



FROM THE FRONT SEAT

Steve Beste, President

Sky Divers now at the Airpark. Those of you who attended the May 1st meeting met Chris Whitley and his team from www.skydivecapitolcity.com. They are a commercial sky-diving outfit now operating at the Warrenton Airpark. Please welcome them. Their main offering is tandem sky dives to people new to the sport. I expect that their operation will introduce a lot of new people to the pleasures of recreational aviation. Some will love sky diving, and some will want something a little more exciting, like PPGs. So please make them all welcome. This is Chris Whitley, the man in charge.

They have been operating at the Airpark for a month now and have made about 60 jumps – as many as 10 in one day. The net effect is that there is now increased activity when they are operating (usually five days a week). Since they operate in the middle of the day (approximately 10 to 4) there is normally very little competition with the PPGs for runway space. The Cessna 182 Jump Plane takes off approximately every 30 to 45 minutes and lands about 5 minutes after the parachute with tandem jumpers lands. Otherwise, it is like having another PPG coming in for a landing about 15 minutes after the Cessna takes off.



Chris Whitley



Safety is obviously a concern here. That starts with your learning the profile of their typical flight.

1) They take off in their green and white Cessna 182 and climb to 10,000 feet. This takes about ten minutes. 2) They free fall for 40 seconds to 5,000 feet, when the parachute opens. 3) The sky-divers fly for about seven minutes. You can expect them to be above the field the whole time, or perhaps as much as 300 meters upwind. They land on the PPG field, southeast of the main runway, landing into the wind of course. The parachute is the same as a PPG – except they do not have the option of *not* landing! 4) The airplane lands about five minutes later. They announce all of their activities on the radio at 124.65 (Potomac Approach Control): takeoff, drop, parachute open, and aircraft landing.

Understanding that operating profile, here's what I recommend you do:

If you're operating from the airpark:

- If the green and white Cessna is on the ground, they're all on the ground. If the Cessna is gone, be alert for sky-divers.
- If you're flying an airplane or trike, fly the pattern. That will keep you out of the airspace used by the sky-divers. Be alert for the Cessna as you do for other planes. Monitor their activities on 124.65.
- If you're flying a PPG, keep an eye out for the Cessna as you do for other planes. Don't hang out over the field more than you need to; share the landing space.


If you're coming from another airport:

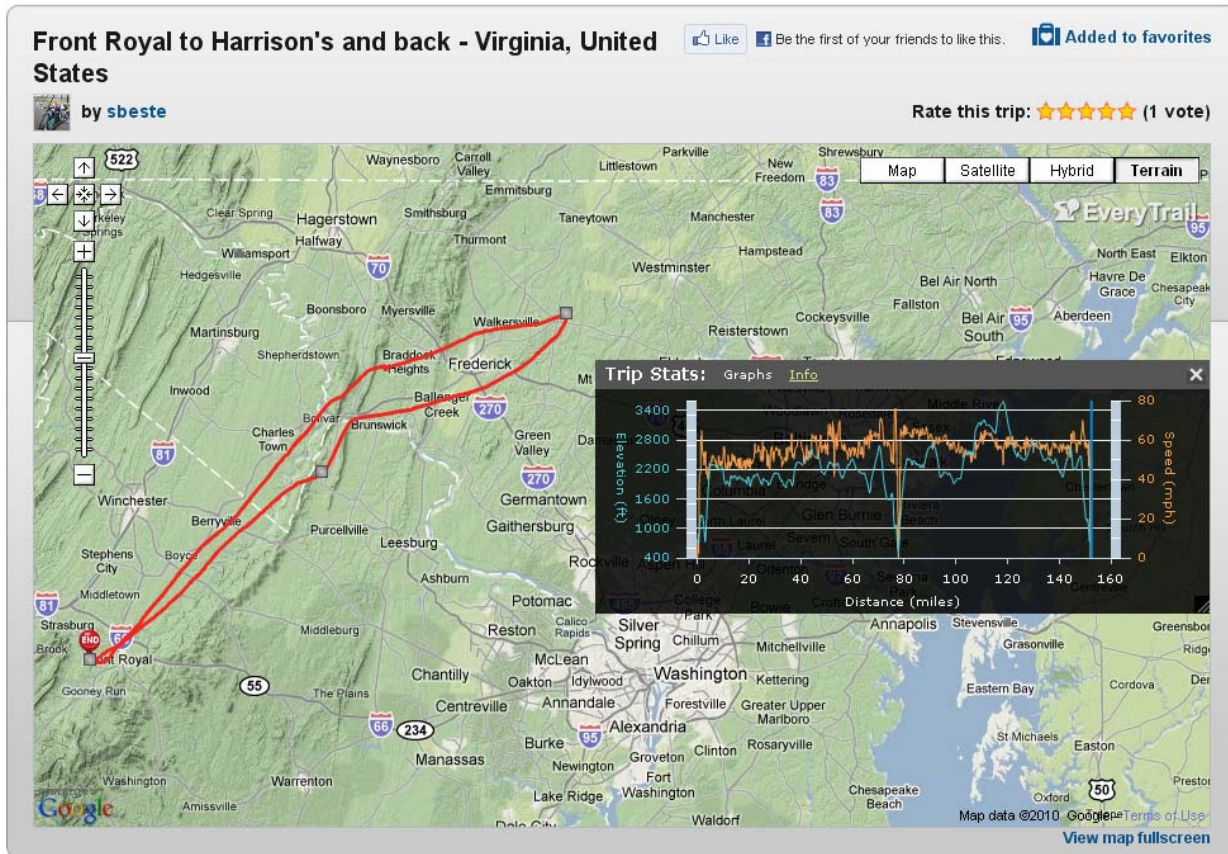
- If you overfly the airpark, be alert for possible traffic *above* you – the parachute.
- Monitor their activities on 124.65.

