



FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Len Alt, President

Greetings. Hope you are enjoying the warming weather and the lengthening days. I expect many of our club's fixed wing flyers will be attending the Sun 'n Fun Fly In April 4 – 10 in Lakeland, Florida. Recently several of our members attended, and flew at, the US National PPG Convention held from 23-27 March at the Fantasy of Flight Museum in Polk City, Florida. This is the premier flying convention for powered paragliders and provides a great opportunity for flying in the warm Florida climate, competitions, and interaction with the many vendors at the event. These events are an excellent way to get in some great flying, meet flyers from all over the country, and see the latest offerings from a wide variety of vendors.

Tom's renovation and enhancement of Warrenton Air Park continues to progress. Power has been run to the two new cloth hangers and plans are in place to complete the pole barn hanger. A large amount of brush has been cleared around the A-frame house. It looks beautiful.

Point of the Mountain is a world class paragliding site located in Slat Lake City, Utah. All USUA Club 1 members are invited to join the (now) annual pilgrimage to this outstanding site. Instruction and flying in the beautiful Salt Lake City area is planned from Monday through Friday the 14th to the 18th of August.

Our club's "Labor Day" was held on March 25th at Warrenton Air Park to help Tom with some of the work necessary to maintain the air park. A dozen stalwart club members worked to complete installation of a water diversion system that will keep both the cloth hangers and parts of the main runway dry. A large amount of brush and fallen trees was also cleared. Many thanks to all who came out and worked so hard.

Farewell and good luck to Dick Baker, who has moved his aircraft out of Warrenton Air Park on its way to its new home Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Fly smart. Fly safe.



ADVISORIES

March Meeting - Our March meeting was held in the Library/Media Center of the Centreville High School. Another group was holding a meeting in another part of the same room and their presentations made it difficult to hear our own speakers.

Dick Baker reported on the status of his new plane. It has been assembled, flown, and is ready for painting. He has been unable to find a paint shop here to do it soon so he will fly it to Atlanta for painting and then on to Chattanooga to its new home.

The Club Flying Leprechaun Library files have been moved from Larry Walker's hangar. They are in temporary storage in Tim Stormer's hangar until a new permanent location can be established.

Secretary Lew Clement reported that we have 60 '06 members. Twenty-nine '05 members have not re-upped as of the meeting. They have received their last Club roster and newsletter – until they become '06 members.

Treasurer Jim Birnbaum reported that, as of the end of February, our expenses for the month were \$15.24 and our income was \$133.00. Our current assets were \$4,978.88.

Larry Walker reported on the status of Whitman Strip with added information by Tom Richards.

Director of Safety and Training Jim Willess reminded everyone that scud running is a NO-NO! People get killed trying it and several have been killed that way recently. We had damage to a plane on landing last month. Watch your air speed and remember that there are sinkers at the approach end of Runway 04 at WAP.

Tom Richards announced that the main runway at the Air Park is mostly dry, with just a few muddy spots along the center line. Stay away from them. There will be a "Labor Day" at the Air park on March 25th, beginning at about 9 AM and lasting until mid-afternoon. He asked anyone who can help to join the party. Bring tools, chain saws, etc.

President Len Alt reported that there has been no response from the Flying Circus to his letter querying them as to their intent to invite Club 1 to join one of their Sunday air shows this year. We would like to know for scheduling purposes. Larry Walker and Chuck Tippett will be asked to follow up on this.

Len reminded all present that we still need an Events Coordinator to be the over-all coordinator for the year's Club activities. This member's responsibilities would be to assure that each individual

event had its own coordinator and to help individual activity coordinators arrange their event.

He reminded us that April's meeting would be at the Air Park on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 11 AM. Jim Birnbaum has volunteered to coordinate this event.

There has been a proposal put forth that the Club make a fly-out to Sky Bryce this year. If there is interest in doing so, please let Len know and of a proposed date. Who would be willing to coordinate this event?

We were reminded that the annual Ultralight Safety Seminar at Richmond Airport would be on March 18th. Some members discussed the feasibility of flying down.

