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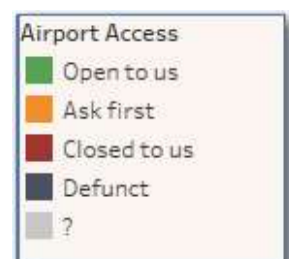
## The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

**Grass airfields.** I love exploring grass airfields. If they're on the charts, I'll call the owner and ask if I can land. If not, I'll visit by car to see what the story is. I remember flying over Chuck Boyd's field near Hume back in 2020. It was obviously [an airfield with a hangar](#), but it was not on the charts. With no other way to find out the story, I drove over and knocked on his door. We had a lovely chat, but, alas, no invitation to fly on over.

The fruit of all this is the [airport map](#) on the club website. Spurred by Alan White and the RAF's own map, I've expanded the map to include fields in West Virginia – at least those I know about northeast of Grant County.

One of the difficulties with the map – and with flying to private airfields generally – is that there are so many kinds of welcome mat. Some owners welcome us eagerly, some reluctantly, and some seasonally. Our website shows the distinctions at right. But *Open to us* and *Ask first* mask a host of subtleties. Those subtleties will matter to you if you go to land at the field. Here are some to keep in mind.



### What part of “open” don’t you understand?

Well, several parts, actually. We have:

1. **A public-use airport “open”.** A very few grass airfields are officially open to the public. As such, you don't need to call ahead to land. And you can expect the grass to be mowed and the field to be landable. Yay! These fields get gold stars. Unfortunately, they're rare. I know of only seven in our area: [Bermudian Valley](#) (07N), [Kampel](#) (2N5) and [Breezewood](#) (P17) – all in Pennsylvania. [Kenwood](#) (3W3), [Bennett](#) (1N5) and [Massey](#) (MD1) in Maryland, and [Campbell](#) (9VG) on Virginia's Eastern Shore.
2. **A warm “open”.** New owner Dennis Brown at Lenn's gives us the same warm welcome that the Lenn brothers always did. Likewise, George Phillips at [Mulberry Run](#) and John Ayres at [Ayres](#) are happy to have us land.
3. **A wink-wink “open”.** Bill Conn owns [White Post](#). He told me years ago that his insurance didn't allow him to give permission to non-tenants at the field. But he told me this in a way

that I took to mean that landing there was just fine.

4. **A hearsay “open”.** Rock Skowbo, the former manager at Front Royal, told me that we were welcome to fly into [Black Horse](#). Since it’s not on the charts and I don’t have the owner’s phone number, I’ve listed the field as *open* based on Rock’s say-so. The same is true of [Summit Point](#) and the adjacent Clear Meadows, neither of which are on the charts.



*Looking north across the Clear Meadows runway to Summit Point runway 03*

5. **A chatty “open”.** Here, the owner lives on the property and welcomes us, but expects to chat with us when we arrive. Like all social interactions, this can be tricky. I landed at Horse Feathers at 9:01pm on the longest day of the year in 2008. I was setting out boxes for the next day’s poker run and dashing to get to the Airpark before the civil twilight ended at 9:09. Plus it was *dark*! That’s when owner Frank Thompson showed up in a golf cart with its headlights on. I couldn’t just take off. It would be bad manners. So I yanked-my-helmet-off,-unbuckled,-ran-over-to-him,-said-Hi,-explained-what-I-was-doing,-thanked-him-for-the-use-of-his-airfield,-and-took-off. I didn’t give him a chance to say a word lest I get trapped in a conversation. The Airpark was only 2 miles away, but I almost couldn’t see it in the darkness. I beat the legal limit by a minute.

I landed at [Krens](#) once, unannounced. A few minutes later Bill Krens showed up with a big grin. He had just left the farm on an errand. But when he saw me land, he turned around and dashed back. That’s how much some of these folks want to meet us. We are so much in their debt for maintaining these fields. How could we not stop to chat?

If you just need to answer the call of nature and be off, then you’ll want to go to a field where the owner doesn’t live on the property. “Open” without the chat.

6. **A seasonal “open”.** Some of the fields on the map spend most of the year as hayfields or pasture. John Corradi’s [Pleasantdale](#) and Caleb Nissley’s [Rabbit Run](#) are like that. It’s a rare

treat when I can get those on a poker run. One year, we were set for Pleasantdale, but it rained the week beforehand, farmer Joe Bender couldn't get the field hayed off, and we had to skip that field. It was a very conditional "open".

