

# FARM Newsletter

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## **TREASURER'S CORNER**

**Nic Burhans**



First, we must thank Mike Dale for hosting last month's joint FARM and Culpeper Model Barnstormers meeting at his Culpeper Airport hangar for a show/tell/touch/feel/question/answer presentation all about his full-scale Newport-17 project. To say the least, Mike and his fellow project builder, Bill Hadden, gave a totally informative presentation, involving us all in their project. If you weren't at the September meeting, you missed an outstanding evening. Thank you Mike and Bill!

Reminder: The October FARM Club meeting will be back in the Warrenton Community Center on Tuesday, 24 October, starting at 7:00 PM.

It is that time of year! The election cycle is under way. You all should have received your AMA 2018 election envelope with candidate statements and your ballot

postcard. This year we are only voting to fill the AMA Executive Vice President position. You need to get your AMA election ballot postmarked no later than 9 November 2017. At the October FARM Club meeting the nomination process for the seven member 2018 FARM Club Board of Directors will begin and remain open until the 21 November FARM Club meeting (Yes, we moved the November Club meeting up a week to allow the Secretary time to send out ballots shortly after the November meeting, time for you to vote, and the final counting and announcement of the new Board at the 2 December Christmas party.)

You all need to check out the "A busy second quarter of 2017" article in the October issue of Model Aviation (pg 14). It outlines where we are with respect to the model aviation "Special Rule" and Government relations in general. If you have questions or inputs, Chad Budreau's email address is at the end of the article.

Our 30 September fall Float Fly was not as big a success as we had hoped. We were again hampered by the psychological and actual effects of a hurricane. The resulting temperature drop and high winds reduced the number of pilots to 25 and the number of family and watchers 33. Those who were with us were huddling around the BBQ cookers, talking in groups, and cheering on those who flew or drove their boats in the strong wind. Our recovery boat captain, Ralph Graul was busy all day.

By the time you read this issue of the Newsletter the 2017 Culpeper Airfest will have become history. We had a mixture of thirty one members from FARM, Culpeper Barnstormers, NVRC, Maryland clubs, and Hobby Hangar, who put on an outstanding model static display, Buddy Boxing, multi-copter, drone, flying camera wing, 3D, multi-large scale foam T-28 flight, sailplane, Jet, and AMA Education Trailer presentations for the crowd. In addition, Duane Beck conducted our annual Crocket Park Children's Festival buddy box demonstration. Thank you all for your hard work this month.

Fly safe.

*Nic Burhans*

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## TIPS & TRICKS

Ernie Padgette

We've all seen it. We've all probably done it. Occasionally, someone shows up at the field with an airplane that has a rat's nest of wires dangling from it. Well, at the end of those dangling wires is a receiver. And those dangling wires are tugging at the connection between those wires and the receiver. The last I heard, having one of those connections come adrift is a bad thing. Often, a very bad thing. Using a couple of the small foam wire routers to keep the wires securely anchored while the plane is moved and/or stored will keep the strain off the receiver connection. That's a simple, cheap and easy way to avoid a possible problem.

Is your tool box getting old? Do you occasionally spill everything when moving the tool box? If your tool box has a lock hasp, just use a cheap Carabiner clip inserted in the hasp to keep it closed. Problem solved.

Clothing, particularly ladies clothing, is often sold on a cheap plastic hanger. Often those hangers have small spring loaded clips at each end. Hang on to the hangers, instead of tossing them in the trash. Simply cut the clips from the hanger and you have a couple of free "chip clips". Use the couple of dollars you just saved to help defray the expense of your next RC project. Yeah, it's only a couple of dollars. But then again, I can't recall ever having too much money.

Next time we're at the field, pass along your favorite RC tips and tricks to me and I'll make sure everybody gets the word.

Thanks; Ernie P.

## EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

1. Club Meeting, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 10/24/2017

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

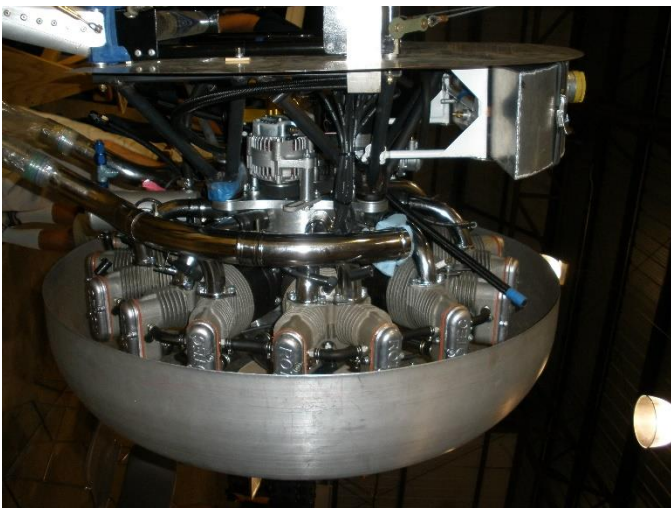
The September club meeting was held on September 26 at the Culpeper airport, at Mike Dale's hangar. I counted about 20 persons present, including several visitors. As Nic noted in his article, it was a special night to see the work on Mike's Neuport 28. Nice job guys !

As we did not conduct a "normal" meeting with reports, etc. I really have nothing to report.

**The B-17 Traveling History Tour was in Manassas a few weeks ago.**



**Shots from the last club meeting where Mike Dale showed us their (Bill Hadden and Mike and others) work on the Newport 28. What a project !**



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**Small aerobatic plane on the ramp the day of the B-17 traveling history tour event.**

