



FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Len Alt, President

This past month saw the untimely passing of a great friend. Woody Wood left us too soon. We keep Woody and his family in our thoughts.

Woody's flying friends from USUA Flying Club 1 were well represented at his memorial gathering in Warrenton on April 24th. The family asked Tom Richards to speak on behalf of Woody's flying fraternity. Tom's presentation was a moving tribute to Woody, his ever present drive to contribute to others, and to the passion for flight we all share.

Woody's sons and daughters-in-law visited Warrenton Air Park two days after the accident to personally view the accident scene and the remains of the aircraft. Other members of the family also visited the air park. Although a difficult process, it provided a beneficial form of closure for them.

As a flying club I trust we will together get through the grieving at the loss of our friend, and redouble our collective efforts to keep each other safe. Our Safety and Training Director, Dave Riedel, has been in contact with the FAA and NTSB and provided a series of photos he took to them for their use. We have at this point heard nothing official regarding the cause of the accident. We will keep you informed as we learn more.



PPC Over WAP

We had another highly successful work party this month. Among other tasks the crew completed repair to the hanger door servicing Jim Birnbaum's hanger. See the article in this newsletter. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and efforts.

Please join us for our May meeting at Warrenton Air Park this coming Saturday, May 3rd. The meeting will start at 11:00 A.M., followed by our club cookout, with flying before and after. Hope to see you there.

Fly smart. Fly safe.

Skull Sez ... FROM THE CLUB 1 SAFETY HANGAR

First I'd like to express my deepest sympathy to Woody's family, friends, and especially to the Club members who knew him well. We were all better for knowing Woody and we can honor him by trying to emulate his giving and "big heart" in all that we do. We have all lost a good friend and pilot. Woody is flying higher now with our former Club mates that have gone before us.

The accident is still under investigation by the FAA and NTSB. The FAA released the mishap aircraft to the Club to move it from the crash site to safe storage in a hangar. The aircraft has NOT been released yet and still needs to remain untouched for the NTSB investigation. For that reason, I ask that you do not go into the hangar and touch any of the wreckage, nor take unauthorized people in to look at it. Please help us help the FAA and NTSB conduct a thorough and complete investigation. Once the investigation is complete I have been promised a copy of the report and findings from the FAA and the Highway Patrol. We need to know what happened so that we can prevent another accident from happening for the same causal factors.

Losing a friend suddenly, especially in an aircraft accident is difficult and is handled differently

by each individual. For those that have been in the Club for at least 5 years, we have lost 5 friends in 5 years. A tough situation for anyone. I tried to find some information about helping to cope with the sudden loss of a friend to an aircraft accident. The following is from the Red Cross. It is not exactly tied to a mishap like we had, but it brings out some good points. The most important information that I have been able to find is that if you are having challenges, ask for help.

The American Red Cross

COPING WITH THE AFTERMATH OF AN AVIATION DISASTER

People have lost loved ones, and many more have shared their sense of loss and the horror that resulted from this aviation disaster. You are living through experiences that are emotionally traumatic. They would challenge anyone's ability to cope.

Below are some reactions common to people who experience traumatic stress. Although these thoughts, feelings, and actions can be very upsetting, it is important to remember that they are normal reactions to an abnormal and very stressful situation.

Thoughts

- Recurring dreams or nightmares about the crash.
- Reconstructing the events surrounding the crash or the crash scene in your mind, in an effort to make it come out differently.
- Difficulty concentrating or remembering things.
- Questioning your spiritual or religious beliefs.
- Repeated thoughts or memories of loved ones that have died, or of the crash or crash scene which are hard to stop.

Feelings

- Feeling numb, withdrawn, or disconnected.
- Feeling frightened or anxious when things like the sound of a jet or particular smells remind you of the crash.
- Feeling a lack of involvement or enjoyment in everyday activities.
- Feeling depressed, blue, or down much of the time.
- Feeling bursts of anger, or intense irritability.
- Feeling a sense of emptiness or hopelessness about the future.