Henry Ayres' [Ayres-Aicp](#) is usually a cow pasture filled with cow pies. I don't think anyone has landed there in years. The ultimate here is [River Bend](#) west of Front Royal. It's been planted in corn for the past 20 years. I don't know why the owner keeps it listed as an airfield.

So: if the map says to call first, you really should.

### **What if you want to spend the night?**

Does the welcome extend to an overnight stay? And would you want to?

1. **A crew car.** I spent the night at Mecklenburg/Brunswick (KAVC) while working on my Ambassador passport. They loaned me a car (for free), and I spent a fine night in a hotel with a swimming pool and a restaurant next door.



*Trike and crew car at Mecklenburg/Brunswick one morning*



2. **A couch in the pilot lounge.** As I wrote last month, Rob Donato invited me to overnight in the pilot lounge at Bermudian Valley (07N). I hear that other small public airports make the same offer. Of course, you have to bring your own bedding and food. And private-use airports tend to not have pilot lounges. (Upperville excepted, of course, which has a magnificent one for Bunny Mellon while she waited for her jet. But we're not welcome there.)



3. **Flamping.** If you like to fly and camp, you can pick from hundreds of airfields. [Campbell Field](#) on the Eastern Shore is famous for welcoming campers. But not every owner that lets you land will want you spending the night. And not every field makes a good campsite. Does it have water? Is it big enough? Is it pretty? Looking at our Flying Club map, I see only two that might be suitable: [High Rock](#) out in West Virginia, and [Bear River](#) south of Luray. But stay in touch with club member Alan White of the RAF. He loves flamping and is compiling a national map of airfields that allow it.



*Airplanes at High Rock (uncharted) – picture from the RAF*

### Is there anything worth seeing nearby?

OK, you can land there. What else is there?

- **Food.** Lucy Ooi compiled this [map](#) for our website showing nearby airports that have restaurants. Then, there's [Fly2Lunch.com](#), which lets you search nationally.
- **Attractions.** Is there anything at the airport worth seeing? I'm sure others could expand on this list, but I recommend:
  - [Luray Caverns](#). The people at the airport (KLUA) will arrange a shuttle to the caverns, which are nearby. The caverns are definitely worth the trip.
  - [Shannon Air Museum](#) at the Shannon Airport (KEZF). This is small, but superb. The tour guides have wonderful stories to tell.
  - [Massey Air Museum](#) at the Massey Aerodrome (MD1) on the Eastern Shore is worth the trip. Plus, if you're working on your Maryland passport, you get two stamps – one for the airport and one for the museum.
- **Fly-ins.** Lucy does a great job of telling us about fly-ins. Check out all the flyers in this issue, and go to some! They're a great chance to fly to airfields that might not normally be open to us. I'm heading for the fly-in at Lovettsville on September 24th. The field is open only one day a year. Join me?

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 Lost Griz Aerodrome which are occurring in the next month. Sources are: The [EAA Calendar of Events](#), [www.socialflight.com](#), [funplacestofly.com](#) and the [Virginia Department of Aviation Calendar of Events](#).

| Date                          | Event Description  | Location  | Distance from 7VG0 |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| Wed, Sep 21 / 11AM-3PM        | United Flying Octogenarians Fly-In   | Massey Aerodrome (MD1)                                  | 100 NM             |
| Sat, Sep 24 / 11AM-4PM        | Leesburg Airshow. See <a href="#">web-site</a>   | Leesburg Executive Airport (KJYO)                       | 28 NM              |
| Sat, Sep 24 / 10AM-4PM        | Vintage Aerodrome Wings and Wheels   | Lovettsville Airfield (VA61)                            | 37 NM              |
| Sat, Sep 24 / 8AM-4PM         | Wings, Wheels and Keels Fly-in   | Hummel Field Airport (W75)                              | 89 NM              |
| Sat, Sep 24 / 8:30-11AM       | Monthly Fly-in Breakfast   | Chase City Municipal Airport (KCXE)                     | 117 NM             |
| Sat, Sep 24 / 11AM-4PM        | Wings and Wheels Festival  | Hinton-Alderson Airport (WV77)                          | 150 NM             |
| Sun, Sep 25                   | Wings and Wheels Fly-In  | Greater Cumberland Regional Airport (KCBE)              | 73 NM              |
| Sat,Sun, Sep 24,25 / 8AM-12PM | EAA 1041 Pancake Breakfast   | Gettysburg Regional Airport (W05)                       | 75 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 1 / 5:30-10PM        | Movie Night and Open House (Movie starts 7:30)   | Richmond Executive - Chesterfield County Airport (KFCI) | 76NM               |
| Sat, Oct 1                    | CALF (EAA UL 20) Fly-in  | Shoestring Aviation Airfield (0P2)                      | 87 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 1 /                  | Reading Aero Club <a href="#">Aviation Career Fair</a> and FAA Safety Seminar ( <a href="#">Register</a> ) | Reading Regional Airport (KRDG)                         | 133 NM             |
| Sat-Sun, Oct 8-9              | Cheat River Island Fly-In  | 39.32° N / 79.66° W                                     | 95 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 8 / 9AM-4PM          | Culpeper Air Fest. See <a href="#">web-site</a> .  | Culpeper Regional Airport (KCJR)                        | 8.5 NM             |
| Sat, Oct 8 / 10AM             | Easton Airport Day   | Easton Airport (KESN)                                   | 81 NM              |