Newbie warning. If you're new and looking to buy an aircraft, here's a warning story from Club 4 in Maryland. A man bought a used single-seat FlightStar and approached the club looking for training. The airplane is too heavy to fly under Part 103 of the Federal Air Regulations – it weighed more than 254 pounds empty. That means it needs an N-number. But it didn't have one, and the time for getting one is now past. The airplane cannot now be flown legally. It's good only for parts. Here's the lesson: If you're going to buy an aircraft, be sure you know whether it qualifies under Part 103 or not. If it doesn't, then it better have an N-number. If it doesn't, don't touch it. Call me or one of the other club members if you have any questions about this.

80% of success in our sport is showing up. Time and again, I've seen that the people who get the flights are the people who showed up at the airfield. The weather cleared up; they got to fly. My turn came last month when I flew up to Harrison's from Front Royal for the Club 4 fly-in. A cold front had come through Friday night and Saturday was way too windy, as forecast. But the wind had died down as you would expect after the front. I set out for Harrison's at 6:00pm, an hour and a half away. I found smooth air, great visibility, and a fabulous view. I flew up the west side of the Blue Ridge with the sun low in the sky casting long shadows over the fields. Every fence post cast a shadow. I could see the contours of the land. The sun glittered on the windows of the houses on the mountain. It was magnificent.

EveryTrail.com. Check this out:

http://www.everytrail.com/view_trip.php?trip_id=622822&code=ad2c7cd6980ecacab5a9c45b8592bb75. I took the file from my GPS and sent it to this website along with some pictures. Voila! My trip on Google Maps. If you click this button in the lower right corner,  you can see your altitude and speed for the trip as in the screen shot here. Way cool! Well, OK, there was a little more to it, but what a cool site all the same.



Poker Runs on the Saturday June 12th. Please plan to be at the airpark for the two Poker Runs that morning. The PPG guys take off at 7:00am. The other aircraft at 9:00. Business meeting and barbecue at 11:00 (thanks to Dave Riedel, our chef). The Poker Runs are a rare chance to fly to airfields that are normally closed to us.



Lastly, here's a great license plate I saw the other day. It's especially perfect for the PPG guys:
CARPE AM.

Fly safe,
Steve



Memorial Ceremony

On May 22nd, we gathered to remember club members who have died over the years. For those of us who knew them, this is an occasion to refresh our memories of them. For those didn't, it's a chance to hear how the club was founded. For everyone, it's a reminder that the sport we love requires constant vigilance.

This year, with Larry Walker unavailable, Chuck Tippett was master of ceremonies and did a great job.



It looks like a good start this spring. As the group extends, more pilots join us, many of you had the chance to fly together at WAP or join one of several cross country flights.

Here are some pictures from one evening flight: We were six pilots in the air.

Comments and photos by Ami Abramson



MEETING MINUTES

May, 2010 Minutes

USUA Flying Club One

Meeting & Cookout

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Warrenton Air Park

Warrenton, VA

Selling 50/50 tickets before meeting

Call to Order

President Steve Beste called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

15 members present

Connections

Visitors & New Members

Clarence Brown from New Zealand has been in the U.S. for 5 months and is interested in learning to fly Ultralights or PPGs.

