

FARM Newsletter

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bill Towne



I finally got out from under my other chores was able to do some flying this last month. But first I had to clean up my planes as they were covered with saw dust from routing the edges of a mounting board for an Ad-justoJig. Never again will I rout in my airplane hanger, need to do that in the woodworking shop! Anyway, first out was my Carl Goldberg Anniversary Edition J-3 cub covered in Coverite fabric and powered by an OS 70 Four stroke. Had to replace the onboard glow driver plug connector first but then flew it and landed successfully, but I still need a lot of work on take offs!

Next up was my Tower Hobbies \$49 Uproar covered in transparent orange monokote with a Tower Hobbies 40 two stroke. A very good little 40 size airplane, it can be acrobatic but can also fly slow for landing. If you ever build one of these put in a lot of extra doublers where the fat wing goes thru the fuselage. If you don't they tend to break in half under a heavy landing. Just ask Dave Rothbart!

Next a new addition, a Hanger Nine 125 Pulse being pulled around by a DLE 20cc gas engine. Originally this

was a plane that I bought from former member John Muller before he moved to California. It flew very well and I even got some stick time on it before I bought it. I check out all the controls in my shop and brought it out to the field to fly. I crashed very badly in 100 feet because I had the ailerons reversed and didn't check before taking off. I was pretty disappointed in myself and they had discontinued the plane so I couldn't buy any new parts. Ernie Padgette saw how disappointed I was the next day said he had found one on the internet in Long Island. Eventually we bought it after the owner was able to drop it off at his brother in laws convenient store in Philadelphia. He traded it to me for my services building him a Sig Hog Bipe. Long story short, I was able to salvage most of the parts from the first Pulse and reinstalled them in the new one. Had to first re-fiberglass the cowl as it was going from a two stroke to the gas engine. After very carefully checking all the controls Dan Jones helped me successfully re-maiden it at the Culpeper field. It does fly great and I love that sound from the DLE 20 cc gas engine. What's next? Our fall Float Fly is next that's what! September 30th at Lake Ritchie, a great venue and a great picnic lunch available, so get the float planes and boats ready, that's just two weeks away. At the last Float Fly I won a Horizon Hobby Timber electric foam plane and it came with floats. I have flown it with the tundra tires and am looking forward to trying out the floats at Lake Ritchie.

Also next, get ready for the Culpeper Airfest, the best little air show in the East. Once again the FARM club and Culpeper Model Barnstormers will be participating with a static display tent and buddy boxing the kids. Don't miss this it's a great show. www.culpeperairfest.com

Hope to see at the Field.....

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we expect to be even with our beginning year quantity by end of the year. All bills are paid. Fuel costs for lawn cutting have been low for the year.

Jeff Killen noted that the Secretary continues to send out the newsletter by regular mail to 6 addressees.

Ernie Padgette (Field Marshall) asks everyone to obey the rule about pit taxiing. We must not taxi our planes into the pits.

Other than the Treasurer report above by Nic, there were no other officer reports.

Show and Tell

John Hunton – picture of a new Fairchild obtained with money from a crash. Yellow radial engine.

John Hunton – 25 balsa wood models

Ernie Padgette – Sig Hog biplane with Saito 100 4c, flies well. Sig fun fly Blue Hawk biplane. Sig Ultimate Profile biplane with Saito 72 4c.

Nic Burhans – Great Planes Astro Viking with undercambered wing. Flies slow like a sail plane. Has lifting body horizontal stab. Wheels are blow up tires. Electric or OS .15 for power.

Mark Best – Timber foam ARF plane

Dave Rothbart – Convergence in stability mode, hatch covers blow off easily

Dwayne Beck – Australia trip, Avalon airshow seen, F-22 flying was LOUD !

50/50

Dave Rothbart won the money for the 50/50 drawing.

FUN FLY RESULTS

Nic Burhans/Mike Dale

---- FARM's Fun Fly #6 on Sunday, 10 September 2017:

1. Charlie Koustenis
2. Ralph Graul
3. Ernie Padgette
4. Nic Burhans
5. Dave Rothbart

EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

1. Club Meeting, at the Culpepper Airport (Mike Dale hangar), 7:00 PM, 9/26/2017
2. Float Fly #2, at Lake Ritchie, 9:00 AM, 9/30/2017
3. Hollywood Sea Pattern Contest, at Hollywood, MD, all day, 9/30 – 10/1/17, repattern2012@gmail.com
4. Culpeper Airfest static display & air show, at Culpeper Airport, 8 AM – 5 PM, 10/14or15/17
5. Crockett Park Children's Festival, at Crockett Park, 11 AM – 4 PM, 10/14or15/17
6. Green Seas Pattern Contest, at Green Sea, SC, all day, 10/21-22/2017, omenga@sccost.net

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The August club meeting was held on August 22 at the club field. Nine members were present, including five of the club officers.

The Culpeper pattern contest will be next weekend. Field clean up will be this Thursday (8/24).

The September club meeting will be on 9/26 at the Culpeper airport, at Mike Dale's hangar. Bill Hadden has been working with Mike on a restoration of a Newport 28. They are close to covering the plane.

Officer Reports

Nic Burhans gave us a report on our current status. Our membership now stands at 93. We have \$2019 in the bank. This is a low point in monies held for the year, but

TIPS & TRICKS

Ernie Padgette

We all tend to pack our receivers in layers of foam and tape. The foam makes it easier to firmly fix the receiver into a secure location within the airframe, and protects the receiver from vibration and shock. Unfortunately, this also makes it difficult to access the receiver, should it be necessary to re-bind the transmitter and receiver. If you simply plug a short servo extension lead into the bind slot of the receiver, and leave it there; and then leave it hanging out of the foam pillow you have fashioned for the receiver; you can simply use the servo extension to re-bind the transmitter and receiver without going to all the trouble of digging out the transmitter and then cutting away all that carefully constructed padding. Just select a servo extension lead long enough to get to without digging into the airframe very far.

I've used 91% rubbing alcohol to clean off fuel residue and oil from my airplanes since I started flying. Well, apparently I'm not the only one who didn't know that some vinyl decals, very expensive and custom made vinyl decals, very expensive and custom made decals which involved a considerable amount of time and effort to obtain, are affected by rubbing alcohol. Affected as in smearing of the color. The color on the vinyl decal of a brand new and very pretty airplane. Aargh!! Don't ask me how I know. Heck, go ahead and ask. That way, I can tell you how everyone else at the field looked at the ruined vinyl decal and said "Well, I didn't know that". So, how come I'm the first one to run into the problem?

Thanks; Ernie P.

Pictures from the August club meeting at the field.



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The gang's all here at the August club meeting as John Hunton explains his 25 balsa wood models.