| Date                       | Event Description   | Location                                   | Distance from 7VG0 |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| Sat, Oct 8 / 8-11AM        | Breakfast with Amish Treats                               | Smoketown Airport (S37)                    | 111 NM             |
| Sat, Oct 8 / 8-11AM        | EAA 518 Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast                         | Mifflin County Airport (KRVL)              | 121 NM             |
| Sat-Sun, Oct 8-9 / 8AM-5PM | Light Sport Repairman Workshop - <a href="#">Register</a> | Lancaster Airport (KLNS)                   | 112 NM             |
| Sat, Oct 15 / 11AM-12PM    | EAA Chapter 1563 Monthly Meeting                          | Gordonsville Municipal Airport (KGVE)      | 35 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 15 / 8AM-4PM      | EAA 36 Poker Run  | Hagerstown Regional Airport (KHGR)         | 63 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 15 / 8AM to 12PM  | EAA 240 Pancake Breakfast                                 | New Garden Airport (N57)                   | 117 NM             |
| Sat Oct 15                 | Hershey Area Pilots Benefit Poker Run                     | Reigle Field (58N)                         | 120 NM             |
| Sat, Oct 15                | Ball Airport 50th Anniversary Fly-in. Land 36, depart 18  | Ball Airport (79NC)                        | 153 NM             |
| Sat, Oct 15 / 11AM-3PM     | Annual Fall Fly-in Pig Out                                | Benton Airport (PA40)                      | 166 NM             |
| Fri-Sun, Oct 21-23         | Lake Ridge Aero Park Chili Fall Fly-In                    | Lake Ridge Aero Park Airport (8NC8)        | 163 NM             |
| Sat, Oct 22 / 9-11AM       | Rusty Pilot Refresher Course at Chesapeake Sport Pilot    | Bay Bridge Airport (W29)                   | 71 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 22 / 12-4PM       | 3rd Annual “VA99” Fall Fly-In                             | Federhart-Ophelia Airport (VA99)           | 84 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 22 / 8:30-11AM    | Monthly Fly-in Breakfast                                  | Chase City Municipal Airport (KCXE)        | 117 NM             |
| Sat, Oct 29 / 10AM-4PM     | Annual Harvest Festival Fly-in                            | Shannon Airport (KEZF)                     | 28 NM              |
| Sat, Oct 29 / 2:30-7:30 PM | Hollingshead Pumpkin Drop, RCs, Pot Lucy                  | Hollingshead Airport (NJ25)                | 137 NM             |
| Sun, Oct 30 / 8AM-12PM     | EAA Chapter 426 Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast                 | Greater Cumberland Regional Airport (KCBE) | 73 NM              |

Don't forget that there are several great local flying destinations with restaurants on or near the airport. Did I miss some? Let me know!

