



FROM THE FRONT SEAT

Steve Beste, President

Liability. If you take a passenger flying and they get injured on the flight, what is your liability? If you are driving a car or flying a GA airplane, you have insurance that covers this. If you fly a trike, an ultralight-like airplane, or a tandem PPG, you probably cannot get liability insurance that covers your passenger. Certainly, the First Flight policy through the USUA does not cover passengers. Many of us have that policy. Without insurance, you will be wondering about the likelihood of being sued and, if sued, your likelihood of losing. I put that question to the lawyers at Avvo, an online source of free legal advice.¹ I got this reply from [Joseph Jonathan Brophy](#), a personal injury lawyer in White Plains, NY:

Flying in ultralight airplanes is considered an ultra-hazardous activity, like parachuting or scuba diving. People who engage in those activities and are injured or killed have a very hard time successfully suing operators for injuries or death that may result. The legal doctrine that applies is called assumption of the risk. In a nutshell, you know it's dangerous when you choose to do it, so you can't sue for the risks inherent in the activity. Operators often have people who use their services sign liability waivers. You should speak to a local lawyer to find out what kind of language is appropriate in your state and have passengers sign a waiver before they go up in your ultralight. It won't protect you completely, but it will add some protection. The only thing that will protect you completely is to stay home in your recliner and watch TV.



¹ Yes, yes, I do recall my lawyer father telling me that free legal advice was worth about what you paid for it.

There is a [Passenger Waiver of Liability](#) form on the club website, left over from the old days. Feel free to use it, noting again the footnote below. As to the likelihood of being sued, that’s a whole different question. Presumably, your wife and kids won’t sue you. Past that, there’s evidence from the world of medical malpractice that the major factor in whether a doctor gets sued or not is **not** the number of mistakes he makes. It’s his relationship with the patient. Doctors who care about their patients, who admit their mistake and apologize—these physicians don’t get sued much. The ones who do are the cold ones, who stiff their patients when there’s a problem. That behavior just infuriates people who are injured.

Tower Practice. As you know, Frederick, MD, is now a tower-controlled airport. Tom Simmons flew up there last Saturday to practice his Class D skills. It’s about an hour flight. He writes:

The folks in the tower are quite accommodating and the protocols are less strictly observed than they might be at a busier airport, so it was very good practice. I'm not sure I'd recommend that a flock of ultralights descend on them all at one time, but a flight there might be something to consider. Pilots should be familiar with radio protocols for tower and ground, have a decent functioning radio and know tower, ground and AWOS frequencies before entering the Class D airspace.

Pilots were requesting and being cleared for left-hand, right-hand and straight-in approaches. (I opted for left-hand in order to stay out of the city and hangar area.) I was far from flawless, but it was good practice, and I plan to do it again.

If you want to try it, I have a copy of the club’s COMM 1 software. It will teach you the right radio talk.

Fly safe,
Steve



Fellow Flying Club 1 members,

The good folks at Club 4, the Capital Area Light Flyers, are offering to feed us! All we have to do is go to Harrison's Field (8MD5) on Saturday, August 25th or Sunday, August 26th. I'm sure that you would be welcome to camp overnight if that works better weatherwise. Please RSVP if you think you might be going, weather permitting, of course. Harrison's is called "Flying H Farm" on the chart. It appears only on the TAC, not the Sectional. It's a flight of about an hour and a quarter, and has been their home base for years.

Here's the email from their president.

Fly safe,
Steve

The Capital Area Light Flyers are having a cookout. Our members planes and fellow flyers will be there.

Flying Games both days.

Please RSVP to Ron Dixon (rhdxion1@bellatlantic.net) so we can get a head count for what we need for food.

August 25th 8:00–5:00 lunch: hot dogs and baked beans, plus pot luck. So, come spend the day with us and stay for dinner: round of beef and chicken and whatever people from the club bring.

26th lunch: hot dogs and hamburgers and whatever is left from Saturday. Food served until 1:00 P.M.

Donations Excepted
All this at our club field.

(http://www.usua4.com/Harrison_Farm/harrison_farm.html)

Note: This is weather permitting!!!!

In the event that it rains, one or both days, we will move to Hanger Flying (Stories about flying—**NO REAL AIRPLANES WILL FLY IN THE BARN!**) inside John's barn on the field.

