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The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

Color Run 2019: the few, the proud – the cold. It was the right day – the fall colors in the Shenandoah Valley were at their peak.

It was the right place – really, the valley from Luray to Front Royal is the prettiest patch of ground anywhere around here.

It was the wrong temperature. 37° when I left home. 38° when I arrived at Front Royal at 9:00am. The air temperature had plunged from the previous week. But – and it turned out to be an important detail – the water temperature in the Shenandoah River had NOT plunged. You see the result below. Front Royal and Luray were both socked in.

I drove up Skyline Drive to check out the situation.



Front Royal from Skyline Drive. Fog over the Shenandoah River.

In a twist on the usual order of things, it was the car drivers who had *the privileged view*.

In the end, **Frank Noe** and I were the only pilots who flew the run. Both of us have heated clothing, which may have had something to do with it. As it was, he delayed coming over from Frederick until it warmed up some. We ended up leaving at 12:25 by which time it was 51°.

In the meantime, both **Steve Cherry** and **Robert Filipkowski** drove to the airport to see “all the airplanes” take off. Frank and I weren’t much of a show, but the Apple House donuts were good, and the conversation too.



Frank Noe on final at Front Royal



Frank bundled up at Front Royal. His suit has battery-powered electric heat.



A bend in the Shenandoah north of Luray, looking east

By the time we left, it was warmer but the thermals were kicking up, so I got bounced around a lot. I envied Frank his gyroplane, which doesn't even notice the bumps.



Steve Beste, Pete Bastien, and Frank Noe at Luray

At Luray, we ran into **Pete Bastien** by surprise. An instructor out of Martinsburg, he was there with a student doing a cross-country.

The lesson? You gotta play to win. Just show up. Sometimes you'll get to fly; sometimes you won't. But staying home is a sure loser. And you never know who you'll meet along the way.

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](#), www.flyins.com, www.socialflight.com and the [Virginia Department of Aviation Calendar of Events](#).

Date	Event Description	Location	Distance from 7VG0
Sat, Dec 7 / 9-11:30AM	Fly-in Seminar (Raising up the next generation of aviators)	Lancaster Airport (KLNS)	112 NM
Sat, Dec 7 / 7AM-12PM	SFQ Fly-In Social	Suffolk Executive Airport (KSFQ)	131 NM
Sat, Dec 14 / 8-10:30AM	EAA 518 Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast	Mifflin County Airport (KRVL)	121 NM
Sat, Dec 21 / 11AM-12PM	EAA Chapter 1563 Monthly Meeting	Gordonsville Municipal Airport (KGVE)	35 NM
Sat, Jan 4 / 7AM-12PM	SFQ Fly-In Social	Suffolk Executive Airport (KSFQ)	131 NM

Mark Barron's PPG Flying

By Steve Beste

360 degrees. You've seen videos from the new 360-degree cameras, yes? These are not just panoramic still pictures that you can pan with your mouse. No, these are *videos* that you can pan with your mouse. Click on the picture below from Club 1 member **Mark Barron**. It will take you to his 360-degree video on YouTube. Then use your mouse to pan.



The video was made with an Insta 360 camera. It's mounted on a selfie stick stuck under his right thigh. But you can't see it! The Insta 360 software hides the stick. I think we'll be seeing a lot more of these videos. Sport flying is a perfect place for the technology.

The Airdogs. Mark wrote me that six PPG guys have called themselves the Airdogs. Rich Ramos, Remy Faures, Mike Phillips, Satish Venkatesan, Bruce Cree, and Mark are the core members. They fly out of the Airpark sometimes but lately they've been flying out of a farm in Remington one of the group bought. The Airpark can get crowded and when the sky divers are active it's not ideal (though they are now gone for good). Mark wrote:

"We've taken to the road to explore new areas with our portable aircraft. A few of us went to [Campbell Field](#) (9VG) a few weeks ago to a fly-in called Soar the Shore. Amazing scenery there. Gordon Campbell who owns the airport is a professional photographer and captured us flying from his Dragon Fly experimental aircraft. Here's his web site and the section on paramotors specifically. I'm the one with the blue and orange wing doing a foot drag in the marsh river. <https://www.ataltitudegallery.com/Of-Interest/Powered-Paraglider/thumbs>."

Kudos to the Airdogs. I love to see an active group of flyers having fun.

Meeting Minutes

November 2019

Flying Club One Meeting

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Manassas Central Community Library
Manassas, VA

Call to Order

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

9 members present.

Visitors, New Members and Old Members

A very informal meeting was held because of the small turnout. We showed videos of everything from PPG flights to a very dramatic weather cloud formation video and a long one on the documented flight of a young boy flying his Aerolite 103 from our own Warrenton Airport to the big Oshkosh fly-in. He had many stops on the way for fuel and to meet his dad who followed him on the ground.

Reports

Secretary: Jim Heidish reported that the October minutes were published in the November Club Newsletter and they were approved as published.

Treasurer: Jim Birnbaum reported that the October income was \$294.00, expenses were \$90.70 and check book balance is \$2817.51.

President: Steve Beste reported that next month we have our Holiday Party on Dec. 7 from 5 to 8 at Tom Richards' home at the Warrenton Airpark, more information to come. An update

from our meeting: at the meeting someone said he'd heard that Connie Miller's widow Joan had closed the **Fox Acres Airfield**. Steve checked with Bruce Casner and the rumor is not true. Please feel free to land there! Also, on a sad note, Xenos motor-glider member **Martin Walker** lost his long battle with cancer. His wife says that he will be cremated and that a "Celebration of Life" will be held sometime in the future.