- Shannon Airport (KEZF) - On the field: Robin's Nest Cafe (closed Sundays), Walkable: Wawa, Perfect Pollo
- Sky Bryce Airport (VG18) - Across the street at the ski slope: Copper Kettle (closed Mon/Tue)
- Cumberland Airport (KCBE) - On the field: Hummingbird Cafe (closed Mondays)
- Richmond Exec Chesterfield (KFCI) - On the field: Kings Korner (closed Saturdays)
- Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport (KMRB) (towered) - On the field: Crosswinds Cafe (closed Sundays)
- Hagerstown Regional Airport (KHGR) (towered) - On the field: The Grille at Runways
- Front Royal-Warren County Airport (KFRR) - 20 minute walk: 619 Market
- Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport (KJGG) - On the field: Charly's

Also, check out the map created by our very own Club President, Steve Beste on the [Flying Club 1 website!](#)



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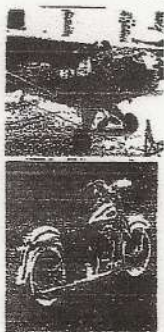
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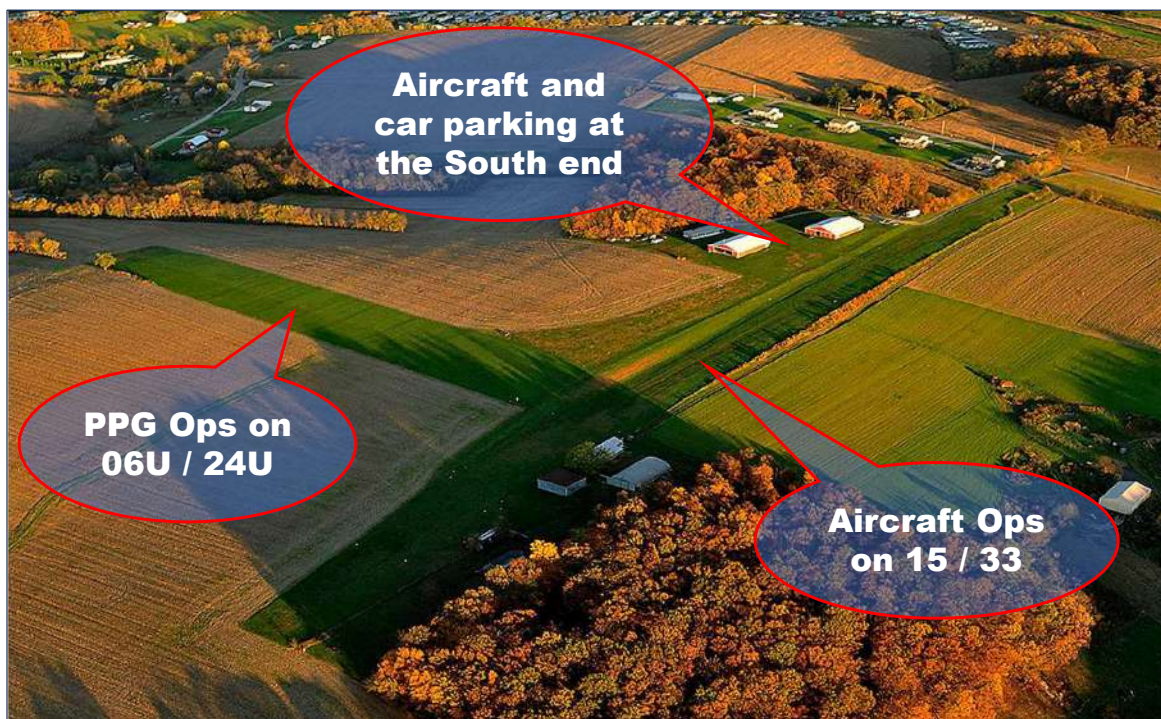
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# 2022 Shoestring Picnic

## RU Going 2 Shoe?! (Rain or Shine)

*Pete Stern will serve a variety of tasty items. Please bring a dish.  
Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am – 5pm, Shoestring Airport [0P2]  
Picnic parking at 14388 Ebaugh Rd, Stewartstown, PA 17363  
Monitoring CTAF122.9. Free admission. Donations appreciated. Pilots, family and guests only.*



**Location:** Stewartstown, PA. Just East of US 83. Just North of the MD/PA border.

- **If you are flying in:** click this link. It provides all of the FAA chart and Airport Facility Directory info.  
<https://skyvector.com/airport/0P2/Shoestring-Aviation-Airfield-Airport>
- **If you are driving in:** click this link. It opens Google Maps with a pin in the car parking area.  
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/39%C2%B047'37.5%22N+76%C2%B038'42.8%22W/@39.7937531,-76.6457767,321m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x0!8m2!3d39.7937531!4d-76.6452295> Enter your address as the starting point, and Google Maps will provide directions.



