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FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Len Alt, President

Greetings. The Airman Swing Dance & Fly In was a tremendous success! Over one hundred club members, family, and guests enjoyed a varied day of flying, dancing, socializing, and dining. Even the weather, which looked uncertain on Friday cooperated and a full day of flying was enjoyed, including an entertaining PPG skills competition in the afternoon. Jerry Starbuck is congratulated on his superb planning and execution of this complex event. Veteran PPG flyers from neighboring states commented that this was the best fly in they have attended.

In addition to the skills competition, food and swing dance, the airfield hosted a static display featuring a few of our club members' airplanes. The field was immaculate and truly looked world-class (thanks Dave). Our club members also demonstrated why we are the classiest USUA club around. Pete, Jim B., and Phil volunteered to take on the grueling task of freeing the PPG wing a Dukes of Windsor club member had carefully landed in several trees. It certainly was an arduous task. Jerry also arranged for the arrival of a Stearman biplane. The particular aircraft that attended the fly in was used by the US Army to train pilots for WWII. It was an honor and privileged to see such a beautiful aircraft so up close and personal – a living piece of history from the defining moment of the Greatest Generation.

Thanks again to Jerry and to the club members who contributed their time and energy to assist.

The 9th US National Microlight Championships is coming up soon. To keep us all informed USUA has created a new webpage that will house all related information and documents. Please take the time to visit <http://www.usua.org/Competition/2006/> and keep up to date. While you are there, down load the Classic Classes Task Catalog, and see what the competitors will be doing.

Due to the bad weather forecast for last Sunday our annual Poker Run has been postponed to Saturday, July 8th, 2006. The flight briefing for fixed wing pilots will start at 8:30 A.M. I hope all club members will plan to fly on Saturday morning in the Poker Run. On Saturday, after the Poker Run, we will hold our monthly club meeting at 11:30 A.M. to include one of our most important club events, our traditional Memorial to members no longer with us. This has always been a special gathering for the club, and I encourage you to join us for this tribute. After that we'll host a cookout for club members and family. Please plan to come out and fly.

Fly smart. Fly safe.



Stearman WWII Trainer at WAP.

ADVISORIES

June Meeting - President Len Alt opened the meeting back at the Centreville High School Media Center/Library by asking if we had any new members since the last meeting. We had one response – Tom Butler. Welcome, Tom!

In response to the question as to who is building something new, Phil Williams announced that he wasn't building but he had a new plane – Lew Clement had just sold him his RANS S-6ES.

Our Secretary reported no new members up to the beginning of the meeting, still 66 '06 members. However, all but three members now receive their newsletter via e-mail, leaving only three who receive it via US Post, thereby saving the Club a bundle of money.

Lew reminded the long-time members of the Club money-making efforts a while back during which we sold some pens and knives to the members. He proposed a new effort with new style pens and knives. Jim Birnbaum moved that the Club authorize Lew to buy 50 of each for the Club. The Club would sell them for \$5 each and earn slightly less than \$100 on each article.

Out Treasurer reported that our current balance as of the end of May was \$5,006.18, with an income of \$41.00 and expenses of \$82.58 during May.

Lew reminded all present that records the proceedings of each meeting. When he plays back the recording, if he can't hear what was said either because the speaker is talking to softly or not clearly, it is possible that what a person said may not get reported. So, **SPEAK UP WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY FOR THE RECORD!**

Jim Willess reported a sport plane accident at Culpeper recently. No injuries were reported.

In response to a question regarding the use of gasoline containing ethanol in our engines, Jim stated that its presence in fuel will cause damage to some washers, O-rings, seals and to fiber glass tanks. It just depends upon what material those items are made of since some materials are not affected.

Jerry Starbuck reported that arrangements have been made so that qualified PPG fliers may now obtain insurance through USUA. A big move in the right direction!

He then mentioned that a short route has been planned for our PPG fliers during the upcoming Poker Run, as we did last year.

Greg Palmer has volunteered to be our Poker Run manager this year.

Len added that the Poker Run will be held on Sunday, June 25th at the Air Park with our annual Memorial observance following. And all of this will be following the Saturday activities which will include: airplane rides in open cockpit biplanes, an Airman Swing Dance, a scrumptious Red, White & Blue BBQ, and a big bonfire, weather permitting. Jerry is preparing.

Jerry Starbuck discussed the details of the Saturday night event, asking for volunteers from among Club members to help with the many details to pull off an event like this.

There followed a discussion of the recommendation that we place "X's" at either end of the southern east-west runway commonly used by our PPG members to keep visiting fixed wing pilots away from it. It was finally decided that, instead of "X's", we should use "R's" for Restricted, since legally even the PPG fliers couldn't use it if it were closed.