Membership Director: Jim Birnbaum reported that with the new members we now have 54 active. He is expecting 2020 membership dues. As a reminder: New member dues, no matter the month of the year one joins, are the full amount (not pro-rated)!

Warrenton Airpark Owner: Tom Richards – Not at meeting

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Monthly Program

Videos were shared by the membership

Adjourn

President, Steve Beste adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

After the meeting some of the members went to lunch together at a local restaurant. (Reviews to come!)

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

Service Providers

Recap our standing list of service providers:

- **PPG instructor and dealer:** Michael O'Daniel, 540-270-8855
- **Aircraft instructor - CFI:** Pete Bastien, 703-568-5778
- **Aircraft instructor - light sport and seaplane:** Chuck Tippet, 540-905-5091
- **Ultralight (Part 103) instruction:** Tom Richards' Grass Roots Flyers, 703-568-3607
- **Machinist:** Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927
- **Welder:** Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927
- **A&P mechanic/IA (not at Airpark):** JD Ingram, 513-388-6312
- **Light Sport Condition Inspections, Rotax Certified:** Tim Loehrke, 703-618-4005
- **Gyroplane Instructor:** Frank Noe, frankcanfly@yahoo.com

Activities

Flying Club 1 Activities Schedule

Club meetings will be held on the second Saturday of every month. Warm weather meetings from April through October will be held at the Warrenton Airpark. Please see the schedule below for the location of other meetings and information on events. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

Date	Activity	Location
Sat, December 7th, 5 pm - 8 pm	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party	Airpark Club House
Sat, January 11th, 11 am	Conversation, club business meeting and program	Centreville Regional Library
Sat, February 8th, 11 am	Conversation, club business meeting and program	Centreville Regional Library
Sat, March 14th, 11 am	Conversation, club business meeting and program	Centreville Regional Library
Sat, April 11th, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, May 9th	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, June 13th, 8:00 am	Poker Run	Airpark
Sat, June 13th, 11:00 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, July 11th, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, August 8th, 11 am	Memorial table, monthly meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, September 12th, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, October 10th, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, Oct/Nov TBD	Club 1 Color Run Fly-out	Airpark
Sat, November 14th, 11 am	Conversation, club business meeting and program	Centreville Regional Library
Sat, December 12th, 5 pm - 8 pm	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party	Airpark Club House

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) when the ad is no longer needed.

2012 XENOS MOTOR GLIDER \$33,500 •RARE AIRCRAFT FOR SALE •The Xenos (Sonex, spelled backward) can either be flown as 39' 4" wingspan Experimental Light Sport Aircraft (ESLA) that requires a Sport Pilot's license, or it can be flown with (included) wingtip extensions as a 48-foot span glider by pilots that hold a Glider Rating with Self-launch endorsement. Thus it can be flown as a powered aircraft, or a self-launched glider that soars with the engine not running or can motor-soar over great distances with incredible fuel economy. Powered by the 4-cylinder, 80 HP Aero-Vee engine and has 16-gal fuel capacity, allowing for a minimum of 4 hours engine-running time. Price INCLUDES new propeller valued at \$1232. Unpowered min sink rate 200 fpm, max L/D = 24 @ 55 MPH, EIS:MGL-EXeme w/GPS and engine monitor, Radio: MG V10 transponder with intercom, Variometer: Tasman V-2000 display and audio output - N922PL ser. No. X0036 - located at Warrenton Airpark (7VG0) in Northern Virginia. •Contact Tom Richards, Friend of Owner •Telephone: 703-568-3607•



'46 Taylorcraft for ½ interest sale. LIGHT SPORT. TT airframe 1225 hr. Good fabric and clear glass. 12 gal main and two 6 gal wing tanks.

Cruise at 95 burning 4 gph. Sensenich wood prop balanced with 350 hr. 65 hp Continental with 587 hr.

Rebuilt Mags and new harness with less than 75 hr.

Fresh annual and all ADs complied with.

Hangared at Warrenton Airpark.

\$7,000 for ½ interest or \$14,000 for all.

Contact Bill Sullivan at 540-422-9175 or wpsullivan99@gmail.com

Owner/Builder of Fisher Celebrity (biplane)

Looking for a Co-Owner

All wood construction, Grove one-piece spring-aluminum main gear

Powered by Rotec R2800, 7-cylinder radial engine, 100 horsepower

A tandem 2-place open cockpit biplane, cruises ~80 MPH

Qualifies as light sport

Construction site & hangar, Warrenton Airpark (7VG0)

Project is ~80% complete

Project includes Grove Gear, Rotec R2800, Instruments, Flying Wires and all other major components. Total value ~\$35,000

A current co-owner is offering his half of this beautiful project
(Entire aircraft sale – may be considered)

Call for additional info or to make an appointment to see this beautiful Taildragger!

Gil Coshland - (703) 618-3422

Asking \$17,500 for his co-ownership

Jim T. Hill - (703) 659-8336 (Co-owner)

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 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



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.

2019 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Steve Beste 703-321-9110

Vice President: Allen Whatley 571-235-6978

Secretary: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265

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Director At Large: Pete Bastien 703-568-5778

Director At Large: Tim Loehrke 703-318-7896

Director At Large: Lucy Ooi 585-410-5573

2019 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

Safety & Training: Tom Richards 703-568-3607

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president@flyingclub1.org

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

ber 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. Family membership (typically husband and wife): \$25.00. A spouse who wishes to participate will please complete a membership application form.

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.

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 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

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