

# FARM Newsletter

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## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Nic Burhans



The leaves have started to turn and drop, its cold in the morning at the flying field, and the last FARM Club Fun Day and Fun Fly of the (shortened) 2020 flying season has been completed. In the "Signed In Observer" category, Dick Sutton and Lloyd Hinrichs share first place and John Haitzuka and Bill Noel share third place. In the "Fun Fly" category Ralph Graul was first, Dave Rothbart was second, Ernie Padgette was third, Nic Burhans was fourth, Les Broadus 5<sup>th</sup>, Ken Bassett and Don Szczur share 6<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Koustenis 8<sup>th</sup>, Paul LoChirco 9<sup>th</sup>, Vince Tabacco 10<sup>th</sup>, Gene Flynn 11<sup>th</sup>, and Don Manson 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all you 2020 Fun Day participants.

It is time to start thinking about renewing you AMA membership for 2021 (and beyond at a reduced fee).

Like most of us (older members), your membership renewal is probably due by the end of December. You can renew by mail when your statement arrives or you can go to the AMA website and renew your membership on line. Please note that if your AMA membership is not renewed on time, it will laps along with your AMA insurance until renewed. If your AMA membership laps, you will not be eligible to fly at the FARM field (or any other AMA club's field) until it is renewed.

FAA registration: Most of us have FAA registrations that are set expire soon (12 December 2020 by the automatic FAA extension last year). Therefore, we are now eligible to renew our registrations within the FAA's allowed 180 days renewal window before your expiration date. To renew your FAA registration, go to "[FAADroneZone.faa.gov](https://faa.gov/faaDroneZone)". Your renewed registration will be good for three years and costs \$5. **Be careful** of (aware of) FAA scam sites charging more than \$5.

It is also time to start thinking about renewing your FARM membership for 2021. There is a pdf copy of the 2021 FARM Membership Renewal form on the Club's website for your use. **Please note:** Because our two FARM Float Fly events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, we were not able to collect our regular donations to be forwarded to the Fauquier Community Food Bank. Therefore, we have added an additional "Donation to Fauquier Community Food Bank" line to the FARM 2021 Membership Renewal Form. All donations made along with your membership renewal will be forwarded to the Food Bank (which results in them being able to purchase \$4.00 of food for every \$1.00 donated).

Here is an update on AMA/FAA/Government interactions: **Remote ID:** AMA organized a joint

industry letter with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), and Google's sister company, Wing, urging the FAA to make essential changes to the proposed rule for Remote ID. The FAA continues to maintain that its plan is to announce a final rule by the end of the calendar year, followed by an implementation period that could take up to three years. **Letter of Agreements (LOAs) in controlled airspace:** AMA continues to work with the FAA to ensure that our clubs located in controlled airspace receive LOAs with their air traffic control facility. Approximately 139 clubs have obtained agreements, with 60 clubs still working toward theirs and 40 clubs awaiting Safety Risk Management Panel meetings needed to obtain an altitude higher than the "FAA UAS facility map" allows in their areas. **Advisory Circular 91-57C:** The FAA is currently working on an Advisory Circular, which will include a process for Community-Based Organization (CBO) recognition and information regarding the upcoming knowledge and [no fail] safety test. AMA has worked closely with the FAA on this upcoming test to ensure a reasonable and sensible outcome. This should be out for public comment by the end of the calendar year. **White House executive order:** This would ban the federal government's use or purchase of foreign-made UAS and impact AMA members operating on military property, at national parks, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and EPA-managed sites. AMA recently met with White House officials to discuss our concerns and plans to continue working with the administration. This has not yet been signed. **Congress:** AMA is working with Congress to include educational UAS protections in the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This bill is not expected to pass until after the presidential election.

Be Safe.

*Nic Burhans*

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

**Jeff Killen**

1. **Club Meeting, virtually, 7:00 PM, 10/27/2020, Carl Hampton will present 2020 NEAT Fare info.**

2. **Staples Pattern Contest, at Aynor-SC, all day, 10/24-25/2020, CD: Marvin Marozas Mfmarozas@gmail.com**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Jeff Killen**

The club meeting was held virtually on September 22. Fourteen members were present during the zoom call/meeting. Note that all meetings will be virtual until a COVID-19 vaccine is available. The Warrenton Community Center is closed for now. **So join us in the zoom meetings ! You don't even have to leave home to participate !**

#### **News**

We discussed, and then decided to keep the Board of Directors the same in 2021. Existing positions would be kept the same. This is the easiest way to proceed since we are not meeting in person for a while.

We discussed using the virtual format for the meetings. How does everyone like it ? Several said they like the format.

One member expressed concern that when at the field, if more than one person is present, masks should be worn. We need to continue this precaution for a while.

