

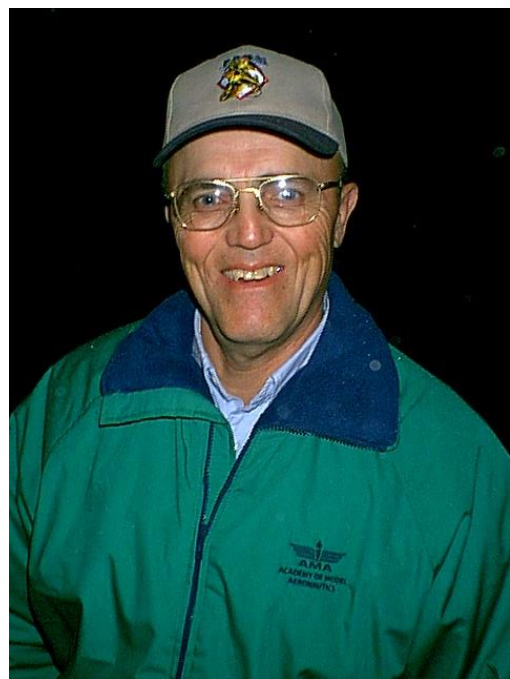
# FARM Newsletter

AMA Charter 1654

**March 2017**

## **TREASURER'S CORNER**

**Nic Burhans**



Shortly before our 28 February Club Meeting we learned that one of FARM Club's founding members, retired Air Force Col. Pete Rawlings, had passed quietly on 13 February at his Williamsburg home with his wife of 60 years beside him.

Pete was there in May of 1982 when FARM received its original AMA Charter. He was there working with all the Club members as we made our way through several flying fields before we settled in at Rhynalds Landing. Along the way he basically ran a hobby shop out of his basement and was always there to help any of the area modelers with their projects and questions.

Pete built a every type and kind of model that could fly and completed a full-scale Spacewalker in 1993 (behind him in the picture).

FARM Club held a big 20 April 1997 model and full-scale farewell party on for the Rawlings at our present field when they moved to Williamsburg.

Pete Rawlings' friendship and support for model aviation will be missed.



I wish to thank Kwang Ko and his Hobby Hangar crew for hosting our joint meeting for FARM and CMB Clubs on the 28<sup>th</sup> (he is a member of both Clubs). Kwang put on an excellent EDF show and tell, passed along a lot of interesting insights he has gathered over the years, and showed us the newest items to arrive in the store. If you were not there, you missed a good show as well as cake. Thanks Kwang.

On 25 February I attended the AMA EXPO EAST 2017 and AMA membership meeting held at the Meadowlands Expo Center in Secaucus, New Jersey. The AMA has taken over the annual WARM as its east coast counterpart to the annual west coast show and meeting. During the meeting the AMA Education department introduced its new build AMA Alpha aircraft to replace the Dart. It has a dihedral wing, is rubber powered, can be taken apart for travel home, and will be available this fall. AMA has/is continuing to expand its website portal "big time". The events page has been expanded. The Museum now has virtual tours of their facilities. The AMA Air show is now

a twice a month presentation with old shows available. AMA's Government relations made a big note that congressional section 336 is up for review this year! They asked that we all keep up with their updates in Model Aviation and be ready to write in support, if needed. AMA marketing hopes to get to around 200,000 members this year. Take some time to explore the AMA website at [modelaircraft.org](http://modelaircraft.org).

In the EXPO, all the major companies were there as well as a lot of small New York based manufacturers were present. The Long Island Soaring Association had a sailplane on site, the Old Rhinebeck Foundation was present with one of their full-scale aircraft. There was an RC boat and submarine pond, a SWAP area, two build areas, as well as a mesh enclosed drone demonstration/tryout area. AMA hopes to have a bigger show next year.

On the home front, Mother Nature has been more than on her way to an early spring. Bill Towne and John Gilbert have put out the call for 2017 mowing crew helpers. They need at least 12 people for the three man weekly mowing crews so each member only has to mow once a month. If you can help with the mowing, let Bill Towne ( [bbtowne@comcast.net](mailto:bbtowne@comcast.net) ) or John Gilbert ( [jegewhix@yahoo.com](mailto:jegewhix@yahoo.com) ) know that you are interested. However, Bill and the mower maintenance crew will be hosting another maintenance day/how to use the equipment day to make up for Mother Nature's rain/sleet/snow day on 10 March (from a hot breakfast/lunch at McD's they vowed to get-r-done next time).

The 28 March Club meeting at the Warrenton Community Center will be a winter building show-and-tell event. Please bring your project(s), no matter what state of construction, to show us all what you have been building this winter. Yes, we are all the show at the meeting this month.

