

FARM Newsletter

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TREASURER'S CORNER

Nic Burhans



The official comment period for the FAA's proposed rule on remote ID has closed. Thank you all for your comment support of model aviation. We hope that your comments will make a difference. In the last several weeks, by AMA's count, more than 50,000 detailed comments were submitted in response to the FAA's Remote ID NPRM. I want to especially thank those who have gone above and beyond by submitting multiple comments and encouraging [nudging] friends and family to submit as well. Thank you again for taking the time to participate in the first stage of the remote ID rule making process. In addition to our comments, AMA HQ submitted its own formal comment detailing how the proposed rule would impact our community and the changes AMA wants to see in the final rule. If you are

interested in reading AMA's full comment, it is available on the AMA website.

OK, now that we have patted ourselves on our backs, please know there is still a long road ahead. In fact, there is a lengthy bureaucratic process that the FAA must complete before a final rule is announced, including a review of each of the tens of thousands of comments we have submitted. Once a final remote ID rule is announced, there will be a significant time period before that rule goes into effect and everyone must comply. The entire process will probably take several years. Yes, AMA will be making a point to updated us along the way and ask us for help where needed.

The first mow of the 2020 season has been completed! And Bill Towne's "Grease Monkey" crew has cleaned, greased, adjusted, and replaced the blades on all our mowers. If you have not already done so, we could use your help on the mowing crew. At present, each of the current mowing crew will be mowing 7 or 8 times between now and the mowing shut down in November. If you can help out our mowing crew this year, let Bill Towne at bbtowne@comcast.net or John Gilbert at jagewhiz@yahoo.com know that you are interested in helping keep our flying field in excellent shape for your flying this year.

We will see you at the field while you are getting ready for the FARM Club's first Club Day and Fun Fly on Sunday, 5 April 2020.

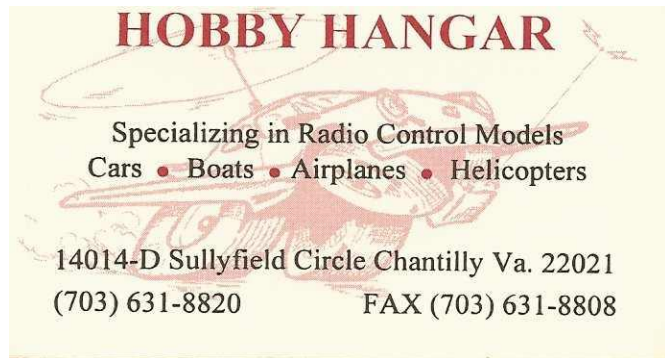
Be Safe and fly Safe.

Nic Burhans

EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

1. **Club Meeting, at Warrenton Community Center, 7:00 PM, 3/24/2020**
2. **NSRCA D2 Judging Seminar, CMB/Lenn Park, VA, all day, 3/21/2020, dszczur@verizon.net, CD: Don Szczur**



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The club meeting was held on February 25 at the Warrenton Community Center. Twelve members were present including all 7 of the club officers.

Bill Towne gave report on the club mower. The hole in the top case was repaired by Bill McMullen who welded a cover to patch the hole. Thanks, Bill ! We have new blades. We need to set up the mowing rotation, so contact Bill if you can help out. We also want to have a session for training on the dos and don'ts of mower usage.

Nic Burhans reminded everyone to let your congressman know your thoughts on the proposed FAA ruling that will affect our flying.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Nic Burhans discussed need for CDs for the Fun Flys this year. April, May and June events were covered by Dave Rothbart, Bill Towne, and Ernie Padgette respectively. There are 3 more events to cover later in the summer.

Dave Rothbart has been helping with the EAA 186 training events at Manassas airport on Sundays, 1-4 PM. This is a Young Eagles chapter; they are building a R/C aircraft. Don Szczur will fly the finished aircraft. The plane is nearly finished.

Treasury Report:

Nic gave the following report:

- - - \$6864 currently in the bank. We began the year with \$6559, and should end the year with \$6800.
- - - 64 members currently.

Ralph Graul suggested we have a can for donations to club expenses at the Fun Fly events.

Upcoming events in May:

- Manassas Air Show, May 2
- Arsenal of Democracy, with DC flyover the last day, May 4-8

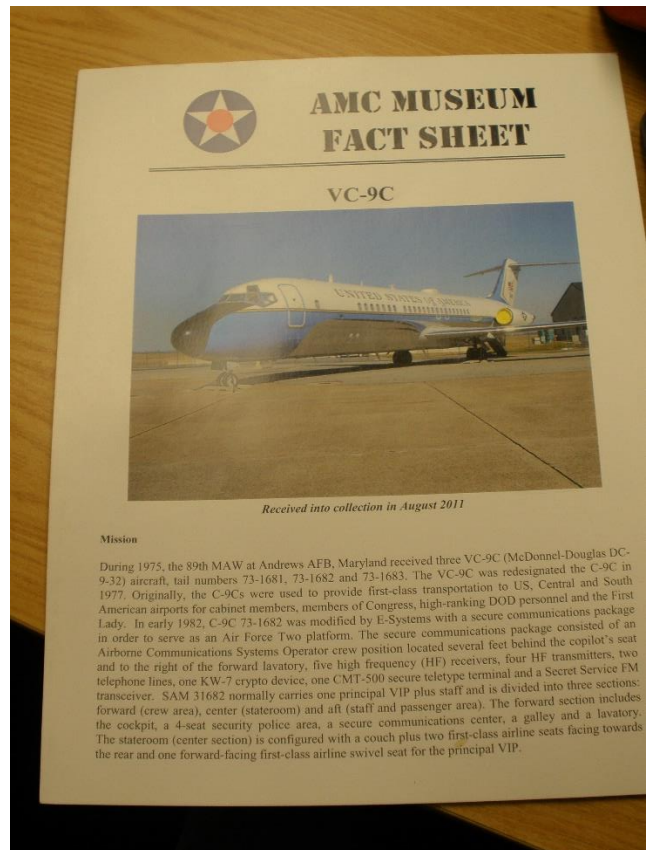
Presentation

Charlie Koustenis gave a talk on the care/repair/feeding of four stroke engines. Nice job Charlie !

Show and Tell:

- - John Hunton – Flying Pancake model of Vought V-173 designed by Charles Zimmerman of Vought. John also built a smaller mini-model to help determine the proper CG of his larger model. John also showed us a Cricket Kut knife, with blades, available from Michaels arts and crafts stores.
- - Gordon Slaymaker – Don Mudman flying machine. 4 nylon bolts for wing
- - Ralph Graul – picture of VC-9C Vice President's plane that he worked on while in the Air Force at Dover AFB. The plane is open for walk-thru, the 3rd Saturday of each month. Plane was used from 1975 to 2011.

Pictures from February club meeting



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