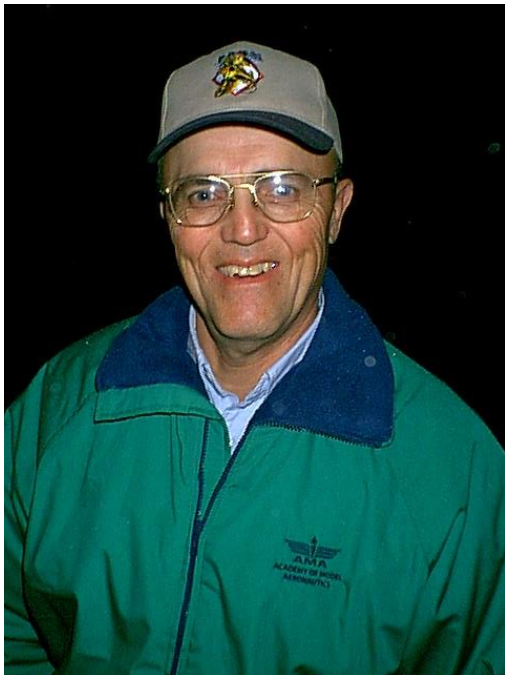




**March 2019**

**TREASURER'S CORNER**

**Nic Burhans**



The world of the FAA has changed since the new FAA bill was passed by Congress and signed by the President. However, the rules according to the FAA are taking a while to get approved and disseminated out to world.

The FAA and the AMA are working together (Congress required it) and have told us that, for the present, to keep flying the way we have been as a Community Based Organization until new guidance has been coordinated and published.

The FAA's Registration Numbers/Certificates for us were the first realization by the FAA that they have large number of us that they now have to directly manage. So, they made a quick

administrative move:

-- For those of us who obtained our FAA registration numbers before December 12, 2017, we have already had our registration expiration date automatically extended to December 12, 2020.

-- The only caveat to this is for those individuals who specifically requested that his or her name be taken off the FAA registration database. They will have to re-register.

-- If you are uncertain whether or not you still have a valid FAA registration number, you can access your FAA account at <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/>. This site will allow you to view your personal FAA registration number, data, and expiration date.

-- To do so, go to the upper right corner and click "LOGIN" and enter your email address and password.

-- Once logged in, your FAA certificate information will be on the left.

-- Click the print button and download the pdf of the information (this will be in the form of your new certificate through 2020).

-- Save the pdf file, then open it and print your new certificate.

-- When you are flying, you need to have your FAA certificate with you, along with your AMA card (Yes, they can be on your cell phone as fully readable pictures. But, you need to be able to produce/show them if asked by FAA or law enforcement personnel.)

On February 14, 2019, the FAA published three

separate rule making documents relating to small unmanned aerial systems, or sUAS. The notices concerned rules that currently or may in the future apply to sUAS, which is now a catch-all term for commercial and hobby aircraft (including our traditional RC aircraft) weighing between 0.55 pound and 55 pounds.

Specifically, and without prior notice, the FAA published an interim final rule (IFR) that requires registration markings on sUAS to be affixed to the exterior of the aircraft. Previously, such markings could be located inside a compartment that does not require tools to open, such as a battery or radio receiver compartment. The FAA made this change after concern from law enforcement that a drone or model aircraft fitted with an explosive device or other dangerous payload could cause harm to first responders if they were required to handle the aircraft in search of a registration marking. The FAA considered the security concern significant enough to publish an IFR without first inviting comment. The rule therefore took effect on February 25.

The marking rule does not say what color, what size, or where on the outside of the aircraft your FAA number needs to be located. For now, just make sure your aircraft are marked. AMA is working on addendums to the event scoring criterion to make sure participants are not downgraded for the presence of the FAA number - show prop for static judging, a flying prop with the number; on the under side of the tail skid; etc. have been discussed.

This month we have Hank Mausolf who will be returning to present part two of his military, Commercial, and model aircraft pilot experiences discussion. The Club's April meeting will be held at The Wright Experience, where Bill Hadden will be bringing us all up to speed on their present projects. Charlie Koustenis will be the primary speaker at the May Club meeting discussing preparation of your aircraft for this year's flying season and a general safety review.

Keep dry, warm, and safe.

