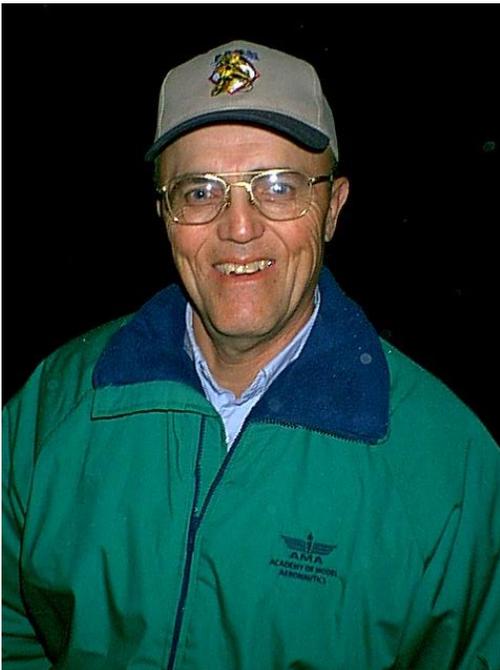




**October 2019**

**TREASURER'S CORNER**

**Nic Burhans**



First off we want to thank all of the FARM members who participated in our six event 2019 Club Fun Day-Fun Fly program. Thank You Ken Bassett, Paul Beck, Les Broaddus, Nic Burhans, Bob Burnett, Gene Flynn, John Gilbert, Ralph Graul, Lloyd Hinrichs, Gerald Hood, Brian James, Tom James, Charlie Koustenis, Paul LoChirco, Don Manson, Bill Noel, Daniel Orlando, Ernie Padgette, Tom Perry, Dave Rothbart, Dick Sutton, Don Szczur, Randy Tavishati, Terry Terrenoire, and Bill Towne. Of these twenty five club members, the first five highest point holders will be announced at the Club Christmas Party on Saturday, 7 December, and receive Hobby Hangar gift cards.

Thank You to FARM Club members Nic Burhans,

Kirby Nelson, Ernie Padgette, and Dave Rothbart for helping with the Wednesday and Thursday, 9 and 10 October, Culpeper Airfest STEM presentations for 700 plus fifth grade students from the Culpeper area.

Another Thank You to the following FARM Club members who participated in the RC presentations and Buddy Boxing at the 2019 twentieth anniversary Culpeper Airfest RC (50th for the Culpeper Airport) Paul Beck, Nic Burhans, Frank Gioffredo, John Gilbert, Ralph Graul, Kwang Ko, Don Manson, Hank and Brian Mausolf, Kirby Nelson, Ernie Padgette, Don Szczur, Terry Terrenoire, and Bill Towne.

To address the recreational UAS altitude restrictions found in the new FAA policy, we must address what the policy is: Recreational UAS users will only be permitted to fly up to 400 feet in controlled airspace. This altitude will vary depending upon the user's location. In uncontrolled airspace ("G" airspace; like FARM), recreational users will be permitted to fly up to 700 feet or 1,200 feet, depending upon the user's location. It is unclear at this time if these uncontrolled airspace altitudes will be permitted only at fixed flying site locations. (You can find controlled and uncontrolled airspace locations on the FAA's website UAS Facility Map.) This new FAA policy would restrict flights to 400 feet and below in controlled airspace. Controlled airspace is typically found within 5 miles of an airport with air traffic control towers. However, keep in mind that there are some airports in controlled airspace that don't have control towers. The policy is not finalized for a possible waiver process to fly above 400 feet in controlled airspace, but AMA is being told that there will not be a waiver process for flights over 400 feet in controlled airspace.

As we put out in our email to all FARM Club

members, you can help our hobby by visiting [www.modelaircraft.org/higher-flight](http://www.modelaircraft.org/higher-flight) or [www.modelaircraft.org/gov](http://www.modelaircraft.org/gov) (If you have not already done so), and simply enter your name and location, AMA will populate the form with your elected legislators. You will also be provided text you can use or edit to make the input your own. Please take the time to make the input to your legislators.

*Nic Burhans*



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

**Jeff Killen**

- 1. Club Meeting, at the Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 10/22/2019 (2020 Board Nominations)**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Jeff Killen**

The September club meeting was held on September 24 at the Warrenton Community Center. There were 10 persons present, including 5 officers.

### **Old Business**

Mower equipment is now in the barn for the season, and is safe.

The hangar and hay barn are now rented. There is no access to the barn. If you need to get to the breaker box, there is a new key. Call to the farm to secure it.

There are still two planes in the hangar, a Pitts and a Cub. There is also a very large new piece of farm equipment.

We talked about adding the ability to capture assignments to cut the field to the web site. There is a tool called 'Sign Up Genius' to allow this. Dick Sutton will investigate.

Board nominations for 2020 will be received beginning at next month's club meeting.

### **Officer Reports**

Treasurer - Nic Burhans reported that we received a letter of thanks from the Fauquier County Food Bank for the \$150 donation we made to them. We also gave them about 130 lbs of food.

Float Fly dates for 2020 are now known, being 6/13/20 and 9/12/20. At the last Float Fly this year on 9/21, we gained \$237.90.

The Christmas party this year is on December 7 at a Rt. 29 restaurant. We will do the gift scramble, and make the usual presentations. Our reservation here at the community center has been cancelled, and we save \$152 in the process.

We have \$5433 in the bank currently. We should be in the black by the end of the year, with about \$8-9K in the bank if everyone renews for 2020. We have 79 members currently with no new members added in the last month.

Bill Towne reported that for the upcoming Culpepper Air Fest we have 4 instructors for buddy boxes, but need 4 other guys for fueling and spotting.

### **Presentation**

John Hunton gave us a talk on his experiences with Bill Winter (1912-1999). There is an AMA exhibit in his honor at the headquarters in Indiana. Next month, Duane Beck will do a talk on gliders.

### **Show & Tell**

John Hunton – Bachem Natter – a rocket powered airplane. It was dubbed the “world's worst airplane of WW2”.

John Hunton – ME 163 flying wing (see photo, next page). Flies well, cost \$89, 3s or 4s battery.

Ernie Padgette – Elite Havoc, uses 6s 5000 battery. 80 mm 12 blade EDF model flies at 140 MPH. Retracts. Flaps and ailerons, flies well.

A few photos from John Hunton's presentation at the September club meeting.



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**Our support to the Air Fest STEM event on Oct. 9.**