**Questions? Please contact:**

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# EAA Chapter 36 Poker Run

**Sat. Oct 15<sup>th</sup> (primary)**  
**8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Rain Date(s):**  
**Each weekend date through 10/30**

**Email: [ea36khgr@gmail.com](mailto:ea36khgr@gmail.com) for info updates**



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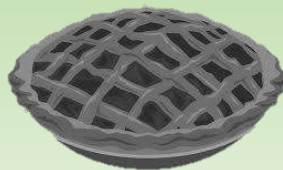


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## Quiz

Congrats to Jim Heidish for identifying last month's mystery airport as Shreveport North (62PA)! He notes: Shreveport North is "located 4 miles SE of Dillsburg, PA. Image looking SE. At one time the Club flew or drove to this great grass strip for the USUA Father's Day Fly-In. Many camped and had a great time at the Footlight Ranch's restaurant."

This month's quiz picture was submitted by Steve Beste. He asks "What body of water is this? The view is due East. Clue: It's at a higher latitude than Lost Griz and within 100 miles."



Know the answer or have a picture for the guessing game? Email me at [ooi.lucy@gmail.com](mailto:ooi.lucy@gmail.com).

## Oshkosh 2022 - Getting There

*By Lucy Ooi*

After years of saying “I’ll fly my Champ to Oshkosh someday”, I finally did it! With the Bellanca still undergoing an avionics upgrade, it was the perfect year to go...well...once I got my work commitments straightened out. Despite not taking off until noon, (Hey! It was a long week and I had to pack/get gas Saturday morning!) I was off to a good start, with no issues on the way to my first planned fuel stop, Upshur County (W22). While on the ground there, a check of the weather showed the need to divert to the south to get around a front. Watching the radar in flight as I headed west, I had to divert farther south until I was heading towards Charleston, WV and hoping to beat the front there so I could grab a crew car and wait it out in comfort. I tuned into their frequency and headed for the airport. Then, I heard much larger and more capable (i.e. IFR-equipped) aircraft being diverted from Charleston, and decided that wasn’t going to happen. From the ADS-B radar showing on my phone, it looked like I still had time to make it to the airport, but what I was hearing on the radio said otherwise. This was a great reminder that ADS-B data can have quite a large delay.



*Weathering the storm at Summersville, WV (SXL)*

Turning due south, I headed for Summersville, WV (SXL). I tied down just in time as the sky quickly turned dark and huge wind gusts swept the airport. There was very little rain. Looking at the radar, the airport luckily ended up in a gap in the front, with a band of heavy rain on both sides of it. SXL has a double-wide trailer turned FBO that is open. When you walk in, it feels like walking into a house, not a business, like an apartment that comes partially furnished and is currently between renters. It is a nice homey airport though, with two red crew cars, the keys for which are in binders on the kitchen table. Once the worst of the storm passed, and I was assured of my airplane’s survival, I took one of the cars and headed out to find some dinner while I waited for the ceilings to lift. As it turns out, SXL is in a beautiful location on a lake and seems to be a popular vacation destination. Hiking, camping, and the campground’s “General Store” were



all within walking distance of the airport gate. I made a mental note to come back and explore sometime!



*Summersville Lake on departure from SXL*

I had time for one more leg before dark, so I made a beeline for Pickaway County Airport (CYO) in Ohio. The airport seemed to be deserted except for a large turbine Air Tractor. I tied down right at sunset, and settled in on the FBO couch for the night. Except for a helicopter that flew in for gas around 2 AM, I slept great!



*Air Tractor at Pickaway (CYO)*

The crop dusters were up early, loading up the plane. I took off right after them, headed west. I had planned for my next stop to be on the southwest side of Fort Wayne, IN. While enroute though, I heard some familiar voices on the radio headed for Smith Field Airport (SMD) on the north side of the city. Since it appeared weather would have me spending some time in Ft. Wayne, I opted to change my plan and meet up with my buddies...even if they were flying Cubs. We ended up getting



the crew car and grabbing brunch while we waited out some weather. Then, once the worst of it had passed, we launched into a light drizzle towards our next stop - Valparaiso, IN (VPZ).



*Two of the Cubs I met up with at Smith Field (SMD) (the Cirrus was not with us)*

After VPZ came the most scenic part of the trip - flying up the Lake Michigan coast past Chicago. The sun was finally starting to peek out and the air over the lake was smooth. It was wonderful!



