



March 2024 Edition

Safety Officer's Corner: Mike Wiczalkowski



RC flying safety things to do and things to not do.

One of the first things you want to do is to make sure you fly a plane that matches your skill level. If you are just starting out you don't want to try flying an acrobatic type plane or even a war bird, they may look cool but take a higher skill level to fly. Try to stick with trainers until you feel ready to move up.

Always remember when in doubt, don't!

Make sure you know your equipment: radio, batteries, plane condition and always do a pre-flight check to make sure all equipment is in good working order and connecting and working correctly.

Remember to make sure to know all your club rules, County regulations and State laws; this will help with future issues that might arise if there is a problem.

And finally, always use common sense when flying, don't do things that are out of your skill level and always try to fly with a wing-man near you to help spot, and if necessary, take over the plane when you get in trouble.

Things you want to try to stay away from when flying an RC airplane are, don't fly where flying is not permitted, this gives all RC pilots a bad name. If you plan to fly in general use parks don't fly over people or

animals, stay clear of trees, power lines, buildings, roads and play grounds. If you lose control, someone could get hurt. Don't fly over your head or behind you, this could disorient you and cause you to lose control of the plane.

Never fly your RC airplane too far away to where you lose connection or lose line of sight; this would more than likely cause the plane to crash and possibly hit someone or something.

One of the last things you don't want to do is to forget to do your pre-flight.

RC airplane flying is an amazing and fun sport as long as it's done in a safe and respectful manner.

Having fun is the main goal, but as a pilot you always want to make sure you or anyone else never gets hurt.

- Remember everyone is a safety officer!
- Keep your head on a swivel!
- Eyes in the back of your head!

Have a safe flying day! *Mike*

President's Pilot Box: Bill Towne

- No specific items this Month.

I am looking forward to the 2024 flying season, which from the looks of the weather should be starting soon.



I haven't flown since December so I better practice on Real Flight to see if I remember how to fly RC.

After having all the kids and grandkids over the holidays I think my house and kitchen are back in order so I can find stuff! Also I now have my basement ping pong table building area back so I can work on a few planes.

This last month I have been trying to complete small airplane projects which were started months, years ago. Just finished this Guillows Folker DR 1 triplane, and next will finish a Guillows P-51 purchased a couple years ago at Hobby Hanger's booth at the Airfest. I also found a Spirit of St. Louis that was started ten years ago? When I get these cleaned up I can get back to finish

large RC planes, a 89 inch Chipmunk and a 120 1970s Stingray. I also inherited a Senior Telemaster wing already built but not covered so I have a fuselage under construction.

OK the grass is turning green, Time to get to the field and start mowing and Flying!

Bill 7

Vice President's Pilot Box: Ernie Padgett

- No specific items this Month.

Same Stuff: Different Year

As most of you know, 2023 wasn't exactly a stellar year for me. Knee replacement; resulting infections; over prescribing of blood pressure medications; etc., etc. A riddle for all of you: What do tailbones, ribs and vertebrae all have in common? Answer: They all break when you fall down the stairs. Maybe not funny; but that was the fastest I've moved in years. But toward the end of the year, things were looking up. I had an enjoyable and successful hunting season; and got to spend some quality time with my grandson Harley, hunting and camping in the mountains. I remember a particular night when we were huddled around the campfire, passing the bottle back and forth and listening to the wind howling through the trees. Harley and I both came very close to leaping off this mortal coil a few years back; he from stage 4 Hodgins Lymphoma. At around the same time, I was making a bunch of cardiac specialist doctor types upset; looking all serious and concerned. But we were both sitting there; both happy (and maybe stupid) as clams; both at the "know exactly what I'm doing, but maybe don't give a crap" stage and talking about our plans for the future. Harley was trying to convince me I'm not too old to be once again scrambling around the mountains (actually, the Hardscrabble area) west of Vale, Colorado trying to shoot 1,200-pound animals (either elk or bear.). Maybe.