Arsenal for Democracy flyover for Washington, DC was to occur on September 25. But due to poor visibility, this was cancelled.

#### **Recognitions**

Carl Hampton – For assisting with setting up the zoom meeting. Thanks !

Charlie Koustenis – Cleaning out the John at the field. Thanks !

Nic Burhans – Running the recent pattern contest at the field. It was a cool, and brisk day. Thanks !

Les Broaddus – For doing the food for lunch at the pattern contest. He picked up the food and covered cooking for us. Thanks !

Group who put up the wind sock – This was Nic Burhans, Les Broaddus, Ernie Padgette, Charlie Koustenis, and Dave Rothbart. They put up with a briar patch ! Thanks !

## Reports

Bill Towne – No report. He hopes the mowers are OK. We will do cutting through October.

Nic Burhans – Treasurer report – We have \$5386 now in the bank. We have 68 members now. New member Bill Holstein just joined. The pattern contest was run using a \$10 entry fee. The cost was \$11.75 overall. For the year, we are \$79 behind; new members this year have helped our financial position.

Jeff Killen – No report.

Charlie Koustenis – No report.

John Gilbert – Due to a bad back, he will be having back surgery in January. No more mowing for him ! Gordon Collyer is helping him fly.

Ernie Padgette – No report except for a proposal. What about allowing beer at the field for consumption after flying for the day is complete ?

Dave Rothbart will discuss with Mrs. Rhynalds.

## Presentation

Ernie Padgette did a nice presentation on the history of Germany's Baron Von Richthofen, ace fighter pilot during WWII. We heard about his last flight, criticisms from the UK, his shooting skills, and who killed the Baron. Nice job Ernie !

## ***PATTERN CONTEST REPORT***

### **Don Szczur**

The FARM club fall pattern contest took place on 19 September 2020 under brisk and windy conditions. All pilots rose to the occasion and flew well.

Club Class consisted of Ernie Padgett and Dave Rothbart. Ernie flew well and is considered the club class master, having run a recent club class fun fly earlier in the month to prepare pilots for the competition. It was fun to watch the straight flight out, procedure turn and straight flight back. Several pilots said it brought back memories of the '70s and '80s novice and pre-novice events during pre-turnaround days. Dave (a.k.a. chief team FARM Club pattern coach) showed his expertise and skill with perfect wind correction on each pass and captured first place in the event. We had several new pilots that visited during the contest and tested out the sequence on their trainer and sport planes during the lunch break. I think we'll have some additional local flyers to add to pattern competitions in the future!

In Intermediate, Les Broaden and Don Click battled it out for the trophy. I think the wind picked up in the Intermediate round, making flight conditions most

challenging. The stall turns in particular were the true test, given the 15-20 mph crosswind component.

Advanced class was very close between contestants- Nic reported less than "14" points between Don Manson and Ken Bassett. Each had technical and environmental factors contributing to the outcome of each round. Ken demonstrated some really strong spin entries which made a huge difference due to K factor. Don Manson had some high scoring maneuvers during mid-round when the wind calmed down for his flight. When the dust settled, Ken showed that his preparation and application of coaching throughout the year paid off, coming away with the win.

In Masters and FAI, Braxton Dudley and Don Szczur flew alternating rounds respectively, as scored by the Advanced pilots. Feedback from the coaches and judges will be applied to Don for the upcoming Team Trials in Muncie, Indiana later in September.



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### 2020 FARM Fall Pattern Contest

Club	Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
	1*	002	David Rothbart	3000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00		
	2*	001	Ernie Padgette	2723.21	918.28	890.30	914.63	859.99		

  

Intermediate	Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
	1*	201	Donald Click	2991.48	773.85	991.48	1000.00	1000.00		
	2*	202	Les Broadus	2944.69	1000.00	1000.00	944.69	0.00		

  

Advanced	Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
	1*	302	Kenneth Bassett	3000.00	1000.00	994.45	1000.00	1000.00		
	2*	301	Donald Manson	2985.79	991.85	1000.00	971.43	993.94		

  

Masters	Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
	1*	401	Braxton Dudley	3000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00		

  


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### 2020 FARM Fall Pattern Contest F3A Preliminary Standings

Place	#	Contestant Name	Total	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4
1*	801	Don Szczur	3000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00

We want to welcome Bill Holsten who recently moved to the area and will be spending much more time at the FARM in the future preparing his Allure Biplane for competition. Bill had some of his plane components delivered from his home in NC, arriving the morning of the contest and although not able to compete, was able to get everything up and operational with a couple of flights by the end of the day.

Many thanks to the workers who helped make the event possible, and especially to the Contest Director, Nic Burhans, for efficiently executing the contest and scoring functions to complete all rounds for the contest.

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