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NEWSLETTER

" There shall be wings."

Leonardo da Vinci

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

General Information

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Monthly meetings are currently held the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Washington Gas Light Company's Springfield Operations Center--6801 Industrial Road, Edsall Industrial Park, Springfield, Virginia.

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

Maryland Ultralight Chapter 20 has extended an invitation to use their flying field which is located southeast of Poolesville, Maryland. In order to use the field you must have paid the field fee, acquired insurance and have had an operations briefing and a safety inspection. Call Kent Fixman (301) 530-5291.

Please note that all Virginia 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 .

Glascock Field at Arcola may be open to UL's for a monthly tie down fee.

EAA UL Chapter 44 is a fully chartered club of the Experimental Aircraft Association, which has almost 700 chapters world wide. Membership in the national EAA UL Association is available (and recommended) for \$25.00 year, which includes the "Ultralight" publication.

Members are encouraged to submit short items for inclusion in the newsletter. Responsibility for accuracy (and credits) rests entirely with the contributor. Deadline for all material including items for sale, trade or barter is the 15th of the month.

President's Corner

The First Annual "Fall" Ultralight Festival was held in Bealton, VA at the Flying Circus Aerodrome on September 25 and 26. Because of a scheduling problem notice of the competition was made at the last Chapter 44 meeting after the newsletter was published. An attempt was made to reach all members owning UL's but not everyone was reached. Even so, over a dozen UL's attended. Pat Derry in his Quicksilver MX took the top spot in the competitions on Saturday.

Everyone who flew or attended had a great time. Saturday evening was spent over beer and pizza bullroaring with each other and members of the Flying Circus (if you think we are crazy you should hear some of their stories). Sunday morning was more Fun-Flying and then a fly-by of 7 UL's during the air show.

The Flying Circus is planning to host another UL Festival next spring and would like more input from us, especially in the area of the competition tasks. I never thought that any kind of competition in an UL would appeal to me but it really turns out to be a very stimulating experience.

Special thanks to the people at the Flying Circus and our own Bob Pendleton for doing the grubby (non-flying) work.

Next Chapter Meeting: Thursday, 6th of October.
Time: 7:30 p.m.

In accordance with our chapter by-laws, the membership will be electing officers at the october meeting. -

THE FLIGHT LINE

Our congratulations to Jim Kelly for placing eighth out of a field of 36 competitors in the EAA Ultralight Grand Prix National Competitions held at Oshkosh this past June.

Jim flew a Star Flight TX 1000 in all events... Precision Landing, Air Drop, Pylon and Sky Rallye.

Accident Prevention

All Sunburst are grounded until the flying cables are replaced. Contact AOPA Air Safety Foundation for further information.

EAA UL Chapter 30 (Urbana, Ill.) reports a member fatality in an older model Weedhopper when a lift strut tang failed in flight. Weedhopper recommends replacement of older style aluminum tangs with stainless steel tangs.

Just received a report that all two-place Eagles are grounded until further notice.

ADVERTISEMENT

Rare opportunity to purchase a ready-to-fly 1983 Lazair Series III Ultralight. Kit built by A & P Aircraft mechanics for AOPA. This Lazair is featured in AOPA's UL Pilot magazine (Sept. 83). Standard features include twin 185 cc Rotax engines, wide landing gear with wheel pants and disc brakes, conventional stick and rudder pedal controls, Tedlar (UV resistant) covering with red trim. Total time about 25 hours. Meets all part 103 rules with ease. Kits list for \$5,400 plus \$250 shipping. This ready-to-fly Lazair will be offered in Glider Rider for \$6,250. A 10% discount on this Lazair only will be offered to any current Chapter 44 member (must be a paid up member prior to October 1, 1983). Contact Bob Chapman at 631-1537 for additional details.

CALENDAR

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| October 7 - 9 | Shenandoah Valley Fly-In
Shenandoah AP, Staunton, Va.
EAA Chapter 511, 703/943-2767
Virginia State-wide EAA Fly-In. |
| October 21 - 23 | Kinston, N. C. East Carolina \$5,000
UL Competition sponsored by National
Racing Association and Kitty Hawk Kites.
919/441-6094. |
| October 29 - 30 | Winchester, VA, AP EAA 186 Fly-In.
Contact Dave Maitland, Chapter 44.
703/752-2924 |
| November 21 | NASM, Washington, D.C. Albert Einstein
Spacearium. "A Celebration of Flight,"
a special multi-media presentation docu-
menting the past 200 years of flight (over
90 slide projections and several film
projections will be used!). Admission
fee will be charged. |
| December 17 - 18 | Wright Brothers Memorial Fly-In. Contact
Kitty Hawk Kites. 919/441-6094. |