There was also a reminder that the annual Father's Day at Footlight Ranch, the biggest fly-in in our region, is coming up before very long. The weekend of 16-18 June, to be exact. We hope many members plan to attend, whether you fly or drive up. If you do attend, stop by the Volunteer Desk and volunteer to help, as members of all of the other clubs attending do.

Larry Walker told us that he and Jerry Starbuck were building a powder coating oven. They are looking for an old kitchen stove oven that they could use to bake the sprayed-on powder coating.. He told us a little about the process.

Lew Clement proposed that it might be time that we, as a club, visited the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum at Dulles again. He suggested a Saturday, reminding us that it closes to the public at 5:30 PM and that the only charge for entry was \$12 per car, regardless of the number of occupants. Len asked Lew to recommend a date.

Jim Birnbaum reported on the status of his new plane.

As we were told at a past meeting, Dick Baker is moving to Chattanooga. We will, therefore, require a new Vice President. Dave Riedel nominated Tom Richards for that position. Those present voted him in by acclamation.

Jim Willess closed the meeting with a presentation on "Medical Factors", knowledge needed for the Sport Pilot Exam.

A VISIT TO THE WARRENTON AIR PARK

Lew Clement

I hadn't been to the Air Park since last fall, for the last Club event we had there, until today, when I drove down to document the Work party. I hangar my plane at Warrenton-Fauquier so, despite trips there over the winter months, there had been none to the Air Park.

For those of you old timers who may not have visited the Air Park since last year and those of you who are new to our Club and never saw how the Air Park used to look, these comments may be revealing.

When I drove down Green Meadows Road to the right turn into the Air Park, I was looking for the slot in the bushes through which we enter the drive into the field. What I found instead was this wide open area with a sweeping drive through it. What was going on here?



As I entered this strange drive, I glanced to the right. In the past, there was nothing but more brush and, if one looked carefully, at the end of a drive in that direction, you might get a glimpse of a cottage shrouded by trees and bushes. Now, there it was – the cottage – clearly visible under some taller trees.



Driving through the gateway to the Air Park itself, now less shrouded in bushes, I noticed, in the field on the right, a huge mound of shrubbery cleared from along the roadway. And, looking to the left, I noticed I could see through the trees along the roadway and see the fields beyond them. And, looking further, I could see a house – one of the neighbors we knew existed but could never see before.



Arriving at the circular drive around the tall center tree, I could see the Club House (or Tom's residence, now) clearly, my vision of it no longer blocked by the hedge row through we had to pass to reach the house.

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I parked my car, got out and looked around. In all directions I could see further, my vision no longer impeded by undergrowth and shrubbery.



shrubs and bushes connecting them and blocking one's view.



I could see across the main runway toward the two new storage buildings there and see the work crew actively engaged near them. After walking across the runway, I saw that they were engaged in digging a drainage ditch and laying flexible hose in it. I remember Tom telling us how he planned to draw some of the moisture away from the southern end of the field.

I walked to where they were working, and turned and looked back across the field. I was amazed how open everything appeared. There were clumps of trees but no longer were there the long rows of





Tom Richards and his helpers have certainly been busy over the late fall and winter. Everywhere one looks, the view has been improved. These photographs give one a mere sample of the improvements that he has made. From all of Club 1, thank you, Tom!

CLASSIFIEDS

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PARTNERS WANTED - for Airborne Edge X with Streak Wing. Aircraft currently hangared at OMH (Orange County), to be moved to me hangar at 8W8 (Hartwood) or elsewhere if partners desire. Will consider 2,3 or more partners. I have never flown this aircraft but have taxied it and the wing is almost new (220 hrs). Contact Martin Walker - 703-599-7448 or <martinwalker1@msn.com>. (1/06)

1994 CHALLENGER, 40hp rotax with only 200hours on the plane and engine for sale. always hangared, no damage 1200ft per min climb, stalls at

