



## February 2025 Edition

### Secretary's Corner: Nic Burhans



First off, I will apologize for the late publication this month.

I was called off to Albuquerque on short notice due to my sister's unexpected passing and having to establish safe assisted living facilities and finances for her husband.

This has been another large (re-)learning experience. We thought we had all our affairs in good standing.

However, there are new laws in effect in each state that have made significant changes in how your affairs are handled after your passing. (Check on what requires probate and what doesn't in your estate.) If your wills, trusts, advanced care directives, and access to your medical records are not up to date in the state where you live, now is the time to do it. You need to make sure that you have a list of (everything) pass words in a location that a family member knows where

they are (my sister did not, and now I have a locked computer with important/critical information, a locked cell phone with information, and two i-pads with I don't know information. - - (All of these need computer shop or factory reset of their password function when I get home.) If you have a safety deposit box, make sure the access list is updated and the key's location is known. Yes, it takes a little while to find those little buggers! As a family member, the words you do not want to here are: It is here somewhere - he or she always took care of that! As I said, this has been a learning/re-learning experience making sure my brother-in-law is established and taken care of. Back to Newsletter business.

FAI F3A World Championships are being held this year in Muncie at the AMA cite. From the Competition Committee:



Dear NSRCA and AMA members and all friends of Pattern,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you know, the FAI F3A World Championship is less than 7 months away. Between now and then, a lot needs to be done to ensure this is absolutely a world class event. Your NSRCA Planning Team is meeting every 2 weeks. We have frequent phone calls and other communications with the AMA and the CIAM. The AMA tells us that we are being more proactive than other Groups in regards to World event planning. This is simply because your Planning Team is devoted to ensuring a spectacular event that you can be proud of.

There are some significant needs in the near term. One such need is for volunteers to be on site at some point before, during or after the Worlds. Before the Worlds begins, for example, there will be a need for drivers to transport World Team members, their airplanes and luggage from Indianapolis to Muncie. Also, before the event, there is a need for Team and airplanes processing. Additionally, your Planning Team needs volunteers to handle some assignments leading up to the Event. During the event, there will be need for Site Directors, Line Directors, transportation, Team member assistance, Event management assistance, etc. The Planning team hopes to have enough volunteers so that folks can work in shifts so it is not a full time, every day kind of assignment.

After the event, there will be a need for transportation of World Team members back to Indianapolis from Muncie. Help will be needed to remove the banners and tents. Many people helping a little will be very effective. To volunteer to help in any capacity, contact your DVP and they will pass along your information to the Planning Team.

Another very significant way you can help is by contributing financially to the Worlds through the NSRCA. The NSRCA is financially responsible for the cost of hosting this World Championship. The projected cost of hosting this event is \$180,000.00 (USD). Team registration fees will cover about 50% of this amount. The remainder needs to be covered through fund-raising. The NSRCA has a PayPal account to receive your contributions. Your Planning Team and your NSRCA Board asks that you consider contributing a set amount over the next 5 months. Your monthly contribution of \$100, \$75 or \$50 a month will be an amazing step forward for covering the expenses of this event. There are two wonderful benefits from large, grassroots support. One benefit is that it causes Corporate donors to feel more comfortable contributing larger amounts when they see the NSRCA membership demonstrating they have 'skin in the game'. Another benefit is the principle of teamwork; what we can't do alone, we can achieve together. If 200 NSRCA/AMA members can give \$100 a month for 5 months, this equals \$100,000.00! Few can do this alone, but the many will accomplish this. Also, all funds in excess of the event expenses belong to the NSRCA. This surplus will be used to fund scoring system upgrades, offset costs for future Nats, funding for future USA Team and the overall promotion of precision aerobatics. So I ask for your help. We need your help. The Planning Team estimates that there will be a need for at least \$25,000.00 (USD) by mid March. This is truly a team effort as this can't be done without you. The PayPal account is [NSRCASecretary@NSRCA.org](mailto:NSRCASecretary@NSRCA.org). Please include your name and your NSRCA District when contributing via PayPal

Contact your DVP to volunteer to help with planning and running the Worlds.

If you have renewed your 2025 NSRCA membership, Thank you!!!

If you have not renewed for 2025, I encourage you to do this today.

You can access the NSRCA PayPal account by visiting NSRCA.us. Or going directly to the PayPal account: [Secretary@NSRCA.org](mailto:Secretary@NSRCA.org)

We need you!!!

Thank you in advance for your generosity of time and your financial resources.

