



**January 2019**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Dave Rothbart**



I hope everyone had a wonderful 2018 holiday season. The 2018 Board of Directors has been voted in by the Farm Membership to serve again for 2019. Board Members have decided to continue in their same positions as held in 2018.

The Board's number one priority is to hopefully retain our current flying field. Based upon my discussions with Mrs. Rhynalds, her residence at Farm will continue into the immediate future. However, with the ever present possibility that she might decide to sell the property a search committee has been formed to locate a new flying site. The chairman of the committee is Ernie Padgette. The other committee members consist of Nic Burhans, Duane Beck, John Hunton, Bill Towne and myself.

Ernie has already contacted the Fauquier County Park Authority. In addition, a Goggle search will be performed to locate all private airfields in the region. With that information in hand we can search for the

owner's names to contact. A decision will then be made based upon our situation at Farm to send out letters to the field owners. In addition, based upon a change to our current situation at Farm we will begin advertising for a location in the local Fauquier paper.

Please let Ernie know if you have any ideas or contacts that will help aid in the search for a new field.

Contrary to my last decision I have decided to again continue pattern flying for the 2019 season. Hopefully the results will be more satisfying than last year. So why am I continuing down this path (and mental torture)? I enjoy the challenge of flying multiple aristi's while attempting to fly each one accurately. Time will tell if I have made a wise decision.

I am in the process of setting up speakers for club meetings. Please let me know if you would like to do a presentation or have someone in mind that has an interesting aeronautic or building topic to discuss.

I would also appreciate any suggestions that we can try for the Club Fun Fly Days. Should we continue the Learn to Fly Better theme or come up with other possible events? Maybe we can borrow some drones from hobby hanger to try out. It's our opportunity to get together as a group to enjoy the day.

Best,

Dave Rothbart  
President

## **EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events**

**Jeff Killen**

1. **Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 1/22/2019**
2. **West Potomac HS Indoor Fun Fly, West Potomac, MD, 8 AM, 2/2/2019**
3. **Newport News Swap Meet, Newport News-VA, 9 AM, 2/16/2019, [rustyk716@gmail.com](mailto:rustyk716@gmail.com)**
4. **Valley RC Swap Meet, Weyers Cave, VA, 9 AM, 2/??/2019, [Pietecasius@yahoo.com](mailto:Pietecasius@yahoo.com)**
5. **AMA Expo East, at Secaucus, NJ, all day, 2/22-24/2019, [amaexpo.com](http://amaexpo.com)**



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Jeff Killen**

This short summary gives you a brief note on happenings at the club Christmas Party on December 1.

We observed a moment of silence for two of our flying family who left us this year. These two were Don Rhynalds and Terrie Koustenis.

Dave Rothbart continued the festivities with a few words of thanks to key helpers during the last year. There were about 20 names, so I won't try to list them all. But many thanks to those who give their time and talents to help support the club.

Stories were shared, associated with various club members, as follows:

- Purchased Most Planes, Ernie Padgette
- Longest student pilot, John Gilbert
- Worst picker of Christmas gifts, Dan Jones

- Official wine taster, Bill Towne
- Engine not run, Ralph Graul
- Donut taster, John Gilbert
- Grinch award, Lloyd Hinrichs

Nic B. shared one final story, regarding the "Big Tail" award, which went to John Gilbert, for taking the longest time known to us to become qualified as a pilot.

We decided to modify the gift scramble this year to include only modeler gifts. But we wanted to give the ladies attending some kind of special recognition. So we had a raffle drawing for 3 gifts. Winners were:

- Trish T. – basket
- Barbara Towne – red wine
- Judy Sutton – chocolate wine

The gift scramble was held with the usual result that a few gifts were popular and traded/stolen. Yours truly ended up with a miniature P-40 Warhawk. This was particularly good for me as it binds (2.4 Ghz) easily to a new Spectrum transmitter I purchased last fall. Other popular gifts were drones.

Results of the board election for 2019 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 2019.)

## **TIPS & TRICKS**

**Ernie Padgette**

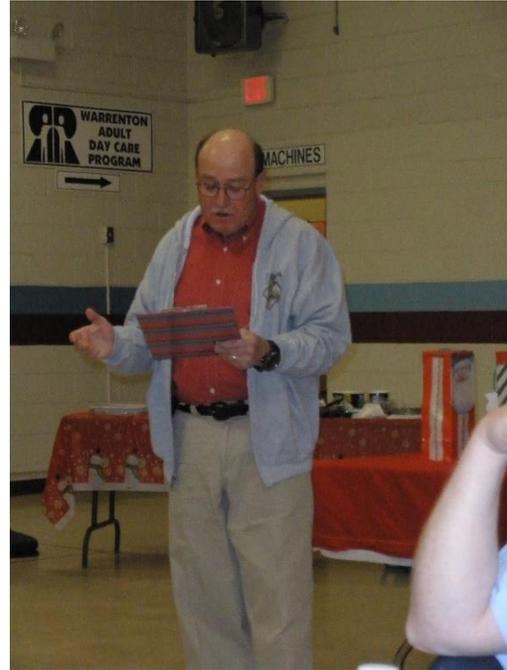
I'm writing this on Christmas Eve, so I'm hoping all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know I will.

It's difficult, for me at least, not to enjoy Christmas. It really is the happiest time of the year. Think about it: Everyone could use a few extra dollars to buy gifts for the family and friends, right? So, sometimes, that "had it forever and probably won't ever get around to actually building it" kit goes on the block to buy junior another game for his Gameboy. Sometimes, you can even find a long searched for Balsa USA 1/6 Scale Bristol M.1 kit for sale. (For those who don't already know, the Bristol M.1 was the plane that could have been ready in time to fight the Fokker

Eindecker; well before the Sopwith Pup and the Nieuport 11 were ready. But it wasn't to be; because the British powers that be didn't like or trust monoplanes. They didn't think they were strong enough to stand up to the stress of combat. Yeah; kind of strange, I know; because the Fokker that was busy shooting their backsides off at the time *was* a monoplane.) Or maybe an OS .55, almost new, for \$30.00 less than they normally go for. And a chance to buy steeply discounted gift cards for that good buddy who is doing the same for you. \$375 in merchandise for only \$300.00!

Another thing sort of unique to this time of the year: Arriving packages that would normally elicit at least a "*What! You buy another airplane?*" comment don't draw any attention at all. Other than a curious sideways glance, it's as though the package was never there at all; which is precisely how it works out. The package arrives and is never seen again; having disappeared into my basement. And then I get to practice saying: "Look at the box! That thing has been rattling around here for years!" a few times, just in case it's noticed next summer.

And even if there is a question about an arriving package; Say one about five or six feet long and rectangular in shape, the matter can be laid to rest with a secretive smile and a "Never you mind". Ah, yes; there is much to be happy about at Christmas. Chestnuts roasting on an open fire; children laughing; Horizon Hobby and Tower hobbies having sales on everything; and no overt curiosity about arriving packages or the additions to the Visa card. Just make sure to buy the lady of your dreams at least one present that will knock her socks off. It truly is a Magical Season. Merry Christmas.



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Food at the Christmas party before festivities began.