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35mph, off the ground in less than 200 feet. Too many planes in my hanger one has to go. For more info call Jim 957-2775 (3/06)

KOLB FIRESTAR KXP - Rotax 503DCDI. Running strong and exercised mostly every weekend with recent overhaul maintenance (plugs, filters, etc.) Uses Pennzoil oil. "F-16" cockpit enclosure w/VFR instruments recently inspected, maintained and calibrated, including hand-held radio mount bracket. Two 5 gal. fuel tanks with fuel gauge w/independent fuel filters w/fuel selector switch. Hand brakes. All Poly coverings are in like new condition (minor 3" hangar rash on one wing). Second Chanz parachute needs inspection and possible repacking. Excellent flier. Price \$9,500. Custom trailer w/tail boom support \$2,000. Package: \$11,000. All offers are welcome. Located at Warrenton Airpark, VA. Ralph Kew, H - 703-802-3231, Cell 202-437-1580. (3/06)

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WANTED: Oven needed for Powder Coating. Need an electrical oven (bigger the better) that could be used for curing Powder Coating. Will pickup. Larry Walker and Jerry Starbuck. 540 347 7609. (2/06)

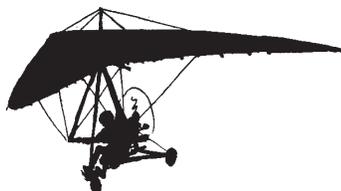
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2005 FLYING CLUB 1 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Designated Club meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month in the Centreville High School, Union Mill Rd., Centreville, VA, at 7:30 PM. Others will be held at the Warrenton Airpark as indicated

Apr 4-10	Sun'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
Apr 8	[Sat] Monthly mtg, Warrenton Air Park (WAP)
May 6	[Sat] Monthly mtg, WAP
May 7	[Sun] Club 6 Spring Fly-in, New Quarter Farm (NQF)
May 20	[Sat] Club 250 Spring Fly-in, Holly Springs (HS)
Jun 1	[Thur] Monthly mtg, CVHS
Jun 4	[Sun] Club 1 Memorial Fly-in, WAP
Jun 11	[Sun] Club 6 Area Comp, NQF
Jun 16-18	[Fri-Sun] Fathers Day Fly-in, Footlight Ranch
Jun 25	[Sun] Club 1 Poker Run, WAP
Jul 8	[Sat] Monthly mtg & family picnic, WAP
Aug 5	[Sat] Monthly mtg, WAP
Aug 13	[Sun] Club 6 Fly-in, NQF
Sep 9	[Sat] Monthly mtg, WAP
Sep 16	[Sat] Club 1 Fly-out to (TBA)
Sep 24	[Sun] Club 6 Fall Fly-in, NQF
Oct 5	[Thur] Monthly mtg, CVHS
Oct 7	[Sat] Club 1 Fall Fly-in, WAP
Oct 14	[Sat] Club 250 Fall Fly-in, HS
Oct 15	[Sun] Club 1 Color Run
Nov 2	[Thur] Monthly mtg, CVHS
Dec 2	[Sat] Club 1 Monthly mtg/ Holiday Party

Additions and deletions to this schedule will be made as other club schedules become known and as the Club 1 schedule is adjusted. Changes will be published in this newsletter and on the Club web site.



POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, 2006

Blue Ridge Paragliding, and many of its USUA Club 1 members, plan to travel again to the Point of the Mountain, in Salt Lake City, Utah for some free flight training and flying August 13-19 2006. This is the annual pilgrimage into the world of free-flight flying (no motor). The Point is one of the premier free-flight sites in the United States. Pilots from around the world come to experience the “magical” laminar air. The knowledgeable folks at Cloud 9 Soaring Center will be our host, providing daily group lessons. This will be an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in paragliding to experience the thrill of free-flight. Outstanding professional training will be available to persons with no previous paragliding experience — an excellent opportunity for fixed wing pilots to explore the dark side. Day trips are also planned to Park City, Sundance Film Institute, and Snowbird Ski Resort.





USUA FLYING CLUB 1

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