*Nic Burhans*

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

**Jeff Killen**

- 1. Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 3/28/2017**
- 2. Fun Fly #1, at the field, 1 PM, 4/2/2017**
- 3. Pattern Judging seminar, Leesburg VA, all day, 4/8/2017, contact Don Szczur**

- 4. Green Sea Pattern Contest, at Green Sea SC, all day, 4/22-23/2017, contact Marvin Marozas at [mfmorozas@hotmail.com](mailto:mfmorozas@hotmail.com)**

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### ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***

**Jeff Killen**

The February club meeting was held on February 28 at Hobby Hangar in Chantilly, VA. Nineteen members were present, including all of the club officers. There were no new members present.

Dave Rothbart began with sad news that an old friend of the club, Pete Rawlings had passed away in mid February. Pete helped start the club back in the early '80s, along with Phil Coopy. We discussed a proposal to rename the field in Pete's honor, along with another option to place a memorial plaque at the field for folks like Pete.

Mrs. Rhynalds (not at the meeting) gave us news that Mr. Rhynalds is doing OK with his parkinson's disease, and that all four airplanes they own are being sold.

### **Old Business**

Nic Burhans gave a report on the AMA Expo East event that he recently attended in New Jersey. Main topics included quads, safety, FAA, "what can go on an airplane" (full size). A new designation of an "event director" will be instituted, as compared to the current "contest director" designation. Other items mentioned were EAA's connection to AMA, NSCRA, soaring, and an improvement to the AMA DART model. (See Nic's Treasurer's Corner for more details).

Bill Towne noted that the following Friday, 3/10, will be mower maintenance day. Grass will be up soon. The SCAG has a flat right-rear wheel, but otherwise is in good shape. Two other small mowers are also available. We need about 9 guys to help with mowing, in 3-man teams. John Gilbert is the coordinator for grass mowing.

Nic Burhans gave a treasurer report. Monies for insurance and rent have been sent in. Both float flies (6/24 and 9/30) have been paid for. Charter package has been sent. Oil has been bought for the mowers. We currently have \$3442 in the bank. Air Fest and Crockett Park events in October are set for 10/14 (main day), and 10/15 (rain day). Our pattern contest in May, if cancelled due to rain will be held the following weekend.

Other club officers present (Jeff Killen, Ernie Padgette, and Charlie Koustenis) had no reports.

### **New Business**

The only items mentioned was that the old Harry Higley books have now been taken over by Sullivan Products.

### **Presentation**

The meeting was adjourned to the front of the store where Kwang gave a presentation on the basics of jet models. His main discussion centered around a large (older) ducted fan electric model (Electra). The differences and benefits of these models over turbine models was explained. Two other models were shown:

- VTOL tri-engine electric model (two of which tilt upward for vertical take-off)
- WACO 16" wingspan 4 channel electric model



**The gang is flying small R/C @ Jan. club meeting.**



**Small R/C planes await as Gene Flynn explains his Show and Tell offering.**



**Flying some of John Hunton's small R/C models at the January club meeting.**

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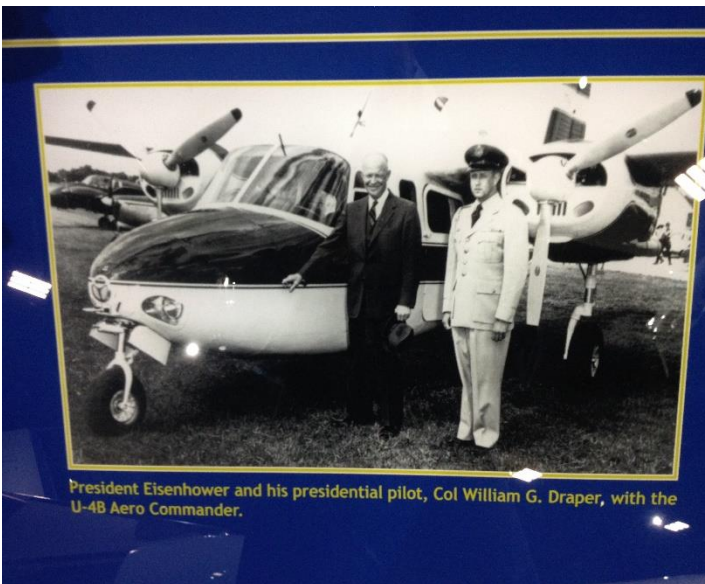
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**Ralph Graul provided some pictures from the USAF Museum. More to come soon.**