Behaviors

- Being overprotective of your and your family's safety.
- Isolating yourself from others.
- Becoming very alert at times, and startling easily.
- Having problems getting to sleep or staying asleep.
- Avoiding activities that remind you of the crash or crash scene; avoiding places or people that bring back memories.
- Having increased conflict with family members.
- Keeping excessively busy to avoid thinking about the crash and what has happened to you.
- Being tearful or crying for no apparent reason.

Coping

Healing and recovering from the emotional effects of the crash will take a long time. When you can, allow yourself to feel sadness and grief over what has happened. Talking to others about how you are feeling is important. Try to keep in place family routines such as regular meal times and other family

rituals. These will help you to feel as though your life has some sense of order.

Upsetting times can cause people to drink alcohol or to use drugs in a way that causes other problems. Try to cope with your stress without increasing your use of alcohol and drugs. Alcohol and drugs won't help in the long run. Healthy practices such as eating well and getting enough sleep are especially important in times of high stress. Forgive yourself and others when you act out because you are stressed. This is a difficult time, and everyone's emotions are closer to the surface. But also be certain that your stress does not become an excuse for child abuse or spouse abuse. Don't let yourself become isolated. Maintain connections with your community friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or church members. Talk about your experiences with them.

When to Seek Professional Assistance

A few general guidelines may be useful in deciding when normal reactions to disaster become problems requiring assistance:

1. When disturbing behaviors or emotions last more than four to six weeks;
2. When a person's behaviors or emotions make it difficult to function normally (including functioning at work, in the family, or at school); or
3. Anytime an individual feels concerned about his or her behaviors or emotions.

I hope this helped. Good preflight; plan your flight and fly your plan; think through your emergency procedures and good postflight. Enjoy what we all love to do and I'll see you around the Airpark.

Fly safe,
'Skull'
Dave Riedel

Work Party

By Len Alt

This month's work party was a somber affair. The group's initial task was removal of Woody Wood's aircraft to one of Tom's hangers. After this was completed four members of Woody's family arrived at the air field and were escorted to the accident location and then to view the aircraft. They were appreciative of the opportunity to see these things for themselves.

After lunch provided by Tom, the group assisted Jim Birnbaum with the removal of his hanger door that had been damaged by high winds. The roller system was replaced and the door re-hung.

Thanks to Jim, Bob Eaheart, Paul Esch, Larry Walker, Jackie George, Joe Bender, Chuck Tippett, and Tom Richards.



Motley Crew

MEETING MINUTES

USUA Flying Club 1
April Meeting
Saturday April 5, 2008
Warrenton Airpark
Cedar Park Picnic Area

President **Len Alt** opened the meeting at 11:05 AM, 12 members were present (20 total).

Steve Hacket (sp?) was introduced as a new member.

Flying Club 1 has two instructors operating out of WAP:

Chuck Tippett – Light Sport & Fixed Wing ultra-light

Mike O'Daniel – PPG

J.D. Ingram is an active A & P (AI) working part-time (week-ends) at WAP.

Non-hanger pilots using WAP are asked to submit \$100 to Tom Richards (owner of WAP) for airport maintenance. (Check payable to Warrenton Airpark)

Officer's reports:

Secretary:

Jim T. Hill – The Minutes published in the April 2008 News-Letter were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer:

Jim Birnbaum – Income (\$198) exceeded Expenses (\$60) by \$128. Club checkbook balance (04/01/08) is \$3,350.08. March 2008 Treasurer's Report attached.

Vice President: - Not present

Safety & Training Director:

Dave Riedel – Several events provide safety training including; LSA Repairman Inspection course at New Kent (3/31-4/1) Jim Hill attended, AOPA Safety Seminar (Wednesday, April 2) and Sun N Fun next week (April 4 – 13). Revised Ultra Light & PPC Information documents have been revised and will be placed in the Club 1 library (Club House). Dave has drafted Flight Rules

(Course Rules) for Warrenton Airpark (WAP) which was distributed to the Board for review. This document will be presented at the May meeting. The basic safety activity is **See and Avoid**. Future meetings to include discussion of: PPC/Trikes and Experimental.

