

FARM Newsletter

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September 2021

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bill Towne



I guess we are all disappointed that we had to cancel the Float fly and the Pattern contest once again due to the raging spread of Covid 19. I hope you are all getting vaccinated and getting boosters when available and wearing masks indoors in public areas. I haven't been able to fly very much since early February. I am now a fulltime care giver as my wife has suffered a number of debilitating injuries and other problems. She gets very upset if I spend too much time in the basement working on planes so I brought up a small project into the family room.

It's a 36 in. Pietenpol Air Camper by Dumas. I won it at the Christmas party a few years back. It is slow going as there is so many other things I have to do: shopping, cooking, cleaning laundry etc. Makes you appreciate how much Barbara used to do so I could have time to do what I pleased. We never appreciate our wives enough until we have to take up what they have always done. I am trying to get some home care

folks in for 5 hours a day three times a week to let me get some free time so I can get out and fly at least once a week. I hope to see some of you at the field before winter sets in.

Bill Towne

EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

1. Club Meeting, Mike Dale's hangar at Culpepper Airport, from the gate go to parking lot, use the pedestrian gate next to the admin building, and look for the large hangar to the left, 7:00 PM, 9/28/2020
2. Mocksville Pattern Contest, at Mocksville-NC, all day, 10/2-3/2021, CD: Tim Pritchett
3. Joe Nall in the Fall, at Triple Tree Aerodrome (Woodruff, SC), all day, 10/2-8/2021, www.tta.aero
4. Culpepper Air Fest STEM Days/static displays, 8AM-3PM, 10/6-7/2021, CD: Nic Burhans npb6218@earthlink.net
5. Culpepper Air Fest static display/air show, 7AM-4PM, 10/9-10/2021, CD: Nic Burhans npb6218@earthlink.net

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The club meeting was held at the field on August 24. Nine members were present.

Dave Rothbart named Nic Burhans as hero of the month for donating to the club from the RC sale held at his home.

Old Business

Ernie Padgette reported on one item of old business. This was the Phil Coopy plaque. The order will be placed tomorrow.

New Business

We decided to cancel the Float Fly next month due to COVID concerns.

The FARM Pattern Contest was dropped also do to COVID concerns.

The Culpepper Air Fest was listed as uncertain, but I have retained it in the list of upcoming events.

Club Meetings:

- September, at Mike Dale's hangar at Culpepper airport
- October, and November, virtual, via zoom
- December, at Outback Steakhouse in Warrenton

Officer Reports

Nic Burhans was absent, so we had no treasurer statistics this month.

Secretary and Webmaster – We discussed how to receive the officer vote for 2022. While receiving it via the web site was discussed, we decided to return to our old way of doing this from prior years. Members will receive the ballot in November, and may return their vote via email to the Secretary before the Christmas party in December. Or, members may complete the ballot at the Christmas party.

Field Marshall, Safety Officer, and Member-at-Large – No Report

Presentation

Charlie Koustenis gave us a talk about gas motor stand offs and mountings. He used a recent incident from his Spitfire's model that occurred with the engine. The engine was loose in the cowl after a motor outage event. All the bolts had broken off at the engine. A single enlarged hole was evident in the firewall.

Preventative measures for these situations are to check nuts/bolts, balance the prop, and use locktite on each nut. Thanks, Charlie, for the tips.

Show and Tell

Duane Beck gave us an introduction to his 3D printer/part builder. This equipment uses single color vinyl. Drawing to prepare a job is done with Fusion 360 software. This is a neat tool !

FUN FLY #6 RESULTS

Nic Burhans

The FARM Club's Fun Day and Fun Fly #6 was held 5 September. Ernie Padgette was the event CD under rain threatening skies all day.

We had four members who braved the potential weather, participated in the Fun Day and the Fun Fly, and received points:

--- 3 points for signing in, 8 points for being the Fun Fly CD, 5 points for flying in the Fun Fly, and Fun Fly placement points (reverse order number of the number of participants)

The 5 September 2021 Fun Fly results:

1st place – Ernie Padgette (4 pts.)

2nd place - Ken Bassett

3rd place - Charlie Koustenis

4th place – Paul LoChirco (1 point)

This was our last 2021 flying season's combined Club Fun Day and Fun Fly contest.

Thank you to all who participated during this trying year.

Continue To Be Safe

Nic

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