*Cub over Chicago*



*The Chicago skyline, low and slow*

We landed at Burlington, WI (BUU) for a very quick fuel stop for the shortest-legged Cub and then headed for Dodge County (UNU), hoping to fuel up and make it into Oshkosh that evening. Alas, it was not to be, as the “conga line” of aircraft to get into Oshkosh stretched over 40 NM southwest to Endeavor Bridge and then almost 30 NM south to the edge of the Madison Class C. So, we opted to stay overnight in Portage, WI (C47), about halfway between Endeavor Bridge and the Madison Class C, then head into Oshkosh first thing in the morning.



*Departing Portage (C47)*

We were at our planes bright and early and back in the air before 7 AM headed for Oshkosh. Already, the traffic on the route was considerable. I was leading the way with the Legend Cubs bringing up the rear and the ADS-B-less “real” Cub in the center for safety. Having slowed to Cub speeds, we were getting passed on all sides. We weren’t able to pick up the arrival ATIS before takeoff. The distance was too far for the radio, the phone line wouldn’t connect, and the liveatc wasn’t working. I was finally able to pick up OSH approach about 30 NM out (I never was able to get the ATIS) and was shuffling my NOTAM papers getting ready for arrival, when suddenly I was rocked by strong turbulence. I quickly glanced up to see that an aircraft had passed directly over me at what seemed to be about a 50 ft vertical offset! I am not sure he even saw me! Which



brings up another good lesson about ADS-B: just because you have ADS-B out does NOT mean other aircraft will see you! Yikes! At this point, I was swearing off Oshkosh all together saying this was the last year I was going.



*Oshkosh Runway 27*

After the hairy approach, landing at OSH was smooth and uneventful. I made one booboo when ATC told the “yellow high wing” to “start your descent”. Apparently there was another yellow high wing ahead of me in the pattern and I was yelled at for descending too early. Oops. Well...no harm done! I was given the green dot on Runway 27. My landing was definitely not a greaser, but I was RIGHT in the middle of that green dot! From there, since my beloved Rudy is a genuine L-16A, it was an easy taxi to the Warbird parking. We had finally arrived!



*Parked in the L-bird area at Oshkosh! Finally!*

# Meeting Minutes

*August 2022*

## *Flying Club One Meeting*

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Lost Griz Aerodrome (7VG0)

Warrenton, VA

**Selling 50/50 tickets before meeting**

## **Call to Order**

*President* **Steve Beste** called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM with 17 attendees.

## **Visitors and New Members**

New Member **Alan White** and his passenger, **Paul Gainsback**, flew into the meeting in his Beechcraft Sundowner. Alan is a dentist in Staunton, VA and is also the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) Liaison for Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. Paul is a retired A&P and is also an RAF volunteer.

## **Old Members**

**Steve Beste** answered questions about his trip Bermudian Valley (07N). He gave great praise to the Pilot's Lounge at the airport and really appreciated being able to sleep in the lounge since he is not a fan of sleeping in tents.

**Lucy Ooi** shared her experience flying to Oshkosh and landing right in the middle of the dot. It was a three-day trip, and, on the way, she flew up the shore and under the Class B airspace affording her an excellent view of the really pretty Chicago skyline.

**Jim Vankirk** talked about building a small 750' unnamed PPG field on his family farm in Fort Valley. He keeps his PPG in the barn and enjoys flying whenever the winds are favorable. The insurance company found his joke "Active Airport" sign less than amusing...

**Michael Bishton** has been trying to start American Light Flyers and he has been looking for a hanger for some time. He has been calling all over Northern Maryland and he happened to call the owner of Makoutz Airfield (MD20) located in Maryland just South of Gettysburg, PA. He was stunned when the owner told him he could have a hanger for free if he mowed the grass. He has purchased insurance and he and the owner are working on a \$1/month lease agreement for the empty 48' x 32' hanger with good doors, paved floor, electricity, and a 1,500' grass airstrip.

## **Regular Reports**

*Secretary:* **JJ Campbell:** The minutes for July were accepted as published in the August newsletter.



*Treasurer and Membership Director:* **Fabian Georges** reported that there are currently 52 members, and the bank balance is \$3,287.09

*Lost Griz Aerodrome Owner:* **Matt Christensen** did not attend the meeting.