Old Members

Trike flier **Patrick Tyler** said even with the turbulence and strong crosswind he had a great flight down to Orange Airport this AM. **Larry Walker** and his son flew over the mountains to Luray and Front Royal encountering some big thermals that gave a 1000 fpm lift. He said when they got back to the Air Park his son shot many photos of **Ami Abramson** and a lot of the other members flying PPGs and will get the images to the fliers soon.

In Need Of

Some flying near the Gold Cup horse races north of Warrenton ask about the FAA restrictions on such an event. Members said that a lot of sporting events are no fly zones and you need to check the FAA FARs and

NOTAMS/TFRs on the event at the FAA web site.

Still a lot of enquiries about local 2 cycle Rotax service and repair shops. Most of the local A&Ps do not work on 2 cycle engines. The local people that do, like member **Woody Weaver**, do it as a hobby.

Service Providers

Recap our standing list of service providers:

- PPG instructor and dealer: **Michale O'Daniel**
- Fixed wing instructor: **Chuck Tippett**
- Welder: **Tom Kotsch**
- A&P mechanic: **JD Ingram**

Regular Reports

Secretary: Jim Heidish reported April Minutes were published in the May Club Newsletter and approved as submitted.

Treasure: Jim Birmbaum reported April Income: \$152.00., Expenses: \$96.86
The Flying Club 1 Checkbook Balance: \$3727.27

President: Steve Beste reported that he received a letter from USUA Club 4 that noted the FAA report on Bing carburetors and corrosion problems. Some of the members stated that ethanol in the fuel may have caused the problem. Steve will put all the information in our newsletter. (Steve also reported on the Warrenton Air Park for Tom Richards)

Safety and Training Director: Dave Riedel will take that position in July.

Membership Director: **Jim Birnbaum**

reported that starting in July the membership fee for the remaining year drops to \$10 and he stated that some of old members pay up so they can be part of the summer activities. Also the membership voted to add the Willess family to the Honorary Members list.

Warrenton Air Park Owner: **Tom Richards**

(Tom was away on business so **Steve Beste** read his report) The big news was a Skydiving operation is now at the Air Park and will offer tandem jumps (pro. and novice strapped together) from a Cessna at 10,000 ft., free fall to 5000 ft. and then parachute down to the one of the runways, all for \$199. Some the operational procedures need to be figured out, but Tom thought they would fit in to the mix. (This new addition to the Air Park sparked a big discussion within the membership and with the operator **Cris Whitley** on safety. A lot of members recommended ways to make sure that everyone flying in and out of the field knows and understand all the safety rules and procedures that goes along with Skydiving and specially how this very different aspect of flying fits into the mix of aircraft at the Airpark.)

Clothing Sales: **Pete Bastien** -no activity

Old Business –none

New Business

Steve Beste said that Cory Koral ask him to see if he could make contact with a member that can fly low over his farm, which is near Flint Hill (about 10 miles south of Front Royal, 18sm NW of the Airpark. He wants some aerial photography of the power lines that are being constructed across his farm. Steve said he sent out e-mails to some members and told him to contact some of the pilots that have helped in other project like this.

50/50 Drawing: Winner was **Patrick Tyler**.

Adjourn

President **Steve Beste** adjourned the meeting 12:00 A.M.

All enjoyed the cookout prepared by Ami Abramson.

Submitted by Jim Heidish, *Secretary*

ACTIVITIES

2010 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 2009 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

2010 Club Activities Schedule

Date	Activity	Location	Description
Thur, January 7th, 7:30PM	Club Meeting	CVHS	Standard Agenda
Thur, February 4th, 7:30PM	Club Meeting	CVHS	Standard Agenda
Thur, March 4th, 7:30PM	Club Meeting	CVHS	Standard Agenda
Sat, April 3rd 11AM	Club Meeting	WAP	Club meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, May 1st, 11AM	Club Meeting	WAP	Club meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, May 22nd 10AM - Memorial ceremony 11AM - Club meeting	Memorial Fly-In and Club Meeting	WAP	Memorial Fly-In and cookout at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, June 12th 7AM - PPG Poker Run 9AM - Airplane & Trike Poker Run 11AM - Club meeting	Club 1 Poker Run and Club Meeting	WAP	Club 1 Poker Run and Club Meeting at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, July 10th, 11AM	Summer BBQ and Club Meeting	WAP	Monthly meeting and Summer BBQ at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, August 7th, 11AM	Club Meeting	WAP	Monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, September 11th, 11AM	Club Meeting	WAP	Monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, September 18th	Club 1 Fly-out	WAP	Club1 Fly-Out from Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, October 2nd	Club 1 Fly-in and meeting	WAP	Monthly meeting, Club 1 Fall Fly-In and cookout at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Sat, October 9th	Club 1 Color Run Fly-Out	WAP	Club 1 Color Run Fly-Out at Warrenton Airpark (WAP)
Thur, November 4th, 7:30PM	Club Meeting	CVHS	Standard Agenda
Sat, December 11th	Club Meeting / Holiday Party	WAP Club House	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party at 4:00PM