*Nic Burchans*

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

**Jeff Killen**

1. **Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 3/26/2019**
2. **DC-MD-VA Fly-in, @ DCRC Boyds, MD, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 4/13/2019, [www.andykane.com](http://www.andykane.com)**
3. **WEAK Signals RC Exposition, Toledo, OH, All day, 4/6-7/2019, [toledoshow.com](http://toledoshow.com)**
4. **FARM Fun Day & Fly #1, at club field, All day, 4/7/2019 (Pilot training and flight check day)**



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## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***

**Jeff Killen**

Here are a few notes from the club meeting held on February 26.

### **Old Business**

Although Duane Beck may be available for the Crockett Park event this fall, he prefers that we still have someone to replace him in leading the effort.

Hank Mausolf will complete his two-part presentation begun at the January meeting.

We are re-thinking the Fun Fly program in an effort to improve participation. More on this later.

New Field – Ernie Padgette is waiting on the county. Two sites in superfund clean up process are done. There are 8 sites along I-66; there are also 2 sites in Midland near the Fauquier-Warrenton airport.



Dick Sutton has done some work on the web site, dealing with failing pages, and dead links.

### **New Business**

Les Broaddus is back with the club. Welcome back, Les.

Last Sunday (2/24) two notebooks were placed at the field, containing all documents needed by new folks desiring club membership.

### **Officer Reports**

Nic Burhans gave the Treasurer's report. We have 74 members now. We have \$6218.47 in the bank currently. The special assessment last year netted \$1300, and donations were made totaling \$340. Our charter for the year has been renewed. Deposits for our two summer float fly events have been made. Go-Daddy fees for both FARM and CMB (using the site jointly) have been paid.

Nic also reported some details on the FAA and its impact to our flying. The FAA number is now required to be on the outside of the model. Two items in process:

- Locations of clubs
- No FAA notice required if at a club site

Three FAA-AMA working groups are in progress; waivers are in the works. The FAA number you now have is good through December 2020.

Your AMA card for the year can be printed on-line. Don't fly without it ! The police may check on this, requiring us to have a card to fly. Nic will send us an email on how to print the card.

The Secretary reported that we now have no members needing a printed newsletter. Hence, the newsletter will be distributed electronically from this time forward.

### **Presentation**

Denny Smith gave a talk and slide show on the P-38 Lightning.

### **Show and Tell**

John Hunton – double wing kit for Avenger model.

Charlie Koustenis – Evolution 7 cylinder glow engine – Ignition conversion to use glow fuel, 7 coil ignition module. More durable than gas fueled engine.

Ernie Padgette – Eflite V900 electric model, very fast (90 mph on 3s battery, 120 mph on 4s battery)

Nic Burhans – plane tray and supplies tray, \$2 at swap meet

### **50/50**

Money – Duane Beck

Hat – Ernie Padgette

License Plate – Charlie Koustenis

Stick on – Bill Towne

Black Hat – Nic Burhans



**Two Avengers by John Hunton – beautiful !**



**Ernie Padgette and his Eflite V900**

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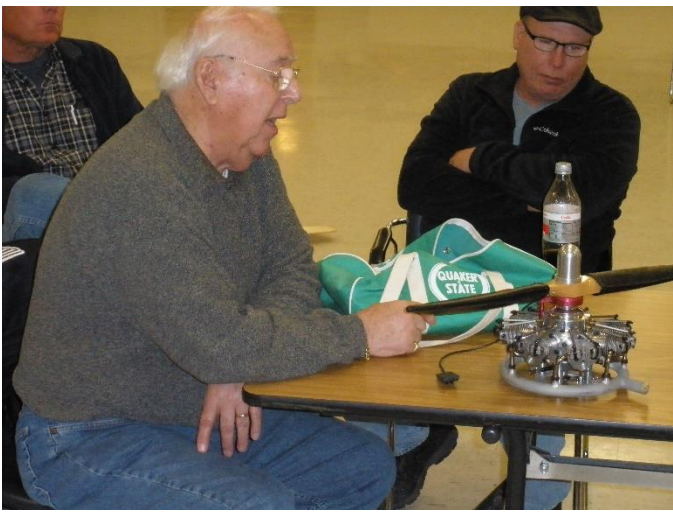
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**Charlie Koustenis and his 7 cylinder engine.  
 Gene Flynn looks on.**