Monroe Michaelis – NSRCA President

Joe Walker – USA Team Manager

Chris Gini – NSRCA VP

Heedo Yun – NSRCA Treasurer

Michael Johncock – NSRCA Secretary

Your District VP Don Szczur – D2

*Nic*

## ***President's Pilot Box:*** Ernie Padgette

- No Club specific items this Month.

*Ernie*

## ***Vice President's Pilot Box:*** Nic Burhans

- No other Club specific items this Month.

*Nic*

## ***Secretary's Pilot Box:*** Nic Burhans

- Membership Renewals:

The 2025 Club Membership renewal period has ended.

Again I apologize that the processing of the late January renewals have been delayed and the Club documents for your utilization will be out as soon as I get back.

- FARM Club Calendar:

### Upcoming 2025 events:

February 22	Saturday	Newport News Swap Meet @ Newport News, VA 8am-noon CD: Todd Smith @ <a href="mailto:rctreeopflyer@gmail.com">rctreeopflyer@gmail.com</a>	
March 14-16	Fri-Sun	FARM Pattern Flying Intro & Practice Sessions @ the FARM Club Field CD: Gerald Hood @ <a href="mailto:hood007@aol.com">hood007@aol.com</a>	All Day
April 6	Sunday	<b>FARM Club Day &amp; Fun Fly #1 @ Club Field Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day</b> CD: Nic Burhans                      Food: Bill Towne	All Day
April 22	Tuesday	<b>FARM Club Zoom Meeting</b>	7:00 PM
April 26-27	Sat-Sun	Kinston Aero Modelers Pattern Contest @ Kinston, NC CD: Carl Zavalney <a href="mailto:carlzavalney@bshg.com">carlzavalney@bshg.com</a>	All Day
May 4	Sunday	<b>FARM Club Day &amp; Fun Fly #2 @ Club Field Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day</b> CD: ??                                      Food: Bill Towne	All Day
May 9-16	Fri-Fri	Joe Nall @ Triple Tree Aerodrome @ Woodruff, SC <a href="http://www.tta.aero">www.tta.aero</a>	All Day
May 17-18	Sat-Sun	Charlotte, NC Pattern contest @ Monroe, NC CD: Rick Harn <a href="mailto:rharn47@gmail.com">rharn47@gmail.com</a>	All Day
May 27	Tuesday	<b>FARM Club Zoom Meeting</b>	7:00 PM
June 14	Saturday	<b>Field Closed to 72Mhz; Open to 2.4Ghz:</b> <b>Float Fly #1 @ Lake Ritchie</b> CD: Nic Burhans <a href="mailto:npb6218@earthlink.net">npb6218@earthlink.net</a>	9:00 AM

June 29

Sunday

**FARM Club Day @Fun Fly #3 @ Club Field  
Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day  
CD: ??**

**All Day**

Remember to Be SAFE

*Nic*

***Treasurer's Pilot Box:*** Nic Burhans

- As of 30 January, the FARM Club presently has 590 members. (21 Regular members, 32 Senior members, 1 Junior member, 1 Associate member, and 4 Life members).
- As of 31 January, the Club presently has a balance of \$7,748.80 in the general fund.

Continue to Be Safe

*Nic*

***Safety Officer's Pilot Box:*** Mike Wiczalkowski

- It is time for you to do your annual review of the AMA Safety Code. Take a few minutes to re-read it NOW, while you have time.

*Mike*

***Field Marshal's Pilot Box:*** Ralph Graul

- No Club specific items this Month.

*Ralph*

***Member at Large's Pilot Box:*** Charlie Koustenis

- No Club specific items this Month.

*Charlie*

***Member at Large's Pilot Box:*** Bill Flathers

- No Club specific items this Month.

*Bill F*

***Web Master's Pilot Box:*** Dick Sutton

- No Club website specific items this Month.

*Dick*

***FARM Member “Tips & Projects” Box:*** Any FARM Member

- No Club specific items this Month.

***“From the Field” Anything Input Pilot Box:*** Any FARM Member

**Judging Clinic**



**District 2**

**Saturday 3/15/2025 8am – 4pm**  
Introduction to “Flight Coach”

**Sunday 3/16/2025 8am – 2pm**  
Lunch Provided: Sloppy Joe

**Location:**  
**The FARM Club**  
**5350 Savannah Branch Rd.**  
**Bealton, Virginia 22712**



**Clinic presented by Don Szczur**



**Sportsman, Intermediate  
Advanced, Masters, FAI**

Contact Don Szczur  
or Gerald Hood if you  
are planning on attending



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