Larry Walker announced that the Club's *Flying Leprechaun* Library is now in the Club House and open.

Tom Richards reported details of progress and planned efforts in improvement of the Air Park. Major progress has been made and his efforts continue. He announced that there is now an ice-making machine on the porch of the Club House, accessible to all.

Len reiterated his call for volunteers to help with scheduled Club events through the rest of the year.

He closed the meeting with a reminder that the big event of Region 2 was coming up shortly, Fathers Day at Footlight Ranch, on June 16-18. [See the report on that event elsewhere in this newsletter.]



The Eight Week Wonders performing at the Airman Swing Dance
Warrenton Air Park
June 24, 2006

WHITMAN STRIP IS SOLD TO CHARLIE MAPLES

Tom Richards

In April, following a valiant but unsuccessful attempt by Jackie George to get the airport operators permit renewed by the county, a deal was made to sell Whitman Strip. Charles Maples, purchased the 155-acre parcel which contains the airstrip, hangars and old house – all on the north side of Sowego road. Charlie is a long-time friend of the Whitmans and aircraft owner (Beech Staggerwing and Cub – both based at Culpepper). Part of the deal involves the old house and a 5-acre lot on which it stands being returned to Whitman after some improvements are made.

Charlie's intent is to keep the airstrip in operation, but limited to General Aviation aircraft only while he makes some improvements in the hangar configuration and responds to certain other concerns expressed by the county board of supervisors. Apparently, the county had received a number of complaints about ultralights flying too low and too frequently over nearby homes. Notably, the chairman of the board of supervisors owns a horse farm less than a mile from the airstrip. In recognition of this concern, Charlie asked all ultralight owners to move out and all have complied as of early June – one exception is the Pioneer Flightstar mentioned in another article. Charlie actually likes ultralights, having begun flying as an ultralight pilot at Whitman some 25 years ago.

His long range plan is to establish a residence/airport (similar to Dogwood) having received permission from the county to subdivide 8 building lots that will adjoin the airstrip. His planning horizon for that is two years. As a gesture of friendship and support for ultralights, he has donated the materials from the 40x40-foot metal hangar to Warrenton Airpark, with the understanding that it will be re-erected there, providing shelter for a at least 2 ultralights. This hangar has been disassembled and moved to the Airpark by Club1 volunteers over the past 2 months but as yet not re-erected. 6 ultralights and one experimental have moved to the Airpark – mainly to the white cloth hangars. Most of the others have moved to Hartwood. Although he would like to establish an "ultralight corridor" in and out of Whitman (will he change the name?), for now, Charlie requests that ultralights not land or fly near Whitman (it is, after all, partially in the ADIZ). Incidentally, 86-year-old Mr. Whitman remains actively



"The Staff"

Jerry Starbuck, Len Alt, Kim Alt, Dave Riedel



Strike!



The Eight Week Wonders Performing

involved, serving as advisor and assistant to Charlie in making improvements to the property – you will see him there frequently – acting as though he still owns the place. Good for him, and good for Charlie!



Charles Maples landing his retractable-gear Staggerwing 4-place biplane at the Airpark - over the trees no less!

17th ANNUAL FATHERS DAY AT FOOTLIGHT RANCH

Lew Clement

Some may question my memory but it seems to me that it has been several years since we have had such good weather over Fathers Day weekend as we enjoyed at Footlight Ranch this year.

Jim Heidish and I drove up and, by the time we arrived mid-morning on Saturday, the near side of the runway was already almost totally filled with fixed wing and soft wing aircraft, trailers, motor homes and house trailers. It wasn't long until that side was totally filled and planes were parking on the far side, as well. That puts the number of flying machines at well over 100.

We didn't stay for dinner so cannot report on how many stayed for the outstanding dinner that would have been prepared for Saturday evening by John Shreve and his family.

USUA and Club 20 had their usual tables in the Registration tent and there was a steady stream of traffic visiting both.

While I was there, Club 1 was represented by Jim Willess, Phil Williams, Jim Heidish and me. Jim Willess and Phil flew up in my old plane, the RANS S-6ES that I called "Eagle". Modestly, I believe it was the best looking plane there!



In the Registration Tent at Footlight Ranch
L-R: Dale Hooper, USUA EVP, Jim Heidish, Phil Williams, Jim Willess.



The near side of the runway, Shreveport North, Footlight Ranch, June 17, 2006



The far side of the runway.



“Eagle” arrives with Phil Williams and Jim Willess aboard.



