



AMA Charter 1654

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER
Dave Rothbart



Thank you for your support throughout the 2017. The club participated in a number of highly successful events during the 2017 season. Support of the community and regional clubs through Farm activities has been outstanding and deeply appreciated.

Based upon your votes the 2017 Board Membership will retain their positions for the 2018 season.

There is still much to do on behalf of the Farm Club during the 2018. My plan is to continue to providing quality speakers or RC related activities for many of the club meetings. We are in the process of setting up a Saturday private tour of Udvar Hazy. I will also explore the opportunity to tour the control tower at Manassas Airport.

Change is difficult but necessary when one club activity does not generate enough interest for our membership. The fun fly events have been sparsely attended for the past couple of years. Trying to find willing CD's to conduct the fun fly events has been problematic. The costs are substantial, (approximately \$500) which cannot justify

continuing Fun Fly's with such low attendance.

The Farm Board has adopted an alternative activity which will help develop flying skills in a fun format. There will be 5 or 6 classes on basic flight maneuvers. How many members know how to fly a proper loop or an Immelmann turn. Each participant will be able to fly the specific maneuver and be coached on its performance. For those who wish to participate, an optional flight will be flown at the end of the class which will be critiqued by the instructor for accuracy and improvement. Before class begins we will be serving lunch.

There is the best part, you can participate with any type of plane as long as it has enough power to perform basic maneuvers.

As always I am open to suggestions for club meetings and events. The Board is trying to provide a balance of activities while allowing sufficient open field time for member flying.

The club could not exist without membership participation. When the call goes out for volunteers please step forward on behalf of all members of Farm Club.

For those of you who are interested in small commercial flight the following pilot has videoed a number of his flights throughout the South East and Caribbean area. A young professional pilot who loves flying his TBM 850 commuter aircraft documenting VFR as well as IFR flight. His videos can be found on You Tube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/steveo1kinevo/videos>.

I hope to see all of you at the field throughout the 2018 season.

Best,

Dave Rothbart

EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

1. **Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 1/23/2018 (Ernie Padgette will demo soldering techniques)**
2. **West Potomac HS Indoor Fun Fly, West Potomac, MD, 8 AM, 2/4/2018**
3. **Newport News Swap Meet, Newport News-VA, 9 AM, 2/10/2018, rustyk716@gmail.com**
4. **RC Flea Market & Auction, Delmont, PA, 8 AM, 2/3/2018, delmonteventcenter.com**
5. **Valley RC Swap Meet, Weyers Cave, VA, 9 AM, 2/17/2018, Pietecasius@yahoo.com**
6. **AMA Expo East, at Secaucus, NJ, all day, 2/23-25/2018, amaexpo.com**



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

This short summary gives you a brief note on happenings at the club Christmas Party on December 2.

Dave Rothbart started the festivities with a few words of thanks to key helpers during the last year.

A few memorable moments were noted, as follows:

- Best Crashes, Ralph Graul
- Most Embarrassing Crash, JR Varela
- Best Consumer of RC Gear, Ernie Padgette
- Director of Wine Tasting, Bill Towne
- Not 100% Greek, Charlie Koustenis
- Best Storyteller, Ernie Padgette
- Most expensive plane crashes, Ken Bassett
- Longest Continuous Student, John Gilbert
- Best Crash of the Year (Propeller Award), John Gilbert

As usual, we had Fun Fly awards per data provided by Mike Dale, our scorekeeper. He has been our FF Coordinator for 12 years, terrific! As Woody Allen once said, "90% of it is just being there." Thanks to the thirteen flyers who were just being there this year. First, second, and third prizes went to:

- First – Charlie Koustenis
- Second – Nic Burhans
- Third – Ralph Graul

The \$100 prize for fun fly participants went to Ralph Graul. Bill Towne received the bonus prize for Fun Fly.

Results of the board election for 2018 were announced. See the last page of this newsletter to see the new slate of board members. (But what's new is really old, as the same guys and officers will serve in 2018.)

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM

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I visited this place while vacationing in Palm Springs, CA on 1/15/17.

It is a neat place, entrance fee if you are under 65 is \$22. \$19 if you are over 65. Yearly passes are available, and includes free entrance for kids or grandkids.

It is a WWII museum mostly, but other planes and eras are there.

There is a nice library.

Flights simulators, with dogfights (watch out, don't crash; I shot down a bad guy!)

There is a Viet Nam MIA wall with names and faces.

Some of my favorites planes were there – OV-2 (looks like the Cessna 337 Skymaster, F4 Phantom)

Republic Aircraft Thunderbolt – video showed enemy strafe American pilot's plane 3x and then give up. Both pilots met on friendly terms after the war.

Almost everything is hands on. There was a B-17 with a crawl/walk thru option for \$5 (crew of 4 officers, with 6 enlisted, 5 of which were gunners.)

Old videos were available; they were terrific.



Pictures from warmer days last summer !



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More from last summer.