Membership Director: Not present: however e-mail contact has been made.

Activities at WAP:

Tom Richards – There was a Work Party two weeks ago, 6 or 7 were present including most of the members of the Board. Clean-up of some of the damage to the far hanger and purling was installed on part of the near hanger (lunch was provided by Tom). Additional work (purling) was offered after the meeting closes. Tom hopes to have the footings & floor poured with-in a few weeks (near hanger) with new design for the south end of new hanger in order to accommodate Trikes. Plans are made to start the last hanger

Members At Large:

Jerry Starbuck - Not present
Larry Walker – Present.

New Business:

- Fly-In is scheduled for Father's Day week-end at Light Foot Ranch (not Club #1 event)
- Other "Events" Schedule 2008 (See News-Letter)
- **Len Alt** – The May meeting will be Saturday, May 3rd, 11:00 AM at WAP, Pete Bastien will host this meeting. Future meetings will continue at WAP until inclement weather prevents meeting there (October).
- **Jim Birnbaum** – The Memorial Fly-In will be Saturday, June 7th, (rain date - Sunday, June 8th). Details and Coordinators for the Memorial Fly-In will be released later this month. Jim will prepare and distribute a Flying Club 1 activities calendar in early April.

Review of Flight Characteristics of GA fixed wing aircraft – **Larry Walker**

Most of the GA aircraft operated out of WAP are 2 or 4 place relatively low powered aircraft however they are moving at considerable faster than soft wing or ultra light aircraft. General Characteristics are:

1. Stall speed 50 -60 mph
2. Take-Off speed 60 – 70 mph
3. Climb (and Pattern) speed 70 – 80 mph
4. Pattern Altitude is 1000 feet (above surface)
5. Most Important – Most GA aircraft will **NOT** climb when on final (with flaps) exception is Tom's higher powered Maule.

GA should always overfly WAP prior to entering the pattern to check for on-ground movement.

Len Alt - President adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM to the grill (hot dogs, hamburgers & salmon patties), thanks to Janet Richards.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim T. Hill

ACTIVITIES

2008 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 11:00 AM at the Warrenton Airpark as shown in the 2008 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

2008 Club Activities Schedule

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| Jan 3, Thu | Monthly Meeting, CHS |
| Feb 7, Thu | Monthly Meeting, CHS |
| Mar 6, Thu | Monthly Meeting, CHS |
| Apr 5, Sat | Monthly Meeting, WAP |
| May 3, Sat | Monthly Meeting, WAP |
| Jun 7, Sat | Memorial Fly-In & Monthly Meeting, WAP |
| Jun 21, Sat | Club 1 Poker Run, WAP |
| Jul 12, Sat | Monthly Meeting & Summer BBQ, WAP |
| Aug 2, Sat | Monthly Meeting, WAP |
| Sep 6, Sat | Monthly Meeting, WAP |
| Sep 13, Sat | Club 1 Fly-Out, WAP |
| Oct 4, Sat | Monthly Meeting & Club 1 Fall Fly-In, WAP |
| Oct 11, Sat | Color Run Fly-In, WAP |
| Nov 6, Thu | Monthly Meeting, CHS |
| Dec 6, Sat | Monthly Meeting & Holiday Party, TBD |

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Ads will be run twice and then dropped unless resubmitted, or renewed by telephone or e-mail.

Please advise the editor when the ad is no longer needed.

FOR SALE -- Brand new and unused Blackhawk one-piece flying suit in red and black. Size Medium. **\$40.**
Inquiries: Bob Bell
(W) 540-351-1081 or (C) 703-943-7129
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1952 PIPER TRIPACER — Project. Airframe and engine with less than 800 hours since new. Fuselage and one wing have been recovered. Other wing needs cover. Needs paint job. Engine needs assembly. Asking \$ 12,000.

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Inquiries: Ralph E. Kew via e-mail at
REKP1@MSN.com (08/07)

TRAINING -- Powered paragliding instruction, motor and wing sales.

I will be based out of Jerry Starbuck's hanger space.

