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NEWSLETTER

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The Northern Virginia Experimental Aircraft Association Ultralight Chapter #44 is a non-profit, educational club dedicated to the sport of recreational ultralight flying.

General Information

President:	Bob Chapman 631-1537
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Monthly meetings are currently held the first Thursday evening of the month at 7:30PM at the Washington Gas Light Company's Springfield Operations Center at 6801 Industrial Road in the Edsal Industrial Park, Springfield, Va.

Chapter 44 Yearly dues are \$5.00 plus an initiation fee of \$2.50.

A Club flying field is available for use by members with ultralights. Chapter 44 is currently supporting Chapter 20's flying field to help spread the cost between more people. The current membership fee for field privileges is \$150.00 a year. The field is located southeast of Poolesville, Md. Contact Joe Mitchell, President of Chapter 20, about joining the flying field. You must be a member of Chapter 20 Md. or Chapter 44 Va. to join. Call Joe at 445-4032 (or Jim Dick at 699-8877) for additional information. Please do not use if you have not paid the field fee, acquired insurance and had an operations briefing and a safety inspection. Call Kent Fixman at 301-530-5291.

A Virginia field is under study. Also, all Va. public use, Uncontrolled Airports (Controlled fields if you have the necessary aircraft band radio) are open to ultralights registered with the state. Use of these airports is not recommended for beginners and those without some former pilot training. Contact the airport management before using. Glascock Field at Arcola may be open to UL's that pay \$20.00 / month tie down fee.

EAA UL Chapter 44 is a fully chartered club of the Experimental Aircraft Association, which has almost 700 chapters all over the world. Membership in the National EAA UL Association is available (and recommended) for \$25.00 per year, which includes the " Ultralight " publication. For an additional \$15.00 / year you get EAA's main publication, " Sport Aviation ".

Newsletter Editor: Bob Pendleton

Members are encouraged to submit short items for inclusion in the newsletter. Responsibility for accuracy rests entirely with the contributor.

Deadline for all material including items for sale, trade or barter is the 15th of the month.

Non-dealer members may run free ads on a space available basis.

RATES: Full page:.....\$7.50
Half page:.....\$4.00
Quarter page....\$2.25
Business Cards...\$1.50

PRESIDENTS CORNER

The First Annual Flying Circus Aerodome Ultralight Festival Lives! A copy of the registration is enclosed. Cross your fingers for some good weather. Do not be afraid to come out, lend a hand, and have some fun. Information has been mailed to EAA Chapter 20 members and most other EAA people in Northern Va. The flying circus will advertise in the papers, etc.

Thanks to John Jelinski's help at the last meeting, we raised \$12.00 for the EAA Capital Campaign. We'll try another 50/50 soon.

Your chapter was represented at Manassas Airport on May 15 for the Aviation Safety Day Activities. We took the club bulletin board (we still need pictures of your UL's). EAA handouts, club applications and a couple ultralights which we were permitted to fly. In spite of some afternoon thunderstorms we had a very successful day. Unfortunately the show at Leesburg on the 21st was rained out. We also attended the program at the Sheraton National on the 25th. I took some video tapes and equipment. Chapter 20 (Jim Dick) set up a Pterodactyl in the lobby!

AOPA's program is finally underway and Avemco's UL insurance is now available.

What would you say if I said there was an airport in Northern Va. that rents tie downs for \$20.00 a month and welcomes ultralights? You would probably say old Bob's really dreaming. Well I'm not and there is! But, it's not for everyone.

Many, many years ago there was an airport at Arcola, Va., (right off of route 50). It's still there and in business again. Taxes have gotten so high that the owner has started accepting new tie downs to help pay for it. If you have an UL and decide to use it, just pay the tie down fee (I really do not suggest leaving your UL there unattended). However, there are a few things to consider before rushing out to Arcola. It is a grass strip cut out of the trees, so expect turbulent air when there is any crosswind. And those trees do not leave too many emergency areas close to the field. But the biggest consideration is the air traffic near the field, with Dulles International Airport just 4 miles away. Ultraheavies can come by at a thousand feet. Definately not a good place to be hanging around all day in an Ultralight, and not for beginners. Contact Mr. D.T. Glascock, Box 115, Arcola, Va. 22010, Telephone 273-1515.

John Harris of Kitty Hawk Kites informs us that their Culpeper Ultralight flight training will be available starting June 1st. Call Bill Robie (703) 825-1669. Dual check-out for pilots will be \$100.00. Dual training for new pilots will be \$350.00. This program will satisfy the state of Va.'s 5 hour training requirement.

Kitty Hawk Kites Fly-in at Culpeper on May 7th, was pretty well blown out. In attendance were about 6 Quicksilver MX's, 1 MXL, 1 Teratorn and 1 Lazair. (Guess who's). John Harris and crew from N.C., brought the MXL along. It had only arrived the night before, flown in from California by Jo Anderson of Colorado. Milt Brown was there to meet her, since she was making a record attempt.

