

FARM Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Rothbart



I am pleased to report that Farm Club is once again on a solid financial footing. We have paired back expenses wherever possible to insure a healthy balance sheet going forward. At this time the Farm Club Christmas party will be held at Northside29 Restaurant in Warrenton, VA. Having the party at a restaurant will save the Farm Club facility rental costs while eliminating the need for members to supply food, deserts, drinks, setup, breakdown and cleanup.

Mrs Rhynalds has started to adjust to life without Capt. Don. At this time she has no plans to sell Rhynalds Landing. In the interim however Ernie Padgette volunteered to head up a search committee to locate a new flying field location. Along with Nic Burhans they have begun to uncover potential flying site opportunities.

Working with them is Kirby Nelson. Kirby and Nic have a number of political contacts in Fauquier

County. On June 6th Kirby arranged for Ernie, Nic and myself to meet with one of the County Councilwoman along with another County Official. They stated that Fauquier County does not own any tracks of land that would suit our needs. They also maintain that Fauquier County does not inventory land for future County development. They did provide us with some possible contacts that might bear fruit. This a long term process but is moving forward on several fronts. I feel confident that the ladies we met with will help where appropriate to carry our search forward with their interaction with Fauquier County constituents.

Once again the flying season has consisted of mostly rain and windy days. As a result it becomes even more important to take advantage of fair to good condition flying days. In my case, flying on windy gusty days has now become an accepted condition in order to get some flights in. Don Manson will tell you that windy and gusty conditions are the norm during most contests. So if you plan to compete or just fly at the Farm Field, learn to fly in less than ideal conditions.

In my collection is an F-27 delta wing from Horizon Hobbies, advertised as a rocket ship that can also fly slow using aileron differential to steer the plane. The plane is supposed to be hand launched by the pilot with a pusher prop setup. At the risk of chopping my arm off while tossing the plane I designed a sled to launch the F-27 made out of PVC pipe. After several meetings with Koustenis Aviation regarding the sled design and construction, we are ready (weather permitting) to test the system.

If calmer weather prevails I have two auto gyro's ready to fly. One is from Hobby King sporting an electric assist rotor head for the blades. Flown twice it is difficult to see due to the small profile. Color has

been added to capture the plane's orientation. It was a miracle I was able to get it back on the ground in one piece the first time I flew it. The other auto gyro was built from a Flying Balsa MK11 Humpback kit. This version does not have a head assist spin up and will require a long runway run to get the rotor blades to achieve proper auto rotation.

So hope remains eternal that the weather pattern will calm down enough to give us some consistent low wind and bright sky conditions in order to test this next group of aircraft.

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EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

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- 1. Club Meeting, at the field, 7:00 PM, 8/27/2019**
- 2. CMB Pattern Contest, at Lenn Airpark, all day, 9/6-8/2019, CD: Nic Burhans**
- 3. Fun Day Picnic & Fly #6, at the field (and AM Pilot Training & Flight Check Day, All Day, 9/15/2019**
- 4. FARM Float Fly #2, at Lake Ritchie, 9 AM, 9/21/2019, field closed to 72 MHz, open to 2.4 GHz, CD: Nic Burhans – npb6218@earthlink.net**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The July club meeting was held on July 23 at the field. A small group was present, 4 board members and 4 other members.

There was no old business discussed.

New Business

The Boy Scouts want to have our support for an event at the Flying Circus on October 5. If we do this, we would probably drop Crockett Park event. Lots of details need to be nailed down if we proceed, including trainer planes and buddy boxes, cutting the grass, AMA sanction/insurance, and who will support the event from FARM.

We need to review the For Sale segment policy for our web site. Who can sell, what can be sold, liability, and how long to run an item must all be considered. We will look at this more at the September club meeting.

Dick Sutton asked if our web site is really worth the time/trouble. We have only about 300-400 hits a month. We mentioned combining with CMB, but this was reviewed some time ago, and avoided for reasons still valid.

We have a new member, Bill Noll, who has soloed.

Herb Weinberg is selling out his RC holdings. He has 2 planes. Check with him for pricing.

Not Quite a Show and Tell

Gene Flynn was putting away his P47-D1 from Hangar 9. It is powered by a Saito 125 4c motor, with a 15" prop. Features also flaps and electric retracts. It's for sale at \$600.

FUN FLY RESULTS

Nic Burhans

Here are the final results from yesterday's August Club Fun Fly event from the CD, Bill Towne:

- 1st: Gene Flynn.
- 2nd: Ralph Graul.
- 3rd: Ken Bassett.
- 4th: Terry Terrenoire.
- 5th: Les Broaddus.
- 6th: Bob Burnett.
- 7th: Ernie Padgette.
- 8th: Charlie Koustenis.
- 9th: Don Manson.

The next Club Fun Day and Fun Fly event is scheduled for 15 September.

F3A RC WORLD AEROBATICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Don Szczur

Some updates from Italy. Club member Joseph Szczur participated in the 2019 F3A RC Aerobatics World Championships in Italy.

Picture 1. Joseph and Don Szczur in Italy - picture taken during the finals. Joseph finished 11th and flew the warmup flights for the judges.



Picture 2. The practice field. This field was about an hour away from the contest site in Calcinatello (between Milan and Venice, Italy) and we practiced at this site during the week prior to the competition. Notice the netting around the pits area. This kind of netting is common at many fields in Italy, for safety purposes.



Picture 3 Preparing to fly at site B during the preliminary rounds of the F3A World Championships. There were two sites (A and B) which competitors alternated flying each day. Site A was a paved runway and site B was a fairly narrow (carpeted) runway carved out of a cornfield. Weather was perfect most of the week and competitors got ideal flying conditions- little to no wind. There were several competitors that flew the same type of plane Joseph flew- CK Aero/ Extreme Composites model called Alchemy (as shown).



Picture 4 (attached). The finalists with their aircraft. Winner was Christophe Paysant Le Roux from France, 2nd was Tetsuo Onda from Japan, and third was Gernot Bruckmann from Austria. The U.S. pilots were Andrew Jesky (5th), Jason Shulman (8th) and Joseph (11th) and Brett Wickizer (12th). Joseph was not part of the US team but received an automatic invite back for the 2019 world championships since he was the 2017 reigning Junior World Champion. The new Junior World Champion is Kal Reifsnnyder from the USA. Kal finished as the highest placing Junior (under 18 years old).



Picture 5 (omitted, not enough room). Joseph with the new World Champion Christophe Paysant Le Roux. We renewed old friendships and made many new ones. This event called F3A is the oldest RC world championships event, going back to 1960. The Italian RC Modelers Association (FIAM) published a 1-inch thick book documenting how RC was originally developed in the 1950s and the book contained loads of details on each world championships - and how they drove innovation in the hobby.

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Gene Flynn and his P47-D1, from the July club meeting.