Inquiries: Michael O'Daniel
540-270-8855
onegooddoc@starpower.net
poweredparaglidingusa.com (04/08)

Membership Due's Policy

The period of membership follows the calendar year
– January through December.

The renewal period starts on 1 October with regular dues at \$20.00 and family at \$25.00. Members who have not paid their dues by the end of February will be dropped and will not receive the Newsletter or Membership Roster.

New Members joining from 1 July through 30 September will be charged \$10.00. New members joining after 1 October will be charged \$20.00 or the family rate, if applicable, and will be credited will full membership for the following calendar year.

Please mail payments to USUA Flying Club 1, 8570 King Carter Street, Manassas, VA 20110. Payment can also be made at the regular monthly meeting. Please include the 2008 Membership Application form with your payment. This will be used to ensure that our records are current. A copy of the membership application is attached and also printed at the end of the Newsletter.

Jim Birnbaum
USUA Flying Club 1
Treasurer

FLYING CLUB 1 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2008

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.

*Name: _____ New _ Renewal _ Regular __ Family__ Membership

*Street or PO Box: _____

*City: _____ State _____ ZIP

*Telephone(H) _____ Telephone (W) _____

*Spouse's Name _____ *Name To Go On Your Name Tag _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

To Receive Your Newsletter By E-mail, Enter Your E-mail Address:

*USUA Member: Yes__ No __ If yes, enter member number: _____ USUA Pilot: Yes__ No__

*UL Registration # _____ *Aircraft Liability Insurance _____

Type Aircraft Cessna 150 _____ Stored/Flown from Warenton Air Park

Other Ultralights (Owned or flown) _____

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 must be completed. Mail application to the Club 1 Treasurer, Jim Birnbaum, 8570 King Carter St., Manassas, VA 20110, accompanied by dues for regular (\$20) or Family (\$25) membership for a full year or \$10 and \$12 (Family) for the period 1 July through 30 September. Payments after 1 October should be for the full rate and the member will be credited with membership for the following calendar year. NOTE: Information from this application will be included in the Club 1's membership roster intended for internal use only. (*Roster__E-mail__USMaiI__Name Tag____).

To join USUA Flying Club #1, fill out the forms on the reverse side. To join the national USUA, fill out the form below: (Canadian and non-US membership add \$5.00)

**Jim Birnbaum
8570 King Carter Street
Manassas, VA 20110-4888**

____ **\$30.00** U.S. Ultralight Association annual membership does not include magazine subscriptions. All publications are optional, and are available to USUA members at the discounted prices below. A current USUA membership is required to take advantage of these discounts. Subscribe to your choice when you renew your membership.

- Ultralight Magazine - \$24.95**
- Light Sport and Ultralight Flying - \$34.95**
- KITPLANES Magazine - \$19.95**
- Air & Space - \$19.00**

____ Enclosed is \$2.00 for work in ultralight safety by USUA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Enclosed is my Check _____ Money Order _____
Visa _____ Mastercard _____

**United States Ultralight Association
104 Carlisle Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325**

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 sport aircraft flying.

2007-2008 CLUB OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & STAFF

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Terms of office: +2007-08 *2008-09

ANNUAL DUES (Jan 1 - Dec 31) \$20.00. (Includes newsletter.) Family membership: \$25.00. 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 \$10.00 per year.

CLUB WEB SITE: <http://usuaclub1.org>. Note the change in 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 announced in the Club newsletter and on the Club web site. (Times and days may vary. check the newsletter and/or the web site.)

SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER Members and non-members are encouraged to submit items for this newsletter. Send submissions to Kim Alt, 13102 Mares Neck Lane, Herndon, VA 20171. E-mail is shown at left. Deadline for entry of items into the newsletter is 10 days before each meeting.

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

A club is only as good as the members who volunteer to support its activities. The following listed activities with 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 wek-end activities.

Club Management/Administration: Club Officers (elected, Directors and Staff). (Talk to current officer for more detail.) Fly-ins: Food supply, preparation; Facilities; Grounds; Ground Support. X-country & 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, Clothing Sales, Tool Custodian, Ad Hoc Committees.