Guest speaker- John Sheehan of AOPA will talk on using air charts and UL regulations, at our upcoming meeting June 2nd.

Joining During the month of May:

Mike Goretsas, Stafford, Va.

Michael Grone, Falls Church, Va. Rotec Rally 2 B.

Robert Street, Herndon, Va. (Original Design Homebuilt Ultralight).

Bill Pomeroy, Alexandria, Va.

We now have over 40 (paid up) members !



Actor and fellow EAA'er Cliff Robertson attended the Va. 2nd annual G.A. Safety week program at Manassas, Va. Shown here trying on a Quicksilver MX for size belonging to Sport Flight, Inc.

Newsletter Editor Bob Pendleton is approaching "BURN OUT"
(He has been glowing in the dark lately !) . PLEASE---
Will anyone volunteer to help him ?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

28-30 Hopewell A.P., Va. 1st Annual Va. Wings Fly-in (804) 541-3311

JUNE

1 Nags Head, N.C. Kitty Hawk Kites Anniversary Celebration (919) 441-4124.

2 UL Chapter 44 meeting. John Sheehan, AOPA ASF, speaker. WGL 7:30 P.M.

4-5 Winchester A.P. Va. EAA 186 Fly-in (703) 256-7873.

11-12 Bealton, Va. 1st Annual Flying Circus Aerodome UL Festival 960-2087
or 631-1537.

12-Ocean City A.P., Md. EAA 532 Fly-in.

18-19 Fredericksburg, Va. Shannon Antique Fly-in and Airshow (703) 373-4431.

24-26 Oshkosh, Wis. EAA National UL 83 Convention. (414) 425-4860.

25-26 Potomac Airpark, Hancock, Md. EAA#36 Fly-in. W.L.Green
Hagerstown, Md. 21740.

23-27 National Mall, Wash. D.C., Festival of American Folklife,

30-4 Folklife of Flight (Tentative).

JULY

7 UL Chapter 44 meeting. WGL, 7:30 P.M.

9 National Air and Space Museum, Festival of Flight (Bicentennial activity).

10 Cumberland, Md. EAA 426 Fly-in.

16-17 Frying Pan Park (Fairfax County) Chapter 44 asked to provide
UL static display and discussions.

24 Fredericksburg, Pa. EAA 390 Fly-in (717) 273-0411

30 31st Annual EAA Convention, Oshkosh, WI. (414) 425-4860. July 30- Aug. 6.

AUGUST

16 4th Anniversary of the 1st Transcontinental UL Crossing, Kitty
Hawk Kites, Nags Head, N.C. 919-441-4124.

SEPT.

1-5 Tullahoma, Tenn., Ole South Fly-in '83. 615-894-7957.

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Other publications of special interest to Ultralighters are:

" Glider Rider " P.O. Box 6009, Chattanooga, TN. 37401, \$15.00 / yr.
12 issues / year. Originally devoted to hang gliding and the first
magazine to have a regular section on powered hang gliders (now ultralights),
it is now filled with the latest information on the sport and business
of ultralights. Highest Recommendation.

" Ultralight Flyer " Box 98786, Tacoma, Wa. 98499. \$9.00 / year.
12 issues / year. Up and coming UL Newspaper, but lacks teeth, lots
of information, but too much hype.

" AOPA's Ultralight Pilot " P.O.Box 5800, Bethesda, MD. 20814.
Ultralight Publication of AOPA Ultralight Division. Membership (with
subscription) is \$ 28.50 / year 6 issues / year. Excellent quality,
informative and perhaps the most critical in its evaluations of UL's and
related products.

" Air Progress Ultralights " 7950 Deering Ave., Canoga Park, Ca. 91304.
\$7.99 / yr. 6 issues / yr. Peter Lert is almost a one man show but covers
an amazing amount of things in each issue. A good magazine and fun to
read (I think Peter has flown everything except the space shuttle).

" Ultralight Aircraft " 16200 Ventura Blvd., Encino, Ca. 91436.
\$16.95 / yr. 12 issues / yr. Lots of Glenn Brinks and duplication from
other UL magazines. Reprinted Glider Rider's UL Directory last year
(without permission, errors and all), uses lots of P. R. stuff from
manufacturers without acknowledging it. Do not believe everything
you read (and that applies to all the UL publications).

The above Critiques supplied by Bob Chapman who has never ever written
anything.



Jerry and his dad Milton Brown
with Jerry's award plaque from the F.A.I.
for recognition of his record flight
last year in their Quicksilver MX.

FOR SALE:

Striplan Flac, not quite completed. Suzuki 185cc engine with reduction.
Asking \$2500. Call Warren Eilertson (301) 292-3191.