Now, any idiot can go camping. And any idiot can go hunting. But it takes a very special kind of idiot to be enjoying himself sleeping under the stars when the wind is blowing at +30 MPH and the temperature is sitting at somewhere around 10 degrees F. And for there to be two of us, together at the same time, was something very special. I think Harley is going to be just fine. Sometimes, challenge and adversity make life all the sweeter; and there's a big difference between "easy" and "memorable".

So here we are, early in the year of our Lord, 2024. January didn't have many good flying days and I was still trying to get things sorted out and put away from hunting season. Then around the beginning of February, Jill and I both came down with some kind of bronchial malady. Tests said it wasn't flu or Covid. We're still not sure what it was, but it wasn't fun. What is R.S.V. anyway? But we're both better after a couple of not-so-fun weeks. Today I noticed the first of the Crocus' has bloomed, so spring and good flying weather is just around the corner. Maybe hope isn't the only thing that springs eternal. Between shooting, flying RC planes, spending time with family and visiting with friends, I think this is shaping up to being a great year! I wish all of you the best and hope you'll come out to the flying field and spend some time with me. Thanks; *Ernie P*

Secretary's Pilot Box: Nic Burhans

On February 27th our friend and flying companion Commander John Gilbert III, U.S. Navy (Retired) was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. The service was shared by family and friends. Charlie Koustenis, Nic Burhans, Dave Rothbart, Bill Towne, Jack Cullen and Vince Tabacco of the CMB and FARM RC community were present for the ceremony.



We will miss John.

May he have fair winds and following seas.

Flying is still in the winter slow mode due to, High winds, Rain, and Broken skies with hot and cold temperatures. We continue to have quite a weather start to March!

The AMA Charter and Insurance for 2024 have been renewed and received:



Up coming events:

March 15-17 Fri-Sun

FARM Pattern Flying Intro & Practice Sessions All Day
@ the FARM Club Field CD: Gerald Hood @ hood007@aol.com

March 26	Tuesday	FARM Club Zoom Meeting	7:00 PM
April 7	Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #1 @ Club Field <i>Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day</i> CD: Nic Burhans	All Day
April 20-21	Sat-Sun	Kingston Aero Modelers Pattern Contest @ Kingston, NC CD: Carl Zavalney carlzavalney@bshg.com	All Day
April 23	Tuesday	FARM Club Zoom Meeting	7:00 PM
May 5	Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #2 @ Club Field <i>Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day</i> CD: Ernie Padgett	All Day
May 10-16	Fri-Thur	Joe Nall @ Triple Tree Aerodrome @ Woodruff, SC www.tta.aero	All Day
May 18-19	Sat-Sun	Charlotte, NC Pattern CD: Rick Harn	All Day
May 28	Tuesday	FARM Club Zoom Meeting	7:00 PM
June 15	Saturday	FARM Float Fly #1 @ Lake Ritchie, Bealeton VA CD: Nic Burhans npb6218@earthlink.net	9am-4pm
June 23	Sunday	CMB Club Meeting #2 @ Lenn Model Airpark <i>Club Fly Day #2, Pilot Training, and Flight Checks all day</i>	1:00 PM

The 2024 Culpeper Airfest and STEM demonstrations have been scheduled and the sanction and insurance for the week of 7 through 13 October have been received.

WHO WE ARE ★★★

The Air Fest Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit organization chartered to promote awareness, education, and support the Culpeper Air Fest. Our goal is to honor the contributions of historic military aircraft, which helped to secure our nation's freedom. The Air Fest is a celebration of our aviation heritage and is a fun, family-friendly, community-oriented event. The show is locally produced, free to the public and draws top performers from around the nation offering something for everyone.

BE A SPONSOR

Below are suggested sponsorship levels. However, we recognize that you may have another level of interest. Please contact the Foundation to discuss specifically tailored levels of giving.