Hope all can attend.

Lee

Meeting Minutes

July, 2012 Minutes

Flying Club One meeting

Saturday July 14, 2012

Warrenton Airpark

Warrenton, VA

Selling 50/50 tickets before meeting

Call to Order

Vice President, Dick Martin called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.

13 members present.

CONNECTIONS

Visitors & New Members

None

Old members

Tom Kotsch said he is using his welding skills to construct a trike PPG of his own design. He is using Titanium for most of the frame so it will be light, and but strong.

Jay Aceto said he is staying current with his Sport Pilot ticket and flies a two-seat PPC. He may be interested in one of the PPCs that Tom Richards has for sale.

As CFI, **Tom Richards** reported last month, he is looking into starting a flight school giving training in the fixed wing Ultralight, Sport Pilot and Privet Pilot categories. The Airpark could be used for the Ultralight instruction, but the other categories would be from hard runways at local airports. Tom said that the other members of the flight school would be **Pete Bastien** and **Scott Merritt**.

Pete Bastien is well on his way to becoming a flight instructor. He said that CFI, **Scott Merritt** is giving him a lot of helpful guidance.

Jim Birnbaum said he has finally solved all his engine problems and is test hopping just to make sure all is OK before taking to the sky.

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Recap our standing list of service providers:

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

REGULAR REPORTS

Secretary: **Jim Heidish** reported that the June Minutes are published in July Club Newsletter and were approved as published.

Treasurer: **Jim Birnbaum** reported: June Income: \$49.00, Expenses: \$87.05, The Flying Club 1 Checkbook Balance: \$2694.84. Also, the State Corporation papers that we revised have been filed and the fee of \$25.00 paid.

President: **Steve Beste** - not at meeting.

Safety and Training Director: **Dave Riedel** - not at meeting.

Membership Director: **Jim Birnbaum** reported that we have three new members and now have a total of 54 paid up members.

Warrenton Air Park Owner: **Tom Richards** reported that the strong winds ripped off some of the new metal hanger roofing, but all is back and also, with the help of **Joe Bender**, the old cloth hangers are now being covered in metal. Tom said he wanted to thank everyone that helps out with keeping the all the grass cutting and the Airpark looking great.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Program

None

MONTHLY PROGRAM - None

50/50 Drawing

Scott Merritt is the winner! He donated his share to the Club.

Adjourn

Vice President, **Dick Martin** adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M.

Cook Out

Everyone enjoyed the great cookout thanks to **Bob Eaheart**.

Submitted by **Jim Heidish**, *Secretary*

Activities

2012 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 2011 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

Date	Activity	Location	Description
Thur, January 5th, 7:30PM	Club Meeting	CVHS	Conversation, Club business meeting, and program.
Thur, February 2nd, 7:30PM	Club Meeting	CVHS	Conversation, Club business meeting, and program.
Thur, March 1st, 7:30PM	Club Meeting	CVHS	Conversation, Club business meeting, and program.
Sat, April 7th, 11am	Club Meeting	Airpark	Club meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, May 5th • 10am - Memorial ceremony • 11am - Club meeting & cookout	Memorial, Club Meeting, & cookout	Airpark	Memorial ceremony and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, June 2nd • 7am - PPG Poker Run • 8:30am - Airplane & Trike Poker Run • 11am - Club meeting	Club 1 Poker Run and Club Meeting	Airpark	Club 1 Poker Run and Club Meeting at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, June 16th	Father's Day Fly-In at Shreveport North (62PA)	62PA	The largest ultralight fly-in in the mid-Atlantic states. Club 1 fly-out from Warrenton Airpark
Sat, July 7th, 11am— <i>moved to the 14th</i>	Summer BBQ and Club Meeting	Airpark	Monthly meeting and Summer BBQ at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, August 4th, 11am	Club Meeting	Airpark	Monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, September 8th, 11am	Club Meeting	Airpark	Monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, September 15th	Club 1 Fly-out to Trikefest East at Shreveport North (62PA)	62PA	Club1 Fly-Out from Warrenton Airpark
Sat, October 6th	Club 1 Fly-in and meeting	Airpark	Monthly meeting, Club 1 Fall Fly-In and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, October 27th	Club 1 Color Run Fly-Out	Airpark	Club 1 Color Run Fly-Out at Warrenton Airpark
Thur, November 1st, 7:30pm	Club Meeting	CVHS	Conversation, Club business meeting, and program.
Sat, December 8th 4:30pm - 9pm	Club Meeting / Holiday Party	Airpark Club House	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party.

