

FARM Newsletter

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SAFETY OFFICER'S CORNER

Keith Crabill



Spring is almost over and hopefully with the start of a new season, we will see some better flying weather. If it was not too windy to fly it was raining. All of our new learn to fly events have been cancelled so far because of weather. Our annual FARM pattern contest was shortened by one day because of rain but we still had a good turnout. I managed to still make it out to the field a few times and I hope you all did too.

With all this bad weather and down time it was a good opportunity to go over your airplanes to make sure they are still airworthy. A quick check of all the control surfaces, linkages, servo and battery wiring could save your airplane. Also, once you get to the field don't forget to do a quick range check before you fly.

I would like to finish my segment this month by reminding every member that this is your club. I know we are all busy, but very few people make it to

the monthly meetings. If you have never been to one, give it a try. We have had some amazing guests. I realize I am only one board member, but I would like to hear how you all feel. That is why I decided to try something new. I am going to have a little contest and it will take minimal effort. All you have to do is email me at crabillracing@hotmail.com and let me know what ideas you have to make FARM a better club. If you think everything is great, drop me a line to tell me that. If you don't have an opinion, send me an email saying, "I just want a chance at the prize". I will put everyone's name who responds in a hat and draw one out. The winner will receive a lightly used Parkzone UMX Icon A5 BNF. I would like to hear your ideas and I also want to see who got so bored with my writing that they didn't read the whole article. I will choose a winner the first week of July. I look forward to hearing from you all.

See you at the field,

Keith Crabill

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EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

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- 1. Club Picnic & Float Fly #1, at Lake Ritchie, 9:00 AM, 6/23/2018 (our field closed to 72 Mhz; open to 2.4 Ghz), CD: Bill Towne**
- 2. Club Meeting, at the Field, 7:00 PM, 6/26/2018**
- 3. Fun Fly #4, at the field (and AM Pilot Flight Check Day, All Day, 7/8/2018, ED: Nic Burhans**
- 4. AMA Aerobatic pattern (NATS), All Day, 7/15-19/2018**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The May club meeting was held on May 22 at the Warrenton Community Center. Twelve members were present, including five of the club officers.

Officer Reports

Bill Towne led the meeting as the President was absent. Bill had no report.

The Secretary had no report, except to request that members send more pictures for the newsletter.

The Field Marshall noted that we have had lots of rain, so not much flying has occurred.

The Safety Officer had no safety items to report.

Nic Burhans gave a treasurer report. Eight flyers need check out. We now have \$2260 in the bank; 60% of the extra assessment fees have come in. Long range projection shows us down by \$147 in November. Membership count stands at 79. We have a new member: C G Liu.

There was a NSRCA District II meeting. There is a new electronic scoring system. Magazine format is available in either electronic or hard copy format. All district II contest fees are now \$40; \$10 of this goes to pay for new electronic paddle system.

We finished the pattern contest with no official flying on Saturday due to weather. Two rounds

were flown on Sunday. Our club members did well, including:

- Gene Flynn placing 3rd in his class, now moves up to advanced class
- Keith Crabill placing 1st in his class
- Ernie Padgette placing 1st in Club Class

Old Business

Dick Sutton has done a web site mod. He compared the sign up sheets at the field with on-line sign ups. He looked at data going back to 2010. About 800 sign ups a year occur. A note to all: Use the Web site more !

New Business

We discussed ideas to increase club income. The following ideas were offered:

- R/C trucks and cars, give them a track area
- Planes, donate to club for sale
- Article on web site, hats and clothes for sale
- All electric flying day, charge a landing fee
- SWAP meets, do at our Float Fly (not so good of late)
- Teen involvement (more difficult than in the past)
- Advertise Crockett Park in schools

Show and Tell

Ernie Padgette – Certificate for 1st Place, Club Class, from the pattern contest

Bill Towne – Majestic Major 2, a model by Ben Backle (English), was 4c/60 motor, now electric Rimfire 46 (1st electric model for Bill), 88” undercambered reduced dihedral wing, weight 6-8 lbs, solartex covering, 12x8 prop, unflown

Nic Burhans – Display systems, 2 drones, camera system, FPV, Spectrum goggles, Futaba Interlink Transmitter

Gene Flynn – Eflite Maul, all foam, 3c or 4c battery, 59” wing, safe mode for beginners, or aerobatic, 15 electric motor size, AS 3x gyro, comes with floats, landing lights, \$250 with own Rx, \$260 their RX

Tell – Ernie Padgette – Old guy on a motorcycle at Kwan’s (keep on doing it in old age).

50/50

Ernie Padgette won the money and donated it back to the club.



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Piper Cub donated for auction at the April club meeting by Charlie Koustenis.