CLASSIFIEDS

Ads will be run twice and then dropped unless resubmitted, or renewed by telephone or e-mail. Please advise the editor (alaceto@gmail.com) when the ad is no longer needed.

FOR SALE — Sonex Aircraft Kit.

(See website at www.sonexair.com) with some components completed (vertical and horizontal tail, ailerons, fuselage, etc.). Approximately 20% complete with mostly assembly remaining (finished making most of the needed parts from raw metal). Willing to consider all offers including joint effort in return for equity (e.g. 1/2 ownership). Kit is presently located in Davis, WV, but I reside in Washington, DC area. Outright purchase price is negotiable.

Contact: Phil Hyland 202-870-4672

FOR SALE — Avid Flyer “C” Model.

Aircraft currently in dry storage \$20,000
Contact: Mike Fisher h/o: 434-296-8485
c: 434-989-0778

heardsmtn06@hughes.net (11/08)

FOR SALE — 1999 Sixchuter SR7XL PPC.

Rotax 582 UL DCD1 model 99 APCO 500
Chute 40 hrs.total time airframe and powerplant Always closed trailered
N numbered, airworthiness cert. Sept.08
annual 2000 Shadow Master trailer, radios,helmets,spare parts, ground equipment and more. Runs great, ready to go.

\$7000 or best offer

Contact: Mike Blackwell

703-217-1609

Mikesflight@aol.com (10/08)

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

cedarfield540@juno.com (12/07)

FOR SALE — Quicksilver MX Sprint.

New 2005, TT 175 hrs. Rotax 447
steerable nose wheel EIS instrument, shoulder harness hangar stored wheel pants
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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)

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FOR SALE — CGS Hawk single seat plane. Currently stored at Culpeper airport. 503 rotax. Red color. \$8000/reasonable offer or poss even trade for a single seat powered parachute.
Contact: Paul Littlejohn 540-207-6544
fyrman1@juno.com
photos available by email.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 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 2010 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 – 2010

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: _____

__ Check if you have No Email

*USUA Member: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, enter member number: _____ USUA Pilot: Yes ___ No ___

*UL Registration # _____ *Aircraft Liability Insurance _____

Type Aircraft 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 ___ USMail ___ Name Tag ___).

To join USUA Flying Club #1, fill out *the above form and send to:*

Jim Birnbaum, Treasurer
8570 King Carter Street
Manassas, VA 20110-4888
USUA 1 Website: <http://usuaclub1.org/>

Check or Cash. We cannot accept credit cards.

To join the national USUA, go to <http://www.usua.org/>

USUA FLYING CLUB 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

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

2010-2011 CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President: Steve Beste 703-321-9110
Vice President: Ami Abramson 703-366-3717
Secretary: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265
Treasurer: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478
Director and Past President: Len Alt 703-945-9314
Director At Large: Bob Jacobs 703-321-0225
Director At Large: Larry Walker 540-347-7609

2010-2011 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

Safety & Training: Vacant
Membership: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478
Club Artist: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265
Events Coord.
Librarian Dick Walker 202-363-4546
Newsletter Editor: Autumn Aceto 703-655-4137
e-mail: alaceto@gmail.com
Web Master: Greg Palmer 703-912-3774
PPG Web POC Par Karandikar 703-201-8909

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 weekend activities.

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 website.)

SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER Members and non-members are encouraged to submit items for this newsletter. Send submissions to Autumn Aceto, 9595 Sherburne Farm Rd, Marshall, VA 20115. E-mail is shown at left. Deadline for entry of items into the newsletter is 10 days before each meeting.

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.

"If you are interested in joining the U.S Ultralight National Organization go to their Website for membership information at: <http://www.usua.org/>"