



## The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

**A gyro is coming!** We have PPGs, PPCs, trikes, and airplanes. But no gyroplanes in the club. That may soon change. John Franklin of Purcellville has just finished building one. It's a beautiful machine with a Rotax 912 engine - a far, far cry from the Benson gyrocopter I used to read about in Popular Mechanics as a teenager.

John is finishing up his training with Chris Matthews, the gyro instructor in Frederick, and will soon be flying around Northern Virginia. He chose a gyro because it's less limited by the wind than the rest of us light flyers are. However, he had to build the gyro himself as the FAA has still not set up a mechanism for certificating gyroplanes as light sport aircraft. Meanwhile, gyroplane sales are taking off in Europe. Dan Johnson reported in one of the magazines that AutoGyro, a German make, claims to be the biggest single purchaser of Rotax 914 engines. Here in our area, the local dealer for AutoGyro, Chesapeake Aviation at Bay Bridge Airport on Kent Island, sells a kit for about \$80,000. They say that two people can build it in 80 hours, and they have a DAR who will certificate it as an amateur-built Experimental, the same as John's here. They say they have sold 40 autogyros on that basis in the last three years. In any case, please welcome John when he flies in to the Airpark.





**The 2014 Poker Run was a big success.** We had ten aircraft and 17 people - a record - and a huge pot of \$85, which Art Felt won. The weather could not have been better, with no wind and almost no thermals. I was particularly pleased that the airfield owners turned out to greet us, happy to see us in every case. Their welcome is the key to this event, of course.

**Rular.** Larry Setti flies a Piper Cub out of his field which was in great shape.

**Greenhouse.** Joe van Wingerden's wife came out to greet us on her four-wheeler. They keep a Cessna 172 in the hangar, but she said that they have not flown it much in recent years.

**Lenn Brothers.** Kaye and Wayne Lenn got their mower fixed this year, so the field was in fine shape. Alone of these fields, it's the one where we're always welcome to land. The brothers' sister and niece greeted us.

**Berryvale.** Retired airline pilot Bill Conn has a huge hangar at this residential airport community. He and his sons are part of the Flying Circus crew. The three Stearmans in the hangar support the airshows there. He had never seen a trike before, so we provided four.

**Pleasantdale.** I was hoping to include this on the circuit, and owner John Corradi was trying to get it hayed off in time. (The wet spring has caused haying to be late all over the county.) He actually did get it hayed off by 4:00 Friday, but I missed his email and substituted Greenhouse at the last minute. Perhaps next year, though some of you find the field more challenging than you like. The picture below, taken at 6pm, shows the hilliness of the field. You land to the west and take off to the east.



*Shadows on the field at Pleasantdale - the field we skipped*

**Fox Acres.** To my mind, this is the prettiest field in our area. Conrad Miller lives nearby and keeps it immaculate. I'm not sure that he still flies anymore, but his hangar has some interesting antiques.



*The 2014 Poker Run course.*

I was also pleased to see so many passengers - seven of the ten aircraft carried them. My brother Jay came down from Philly to fly with me. Tom Simmons took someone new to the sport. Dick Martin flew Don Sheehan who was grounded with a bum knee for the moment. Enjoy the "Poker Run Photo Album" later in this issue.

Fly Safely,  
Steve



## This Month's Fly-In Destinations

To encourage all of us to get in the air more, the following is a list of fly-ins I found within (about) 100 NM of the Warrenton Airpark which are occurring in the next month. Sources are: The [EAA Calendar of Events](#), the [AOPA Calendar of Events](#), [www.flyins.com](http://www.flyins.com) and the [Virginia Department of Aviation Calendar of Events](#).

Date	Event Description	Location	Distance from 7VG0
Sat, July 5 / 9am - 10 pm	BryceFest Fly-In - food, music, entertainment, vendors, evening fireworks	Sky Bryce (VG18)	47 NM
Sat, July 12 - Sun July 13	8th Annual Wings and Wheels Extravaganza - Vintage Automobile Show, Big Band Swing Dance.	Grimes Airport (8N1)	130 NM
Sat, July 19 / 8 - 11:40 am	EAA Chapter 36 Fly-in / Drive-in Breakfast and Young Eagle Flights	Hagerstown Regional Airport (KHGR) (Class D)	63 NM
Sat, July 26 / 9 am - 4 pm	Fly-in Foot Long Hot Dog Day - foot-long beef hot dogs, nachos and more. Breakfast sandwiches available for early arrivals.	Sugar Hill Airport (DE17)	103 NM
Sat, July 26 - Sun, July 27 / 10am - 9pm	Reading Air Fest 2014 - airshow, food, music <a href="http://www.readingairfest.com">www.readingairfest.com</a>	Reading Regional (KRDG)	133 NM

## Poker Run 2014 Photo Album

*By Steve Beste*



*Tom Simmons takes a passenger.*



*Club 1 on the grass at Rular.*



*Gary Edgecomb goes for his card at Rular.*



*Club 1 at Greenhouse.*



*Dick Martin stuck at Greenhouse.*

At its north end, the runway at Greenhouse is elevated slightly. Dick tried to climb the berm and got stuck - his tail in the grass. The maneuver cracked one of his wheel fairings too. The rest of us wrestled him out and Allen Whatley removed the cracked fairing.