CLASSIFIEDS

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

FOR SALE — Zodiac 601 XL (650 XL) partially completed kit. Kit includes Constructed Tail Surfaces and Fuselage, to include Landing Gear with Wheels and Brakes, Dual Brake Peddles kit, Dual Control

Stick kit and Instrument Panel. The wing kit and engine is needed. The wing kit is available now pre-drilled. It The plane will take a Rotax 912S, Jabiru 3300, Continental 0200, Lycoming 235, Corvair or VW conversion engines. All documentation and registered plans are in the package. Asking \$7500 or

best offer above \$6000. Note this is a Light Sport class aircraft. It is available built, IFR Certified at Southeast Light Sport for \$99,900.

(SouthEastLSA.com). See

<http://www.zenithair.com/zodiac/xl/> for details of aircraft: Contact: Larry Walker, 540-347-7609

Flight Test Report: Steve Flattum flight tests the Zodiac and reports:

“The CH 601 XL / CH 650 family of airplanes are a delight to fly. Simple and easy to fly with a great view and they are very comfortable for long flights. The airplane is very strong and it is backed by a company that has been around for a very long time.”

FOR SALE — Partnership - Taylorcraft BC-12D (1946) - available. Aircraft is hangared at Warrenton Airpark. The Taylorcraft is flown about 65hrs/year and should be flown more. Annual, hangar, insurance, maintenance and repair are shared costs, while fuel is individual responsibility. Tom Richards and Jim T. Hill are looking to add one or two partners to replace a leaving partner. Please contact Tom Richards ([703\) 568-3607](tel:7035683607); warrentonairpark@yahoo.com or Jim T. Hill for details.

FOR SALE — 1978 Weedhopper Ultralight for sale: JC24C model; no engine; just frame. Will need new sails. Contact Mark Ripberger for more details. Sold “as is” \$400.00 ripbergem@darden.virginia.edu 434-589-8311

Aviation Magazines “Ultralight Flying”

All twelve monthly issues for most years between 1989 through 2008—almost 20 years. Not mint, but good readable condition, \$50.00 cash. Call or e-mail for more details. I live in Annandale VA. Dsax289@aol.com Ph# 703-503-8289

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 dues at \$25.00.

Members who have not paid their dues by the end of March will be dropped and will not receive the Newsletter or Membership Roster. New Members joining after 1 July will be charged half-price.

Please mail payments to Flying Club 1, 8570 King Carter Street, Manassas, VA 20110.

Payment can also be made at the regular monthly meeting. Please include the Membership Application form on the next page with your payment. This will be used to ensure that our records are current.

Jim Birnbaum, Treasurer
Flying Club 1

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2012



Type of membership: New, Renewal, Regular, Family membership

Name(s): _____

Name To Go On Your Name Tag: _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone, Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Aircraft Liability Insurance through: _____

Aircraft make and model: _____ N-Number (if any): _____

Pilot rating(s): _____

Club Activities or Services for Which You Volunteer: _____

Information from this application will be included in the club's membership roster which is distributed only to members.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *FILL OUT THE ABOVE FORM.*
2. *ENCLOSE A CHECK MADE OUT TO "FLYING CLUB 1".*
3. *SEND THE FORM AND CHECK TO:*

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

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

Flying Club 1 General Information

The Flying Club 1 is a nonprofit, recreational club dedicated to the sport of ultralight and light sport aircraft flying.

2011 CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President: Steve Beste 703-321-9110
Vice President: Dick Martin 703-242-2367
Secretary: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265
Treasurer: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478
Director and Past President: Len Alt 703-945-9314
Director At Large: Dave Riedel 703-815-4924
Director At Large: Larry Walker 540-347-7609

2011 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

Safety & Training: Dave Riedel 703-815-4924
Membership: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478
Club Artist: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265
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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://flyingclub1.org>

Note the change in web site. Flying Club 1 now has an officially registered name on the internet.

MEETINGS are monthly, year-round. See the web site for dates and places.

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/>”