

FARM Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Rothbart



I would like to thank all the members who paid the special assessment on behalf of the Farm Club. In addition, a special shout out to a number of members who donated additional funds in order to help keep our finances in the black for 2018.

Once in a while one comes across a story of a vendor who truly understands the value of great customer service. The story starts with Don Szczur trying to start my YS DZ170 engine. A cantankerous beast with a reputation of difficult starts. For a starter we were using my Sullivan DynaTron Super Hi-Tork starter hooked up to a 22.2 volt Lipo. The lethal combination of this duo should have spun the YS with ease. But it kicked back several times shooting the rubber inner cone into Don's chest. The sound of pain coming from Don got everyone's attention.

After several more try's the YS kicked back so hard the it broke the starter shaft. So when I got home the starter was boxed up and sent to Sullivan for repair.

Right after I shipped back the starter I received an email from Sullivan regarding an order I had recently placed. They had over charged me for shipping and had credited back the money to my charge card. So, after receiving the message I sent back an email asking if they had received the broken starter and what would it cost to fix it.

To my surprise I received a message back from the company that the starter was received and was already in transit back to me. They had repaired the broken shaft, installed a new armature, provided a new aluminum nose cone, new switch and oiled the bearings at no charge. Wow, what a great experience from a USA company who makes quality products. I am confident that you will never receive this type of treatment from manufacturers in China.

Keep them flying high.

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EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

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1. Club Meeting, at the field, 7:00 PM, 8/28/2018
2. CMB Pattern Contest, at Lenn Airpark, all day, 8/24-26/2018
3. Fun Day Picnic & Fly #6, at the field (and AM Pilot Training & Flight Check Day, All Day, 9/9/2018
4. FARM Float Fly #2, at Lake Ritchie, 9 AM, 9/22/2018, field closed to 72 MHz, open to 2.4 GHz, CD: Nic Burhans – npb6218@earthlink.net

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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The July club meeting to be held on July 24 at the club field was cancelled due to rain.

Ralph Graul provided these pictures from the USAF museum.



After days of heavy rain, the Farm field and pit area grass had grown substantially. Our two heroes spent hours mowing and re mowing the Farm field over two days. They then raked and disposed of the clumps of cuttings in front of the shelter area.



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Back to where it all started, from the USAF Museum.