*Allen Whatley had the tools to remove Dick's broken fairing.*



*Tom Simmons pockets the wrong card at Greenhouse.*



*Art Felt departing Greenhouse.*



*Lucy Ooi at Greenhouse. She and Allen Whatley flew her Aeronca Champ.*



*Gary Edgecomb at Lenn Brothers. Lucy Ooi has just taken off.*



*Bill Conn (left) - our host at Berryvale.*



*Jay and Steve Beste at Berryvale.*



*Conrad Miller (3rd from left) - our host at Fox Acres - with Poker Run flyers.*



*Art Felt in the money.*

## Final Leg

*By Lucy Ooi*

*In previous newsletters, I detailed my trip to Conway, AR from Lancaster, CA where I picked up my plane “Rudolph” with fellow club member Allen Whatley.*

In the morning, we departed Conway, AR and flew to Caruthersville, MO. The flight was mainly over farmers’ fields with little excitement aside from a couple of fields being burned - this is the great plains after all. Then we reached the Mississippi River. This was quite a sight with a large amount of barge traffic up and down the river. We saw several huge barges being pushed around by tug boats.



*The White River in Arkansas*



*Barges on the Mississippi River*

The Caruthersville Airport (M05) was a nice place. We asked the guy at the FBO about a place for lunch and he gave us directions to several places and use of the airport courtesy car. We ended up going to a nice little barbecue joint about two miles from the airport. Then it was on to Kentucky!

Heading northeast, we passed by the Kentucky Dam at the end of Kentucky Lake on our way to the Muhlenburg Airport (M21). We then proceeded east past Mammoth Cave National Park (not much to see from the air) and Lake Cumberland to Lake Cumberland Airport (SME) near Sommerset, KY. Making good time now, we refueled and headed direct for Tazewell, VA (JFZ) for a beautiful evening flight over the mountains of eastern Kentucky and western Virginia. We made it into Tazewell just before full dark and were greeted by a welcoming committee (Allen's friend - formerly of the Tazewell FBO, and now manager at Louisa - and Allen's mom). We had a good dinner and went straight to sleep.



*Kentucky Lake*



*The hills of eastern Kentucky*

We spent the rest of the weekend resting in Tazewell with Allen's friends and family. He took all of them for rides and gave them an aerial tour. We also made time to relax and do a little hiking. Unfortunately, we needed to return to work on Monday, so we headed out after lunch on Sunday. Our first stop was in Hot Springs, VA at Ingalls Field (HSP). This is the highest airport east of the Mississippi River, with an elevation of 3793 ft. A Citation jet took off just after we landed and another arrived while we were getting ready to go. This is a small, but busy airport!



*Burke's Garden near Tazewell, VA*



*Ingalls Field*

From Ingalls, we headed straight for the Warrenton Airpark (7VG0) to show off the new plane.

Then we dropped by the Flying Circus before heading into the Warrenton County Airport (HWY) where the airplane is based.

All in all, it was a fun trip and we accomplished almost everything we planned to (we missed out on Death Valley), but we had some other unplanned adventures. Both of us are happy about the way the trip turned out. It may have worked out for the best anyway. Death Valley may be the only place in the lower 48 more remote than Barstow. It would have been terrible to end up there with the flat tire!



*Unpacking in the hangar at Warrenton*

*What I have written in the newsletter is based in large part on the blog which I wrote during the trip. It can be found at [n4009b.blogspot.com](http://n4009b.blogspot.com), but please remember that most of it was written in the evenings after long days of flying - so forgive the errors!*

# Meeting Minutes

*June 2014*

## *Flying Club One Meeting*

Saturday, June 7, 2014

Warrenton Airpark

Warrenton, VA

The Annual **Poker Run** event was run before the meeting. We had 6 grass airfields and 10 aircraft participating.

**Call to Order** *President, Steve Beste* called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M.

26 members present.

### CONNECTIONS

**Visitors & New Members** Today's Poker Run brought out a lot of visitors. **Gary Edgcomb** of Club 250 flew in the Run along with passenger **Ken Elias**. We had some passengers that were in the Poker Run but did not attend the meeting. Other visitors were **Glen Parks, Rob Doak** and **Jason Hiney**.

### Old Members

**Allen Whatley** flew down to North Carolina to look at an aircraft he may get. **Lee Fox** was picking up his Mooney this weekend.

### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Recap our standing list of service providers:

- PPG instructor and dealer: **Michael O'Daniel**
- Fixed wing instructor: **Chuck Tippett**

- PPG, Ultralight, LSA and General Aviation flight instruction: **Grass Roots Flyers**
- Welder: **Tom Kotsch**
- A&P mechanic: **JD Ingram**

### REGULAR REPORTS

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

*Treasurer:* **Jim Birnbaum** reported May income: \$86.00, Expenses: \$0.00 and the Flying Club 1 Checkbook Balance: \$2,686.55.

*President:* Nothing to report

*Safety and Training Director:* Vacant - we need a qualified volunteer for this spot!

*Membership Director:* **Jim Birnbaum** said we have 44 paid up members and with over 50 members, we still have a few stragglers. As a reminder, if (2014) is after your name on the roster, you're paid.

*Warrenton Airpark Owner:* Nothing to report.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### MONTHLY PROGRAM

None

### **Cook Out**

The summer picnic in the shade was prepared by **Peter Bastien**.

### **Adjourn**

*President, Steve Beste* adjourned the meeting at 12:15 P.M.

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

## Activities

### *2014 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 2014 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

Date	Activity	Location	Description
Sat, July 5th, 11 am	Summer BBQ and Club Meeting	Airpark	Monthly meeting and Summer BBQ at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, August 2nd, 11 am	Club Meeting	Airpark	Memorial table, monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, September 6th, 11 am	Club Meeting	Airpark	Monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, September 14th	Club 1 Fly-out to Trikefest East at Shreveport North (62PA)	62PA	Club 1 Fly-out from Warrenton Airpark
Sat, October 4th	Club 1 Fly-in and meeting	Airpark	Monthly meeting, Club 1 Fall Fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, October 25th	Club 1 Color Run Fly-out	Airpark	Club 1 Color Run fly-out at Warrenton Airpark
Thu, November 6th, 7:30 pm	Club Meeting	CVHS	Conversation, club business meeting and program.
Sat, December 6th, 4:30 pm - 8 pm	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: **Lucy Ooi** ([Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com](mailto:Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com)) when the ad is no longer needed.

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**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. (South-EastLSA.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.”*

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**FOR SALE — Taylorcraft BF-12D (1946)** Sale to club members only for a 10% discount from the \$22,500 asking price. Aircraft is hangared at Warrenton Airpark. The Taylorcraft is flown about 65 hrs / year and should be flown more. Please contact Tom Richards (703)568-3607 or <mailto:warrentonairpark@yahoo.com>.

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### FOR SALE — MaxAir Drifter built 1989



Electric start oil-injected Rotax 582. 1083 TT engine and airframe. 16 hours TT since engine rebuild. 10 gallon fuel capacity with 4.5 gallon reserve behind front seat. 3-blade Ground Adjustable Warp Drive Prop. (2) Comtronic Helmets with radio. Mounted ICOM A21 radio PTT switch on stick. Dual EGT. Tach, hourmeter, voltmeter, VSI, fuel pump pressure, turn and bank bubble indicator, airspeed indicator, mounted GARMIN GPS Pilot III. Tundra tires. External mounted BRS Chute. Always Hangared. Lots of spare parts. Based at New Quarter Far Airport, Gloucester, VA. \$4000.00

Contact Richard Moore 804-815-0730

[drifterpilot@cox.net](mailto:drifterpilot@cox.net)

## 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 effective 1 March and will not receive the Newsletter or Membership Roster. New members joining after 1 October will be charged \$20.00 or the family rate, if applicable and will be credited with full membership for the following calendar year. 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 2014 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 Birmbaum  
Flying Club 1  
Membership Director, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2014



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 in the club's membership roster which goes only to members.

### **Instructions:**

1. FILL OUT THE ABOVE FORM.
2. ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$20 (\$25 FOR A FAMILY) 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.

### 2014 CLUB OFFICERS AND 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 & Past President: Len Alt  
703-945-9314

Director At Large: Vacant

Director At Large: Larry Walker 540-347-7609

*meetings regularly may prefer to support functions associated with Club weekend activities.*

**ANNUAL DUES** (Jan 1-Dec 31) \$20.00. Family membership (typically husband and wife): \$25.00. A spouse who wishes to participate will please complete a membership application form.

### 2014 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

Safety & Training: Vacant

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Club Artist: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265

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**CLUB WEB SITE:** <http://flyingclub1.org>

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

**THE NEWSLETTER:** The newsletter is published by email on the first of every month.

*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*

**SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER** Members and non-members are encouraged to submit items for this newsletter. Send submissions to Lucy Ooi at [Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com](mailto:Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com) at least one week prior to the end of the month.

**If you are interested in joining the U.S. Ultralight National Organization go to their website for membership information at: [www.usua.org](http://www.usua.org)**

**Likewise, if you are interested in joining the U.S. Powered Paragliding Association, the National PPG Organization, go to their website for membership information at: [www.usppa.org](http://www.usppa.org)**