



August 2021

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Rothbart



Hello Again Farm Club Members,

At the time I write this column the delta variant has begun to show its ugly head locally. Most, if not all, club members have been vaccinated. However there has been some individuals who have been vaccinated yet still contracted the variant. Based on the latest information precautions should be again taken when in an enclosed area with large numbers of people. As a result, we will continue zoom meetings which also provides the club great financial savings.

Farm Club finances remain stable. Repair of the John Deere was almost \$500, thus the need to keep tight reins on expenses is essential. The September meeting will be held at Mike Dales hanger. Mike and his associates will give us an update on progress of construction of the Nieuport 28.

As to my own Nieuport 28 the test flight is close at hand. The engine run up uncovered a serious issue

with the vent line from the tank. The tygon vent line was secured to the firewall but remained loose inside the fuselage. The vibration of the engine caused the line to move, causing it to touch and melt onto the exhaust. Had I just flown it without performing the ground test the engine would have quit in the air. Charlie K. designed a copper vent tube with mounting flange which is attached to the outside firewall to remedy the problem. The last test as of this column will be with the cowl on to see if the dummy radial is touching the engine. Upon completion of this test the plane is ready for flight.

Approximately one week later the test of the engine run-up indicated no rubbing of the dummy radial against the engine. An adjustment was made to provide easier access to the manual choke lever.

Keep flying!

Dave Rothbart

EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

- 1. Club Meeting, at the field, 7:00 PM, 8/24/2021**
- 2. FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #6 at the field, all day, 9/5/2021, CD: Vince Tabacco**
- 3. Float Fly #2, at Lake Ritchie, 9 AM, 9/11/2021. Field closed to 72 Mhz; open to 2.4 Ghz, CD: Nic Burhans**
- 4. FARM Pattern Contest, at the field, all day, 9/18-19, CD: Nic Burhans**
- 5. NEAT Fair @Downsville-NY, all day, 9/16-19/2021, www.neatfair.org**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The club meeting was held at the field on July 27. Six board members and two other members were present.

We have a new member: Ernie Legg. He has flown before, and will just need a check out.

Officer Reports

Dave Rothbart showed us a cardboard template for the Phil Coopy plaque. Size will be about 14"x8" and constructed from metal and wood. Once it is ready, we will have a installation ceremony at the field, with a family member present. Mounting for the plaque will be on the top railing of the shelter.

Nic Burhans gave us the Treasurer's report. We have 4 flyers who need a check out. The club currently is at \$4986. We are \$497 ahead of budget for the year. We have 62 members currently. Rent for the Float Fly event has been paid, and the event has been publicized. Bill Towne is head cook.

The RC yard sale at Nic's home went well with 2/3 of the items sold.

Herb Weinberg has now moved to Silver Spring, MD. Money for his items has been sent to him.

Free items were given away from a table after the meeting.

The Field Marshall, Safety Officer, and Secretary were all present but had no reports.

Dick Sutton discussed a smart phone app that will work on Android phones. Members who use this like it. He can help with loading it to your phone from our website.

New Business

There were two flying incidents at the FARM field last month. While no one was hurt, these occurrences should make us all aware of the need for caution and safety as we fly. One helpful procedure would be to have someone with you on the flight line every time you fly, if possible.

The September club meeting will be held at the hangar where Mike Dale has been restoring the WWI aircraft. It's been 3 years since we first saw this plane at the beginning of the project. Directions will be provided next month.

Show and Tell

Ernie Padgette - Revamped / reglued EDF - A ducted fan model, foam tac, canopy glue, paint used to show black smoke off of guns. Has nose wheel servo, and rudder servo separate. Used hot water to expand foam. A very nice job on what was a severely damaged plane !

FUN FLY #5 REPORT

Ernie Padgette

Eight pilots entered and paid \$40.00 in entry fees. The money was given to President Dave Rothbart. All times are adjusted times.

1 st place:	Vince Tobacco	Time: 1:47
2 nd place:	Ken Bassett	Time: 1:48
3 rd place:	Ernie Padgette	Time: 1:58
4 th place	Ralph Graul	Time: 2:07
5 th place	Dave Rothbart	Time: 2:08
6 th place:	Charlie Koustenis	Time: 2:08
7 th place:	Don Manson	Time: 2:26
8 th place:	Les Broaddus	Time: 3:36



Ralph Graul's Mambo.

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Ernie Padgett explains his EDF rebuild project from Show and Tell.

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