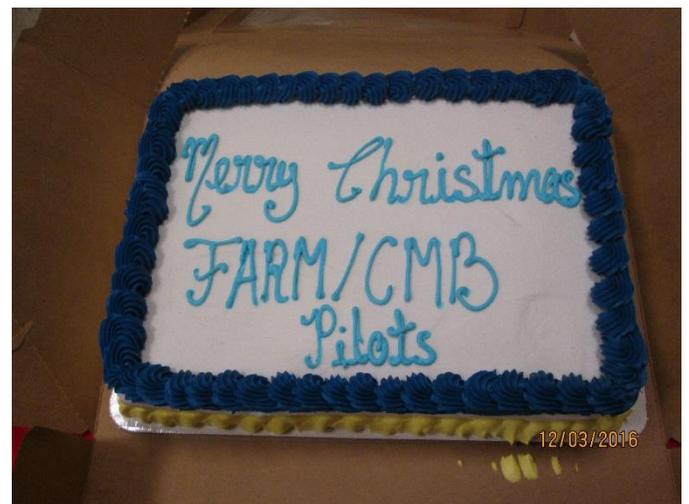
3 hats for new pilots were given out to Braxton, Mike Harper, and another pilot.

A new feature at the Christmas party was general raffle. Club members donated various items to the raffle. Those attending the party purchased raffle tickets (most often 3 for \$5). When the first ticket was drawn, guess who ? Yours truly ! I walked away with a nice almost ready to fly mid-sized electric model. Very nice !

A new award was announced at the party: the king of consumption. It was taken by Ernie Padgett. You might want to ask Ernie about this one.

And finally, there was the ever popular gift scramble. As usual, lots of stealing occurred, with the most popular items being fuel, a SE5 ARF, a plane wall hanging, and tools.

Results of the board election for 2017 were announced. See the last page of this newsletter to see the new slate of board members.





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**Ernie receiving his King of Consumption award.**