### **New/Old Business**

None

### **Program**

**Alan White** explained that RAF stood for Recreational Aviation Foundation and that the best way to explain what it was is that it is the third leg of the stool; the AOPA is all about the pilot, the EAA is all about the airplane, and the RAF is all about the recreational private airstrips. The RAF's mission is to preserve, improve and create airstrips for recreational access. The RAF Website: [Home - Recreational Aviation Foundation \(theraf.org\)](https://theraf.org) has a nationwide interactive map of recreational use airstrips that is available to all with no requirement to join. However, joining the RAF is free and donations are completely optional.

### **50-50 Drawing**

**Steve Beste** had the winning number.

### **Adjourn**

*President,* **Steve Beste** adjourned the meeting at 12:10 AM.

### **Cook Out**

**Allen Whatley** served a classic burger & hotdog lunch with all the extras.

Submitted by **JJ Campbell**, *Secretary*

## Service Providers

Recap our standing list of service providers:

- **PPG instructor and dealer:** Brian Goff, 703-963-7389  
[spin2329@gmail.com](mailto:spin2329@gmail.com)  
<https://www.paraflightnc.com/>
- **Aircraft instructor - CFI:** Pete Bastien, 703-568-5778
- **Aircraft instructor - light sport and seaplane:** Chuck Tippet, 540-905-5091
- **Gyroplane Instructor:** Frank Noe, 443-253-7681  
[frankcanfly@yahoo.com](mailto:frankcanfly@yahoo.com)  
<http://www.gyromoj.com/>
- **Machinist:** Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927
- **Welder:** Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927
- **A&P mechanic/IA:** JD Ingram, 513-388-6312
- **Light Sport Condition Inspections, Rotax Certified:** Tim Loehrke, 703-618-4005
- **A&P mechanic specializing in tube & fabric, based at CJR:** Air Knocker Aviation  
(Abe Makely, Saverio Gambassi)  
571-309-7023  
[airknockeraviation@gmail.com](mailto:airknockeraviation@gmail.com)

For more information on instructors, see <http://www.flyingclub1.org/instructors/instructors.php>

## 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 Lost Griz Aerodrome (7VG0). 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  | Description                                    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Saturday, October 8th, 11am     | Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout | Outdoors at <a href="#">7VG0</a>  | Club meeting, fly-in, and cookout at 7VG0      |
| Saturday, October 22nd, 9am     | Club 1 Color Run Fly-out          | Meet at the Front Royal Airport for the run down to Luray               | Club 1 Color Run Fly-out: Front Royal to Luray |
| Saturday, November 13th, 11am   | Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout | Outdoors at <a href="#">7VG0</a>  | Club meeting, fly-in, and cookout at 7VG0      |
| Saturday, December 10th, 12-3pm | Holiday Party                     | The terminal building at the <a href="#">Warrenton-Fauquier Airport</a> | 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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### **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, Lost Griz Aerodrome (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 is the calendar year: January through December.

Renewals can be sent in starting in October for the upcoming year. Members who have not paid their dues by the end of February will be dropped effective March 1 and will not receive the newsletter or the membership roster.

Dues are \$20 per year. But if more than one family member is active in the club, then a family membership covering both of them can be had for \$25. Please:

- Make your check out to **Flying Club 1**

- Mail it to **Fabian Georges**

P.O. Box 5322

Springfield, VA 22150

- Include a copy of the membership application that's attached at the end of this newsletter (and is available on the club [website](#)). That's our way of keeping your contact information up to date.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



New/Renewal: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Type of membership: ☐ Individual ☐ Family (when more than one member of the family is active in the club)

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 (\$20 individual, \$25 family) to:

Fabian Georges, Treasurer  
P.O. Box #5322  
Springfield, VA 22150



## 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.

### 2022 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Steve Beste 703-321-9110

Vice President: Allen Whatley 571-235-6978

Secretary: JJ Campbell 703-379-8930

Treasurer: Fabian Georges 714-661-8800

Director At Large: Pete Bastien 703-568-5778

Director At Large: Tim Loehrke 703-318-7896

Director At Large: Lucy Ooi 585-410-5573

*tion(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.

### 2022 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

Membership: Fabian Georges 714-661-8800

Club Artist: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265

Newsletter Editor: Lucy Ooi (“Wee”)

[Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com](mailto:Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com)

Web Master: Steve Beste,

[president@flyingclub1.org](mailto: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 member support in varying amounts. Please indicate on your membership application the func-*

**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](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)**