Our Favorite Lunch Wagon

A SMOOTH FLIGHT

Kim Alt

Even though the sky looked fairly threatening and ominous throughout the day, Saturday morning proved to be an excellent time to enjoy a leisurely jaunt in the air. The air was “as smooth as a cat’s butt” as was eloquently put by one of our club members. I had the pleasure to fly in the Challenger with Tom Butler that morning. It was indeed a smooth ride. Despite the haze and humidity, the temperature couldn’t have been better. We rose above the bustling field as PPG and fixed wing pilots began to take to the air and partake in the beautiful conditions. We flew past Route 29 and glanced down at the swarming cars with nothing but a vacant sky ahead of us. The gorgeous country homes and horse farms served as an appropriate juxtaposition to the infamous Northern Virginia traffic. Thanks to the recent torrent of rain from the previous evening, the open fields between the colonial dwellings were a brilliant emerald green. We rambled about the towering trees and lush foliage, freckled with turquoise pools and ponds. Unfortunately, the spellbinding voyage was brought to its inevitable conclusion. Tom effortlessly landed the Challenger as smoothly as a feather floating to the ground. We taxied back to the frenzied action at the runway intersection where preparations for the fly-in continued. It was the perfect beginning to an extraordinary event. Thanks, Tom, for the incredible flight!



A Beautiful Visitor, a Fairchild 24 (UC-61)



The eastern end of the runway with the Registration Tent in right fg, and the lunch wagon further along.

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Probably the oldest ultralight at Footlight Ranch on Saturday, June 17, 2006



One of the newer homebuilts at Footlight Ranch.



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 shown in the 2005 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website indicated

- Jul 8** [Sat] **Poker Run, Memorial Observance, Monthly mtg & family picnic, WAP**
- Aug 5** [Sat] **Monthly mtg, WAP**
- Aug 13** [Sun] **Club 6 Fly-in, New Quarter Farm, VA.**
- 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 ont the Club website.

USUA FLYING CLUB 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The United States Ultralight Association's Flying Club 1 is a non-profit, recreational club dedicated to the sport of ultralight and light aircraft flying.

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ANNUAL DUES (Jan 1 - Dec 31) : \$20.00. (Includes newsletter) After July 1, dues for remainder of year are \$10.00. Family membership: \$25.00 (husband and wife). (A spouse who wishes to participate will please complete a membership application form.)

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION (without membership) is available at \$10.00 per year to those for whom membership is impractical because of location or other inability to participate in Club activities.

CLUB 1 WEB SITE: <http://usuclub1.org>. Note the change of the web site. Flying Club 1 now has an officially registered name on the Internet.

MEETINGS are at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month at locations as announced in the Club newsletter and on the Club web site. (Times and days may vary. Check the newsletter and/or web site.)

SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER: Members and non-members are encouraged to submit items for this newsletter. Send submissions to Lew Clement, 46917 Grissom St, Sterling, VA 20165. E-mail or fax as shown to the left. Deadline for receipt of submissions is 10 days before each meeting.

Ads will be run twice and then dropped unless resubmitted or renewed by phone. Advise editor when item is sold.

A club is only as good as the members who support it. The following listed activities within the club require member support in varying amounts. Please indicate on your membership application the function(s) (can be more than one) you will support as a Club member. All active Club members are expected to participate. However, members who live some distance away and cannot attend meetings regularly may prefer to support functions associated with Club fly-ins.

Club Management/Administration: Club Officers (elected, Directors and Staff Officers. (Talk to current officers for more details.) Fly-ins: Food supply, preparation; Facilities, Grounds; Ground Support. X-country and outside events: ground support; Safety & Education: Flight Safety & Training, New Member Mentoring, Library, Monthly Program Development; Communications: Membership, Newsletter, Web Site; Fund Raising: 50/50 raffle; Miscellaneous: Meeting Facilities, Property Management, Tool Custodian, Clothing Sales, Ad Hoc Committees.

Starred Items on Membership Application Must Be Completed.

FLYING CLUB 1 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2006

All members are encouraged to provide an e-mail address to the Club. It is our best means for fast communications with a large number of Club members in minimum time.

We welcome you to USUA Flying Club 1 and hope your membership will be rewarding to you in flying and fellowship.

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Flying Hours: Dual UL _____ Single UL _____ Conventional _____

*Club Activities or Services For Which You Volunteer _____

(NOTE: References to Ultralight aircraft above include Ultralight-type aircraft). Starred items must be completed. Mail application to the Club 1 Treasurer, Jim Birnbaum, 8570 King Carter St., Manassas, VA 22110, accompanied by dues for regular (\$20) or family (\$25) membership for a full year or \$10 and \$12 for a half year (July 1 or after). NOTE: Information from this application will be included in the Club 1's membership roster intended for internal use only. (Roster ___ E-mail ___ USMail ___ Name Tag ___)

USUA FLYING CLUB 1

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