For sponsorship information contact, Ed Dalrymple Jr. at 540-829-7203 ext. 12 or edalrymple@daltholding.com

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2 Seats at our VIP tent
1 VIP Parking pass
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Event advertising
4 Seats at our VIP tent
2 VIP Parking passes
2 Sponsor Rides
2 Invitations to Sponsor Night Lights

SILVER (\$1000)

Event advertising & Jumbotron
6 Seats at our VIP tent
3 VIP Parking passes
4 Sponsor Rides
5 Invitations to Sponsor Night Lights

GOLD (\$2500)

Event advertising, Jumbotron & promotional announcements by the MC during the event
8 Seats at our VIP tent
4 VIP Parking passes
6 Sponsor Rides
10 Invitations to Sponsor Night Lights

PLATINUM (\$5000)

Event advertising, Jumbotron & promotional announcements by the MC during the event
12 Seats at our VIP tent
6 VIP Parking passes
20 Invitations to Sponsor Night Lights
8 Sponsor Rides

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Event advertising, Jumbotron & promotional announcements by the MC during the event
12 Seats at our VIP tent
6 VIP Parking passes
20 Invitations to Sponsor Night Lights
8 Sponsor Rides

HONOR EDUCATE ENTERTAIN



If you are a Silver Sponsor or above you earn invitations to a special sponsor event, **Sponsor Night Lights** on Friday, October 11th. It's a spectacular invitation-only night time event with model aircraft, hot air balloons, and Manfred Radius' glider lighting up the sky. You'll enjoy dinner on the airport ramp under a tent with our pilots and crews as you watch the performances. You'll also have the opportunity to see some of the Air Fest aircraft up close without the crowds. So donate early and experience **Sponsor Night Lights**!

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Recently, the FAA granted the AMA a National Authorization that allows members at AMA sanctioned events to operate without broadcasting Remote ID information. This means that if you are participating in / hosting a sanctioned event that is not taking place at an FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) site, you will not need to affix a broadcast module to your aircraft in order to meet the Remote ID requirement, just like those whose events taking place at a FRIA site (like Lenn Model Airpark).

In order to qualify for this Remote ID authorization, the CD/EM is required to file a NOTAM within 7 days prior to the event and send the NOTAM number they are given to AMA at waivers@modelaircraft.org. AMA will then send the CD/EM a Remote ID authorization certificate to keep at the event in case it is requested by law enforcement or an FAA representative.

For more information, including NOTAM deadlines, how to file a NOTAM, and FAQs, please visit <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2024/02/27/faa-grant-national-authorization-for-ama-sanctioned-events/>.

Are you interested in becoming a Contest Director/Event Manager? Besides the information on our Club website, here is an additional link to get you started:

<https://www.amaflightschool.org/getstarted/how-do-i-become-contest-director-or-event-manager>

While you are on our Club website, take the time to look around at all the goodies that our Webmaster, Dick Sutton, has made available for us to utilize.

Remember to BE SAFE! *Nic*

Treasurer's Pilot Box: Nic Burhans

As of 12 March, the FARM Club presently has 57 members. (21 Regular members, 31 Senior members, No Junior member, 1 Associate member, and 4 Life members).

The 2023 CMB Club Tax documents were filed on 19 February 2024.

All bills have been paid and the Club presently has a balance of \$8,282.61 in the general fund. *Nic*

Safety Officer's Pilot Box: Mike Wiczalkowski

- No specific items this Month. See above.

Mike

Field Marshal's Pilot Box: Ralph Graul

- No specific items this Month.

Ralph

Member at Large's Pilot Box: Charlie Koustenis

- No specific items this Month.

Charlie

Member at Large's Pilot Box: Bill Flathers

- No specific items this Month.

Bill

Web Master's Pilot Box: Dick Sutton

- No specific FARM items this Month.

Dick

FARM Member "Tips & Projects" Box:

Attention All Club Members:

I'm thrilled to share some fantastic news with all Club members.

As we move into the 2024 flying season **Club Merchandise Prices Have Decreased!**

Despite the ongoing rise in costs for most goods and services, I have worked diligently to **lower prices** on our merchandise. Both the **FARM** and **CMB** clubs can now enjoy more affordable products while maintaining the same level of quality through our Club Websites.

Remember, head to the checkout page when you're ready to purchase. The final price will include any applicable taxes and shipping fees.

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community, and let's continue celebrating these positive developments!

Jay Z

"From the Field" Anything Input Pilot Box:

It flew!

13 March 2024 was test fly day for my large scale Bird dog.



It flew and landed safely.

The rudder is way to touchy. *Ralph Graul*

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