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# The Privileged View Steve Beste, President

**Grover McCall**. As most of you know, Grover McCall died on May 17<sup>th</sup> while flying the Club's M-Squared Breese.

This was the first flight of the plane since we had brought it back from Florida. It had 26.9 hours on it, so we knew it was airworthy. But the previous owner had not logged the 5 hours of "Phase 1" solo flight that the FAA requires. It fell to us to do that, and Grover volunteered. He and I did a thorough pre-flight of the plane per the checklist, and it looked flawless. The weather was dead calm and clear, with no thermals thanks to a solid overcast at 2,700' AGL – perfect weather for the test plan, which was merely to fly gently for an hour, get used to the plane, do a few stalls and then land it.

About 8 minutes into the flight, he crashed in a hayfield a mile west of the airport. It appears that he landed nose down at high speed. There was no fire. No one saw the crash. The cause of the crash is not yet known. The NTSB Preliminary Report is due May 29<sup>th</sup>.





Grover first caught my attention back in 2018. Longtime club member Martin Walker got cancer and could no longer fly his Xenos motorglider. Grover volunteered to be his safety pilot and they flew all over. (Here's a picture of the two of them at Berryvale during the 2018 poker run.) This extended Martin's beloved flying career by about three years.



Allen Whatley, Grover McCall, and Martin Walker at Berryvale on the 2018 Poker Run

But Grover was always eager to serve. In fact, I don't know anyone who's as cheerful, enthusiastic and giving as Grover. When it came time to recruit a CFI to teach our members in our new airplane, Grover instantly volunteered. More, he volunteered to be the chief instructor, which meant coming up with a standard curriculum and training other CFIs in it.

His enthusiasm and eagerness might fool you into thinking he was cavalier. He was not. To equip himself to fly the Club's Breese, Grover went down to Alabama for four hours of instruction with Breese designer Paul Mather. In other words, he didn't just say Yes – he took a task seriously and got himself trained to do it.

That care shows up in his flying history – Marine aviator, with 160 hours as PIC in jets before his 1,440 civilian hours. Commercial pilot, instrument-rated, CFI. He taught classes to the Civil Air Patrol and was active with the EAA's Young Eagles program.

Outside of aviation, Grover had a PhD in cybersecurity. He taught at West Point for three years and for more than thirty years was a college professor teaching Computer Science and Information Systems with the University of Maryland.

He met his wife April during one of his tours in Korea, which explains his email address: *kimchi57*. (That was also his birth year – he was 67.) During a West Point posting, they would host Korean-American cadets, giving them a good home-cooked Korean meal far from home. He and April have stayed in touch with them for decades. Their home is always open.

His death is such a loss to so many people – to himself, of course, and to April. But also to their church, to Flying Club 1, to the CAP, the EAA, and to all of the many people he had befriended. I know of no one like him.

Yours in grief, 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-Fauquier Airport 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
Sat-Sun, Jun 14-16	Father's Day Fly-in Campout	Flying H Farms Airport (8MD5)	57 NM
Sat, Jun 15 / 10AM-12:30PM	EAA Chapter 1563 Breakfast and Monthly Meeting	Gordonsville Municipal Airport (KGVE)	35 NM
Sat, Jun 15 / 8- 11AM	Pancake Breakfast Fly-in / Drive-in	Hagerstown Regional Airport (KHGR)	63 NM
Fri-Sun, Jun 14-16	Golden Age Air Museum Bi- planes, Bands & Cruise-In	Grimes Airport (8N1)	130 NM
Sat, Jun 15 / 8AM- 3PM	New River Valley Spring Fly- In	New River Valley Airport (KPSK)	165 NM
Sun, Jun 16/9AM- 1PM	Airplanes, Cars and Pancakes	Pegasus Airpark (50PA)	178 NM
Mon-Mon, Jun 17- 24/ 8AM-5PM	Commemorative Air Force Week at Warrenton-Fauquier	Warrenton-Fauquier Airport (KHWY)	0 NM
Tue-Sun, Jun 18-23	Sentimental Journey Fly-In	Piper Memorial Airport (KLHV)	150 NM
Sat, Jun 22 / 10AM-2PM	Westminster Airport Fly-In	Carroll County Regional Airport (KDMW)	68 NM
Sat, Jun 22 / 8- 11AM	Baked French Toast/Pancake Breakfast	Smoketown Airport (S37)	111 NM
Sat, Jun 22 / 8:30- 10:30AM	EAA Chapter 339 Pancake Breakfast	Chesapeake Regional Airport (KCPK)	138 NM
Sat, Jun 22 / 11AM-2PM	"West Virginia Dog" Days Fly-In	Hinton-Alderson Airport (WV77)	150 NM
Sat, Jun 29 / 12- 4PM	7th Annual Blueberry and Sundae Social	39.7664825, - 77.1630626	75 NM
Sat, Jun 29 / 11:30 AM-2PM	VG37 Annual Fly-in with free food!	Umphlett Airstrip (VG36)	130 NM
Sun, Jun 30 / 8AM- 12PM	EAA Chapter 426 Fly-in and Drive-in Breakfast	Greater Cumberland Regional Airport (KCBE)	73 NM

Date	Event Description	Location	Distance
Fri-Sat Jul 5-6	Wings of War WoW Freedom Fest	Reigle Field (58N)	120 NM
Sat, Jul 20 / 10AM- 12:30PM	EAA Chapter 1563 Breakfast and Monthly Meeting	Gordonsville Municipal Airport (KGVE)	35 NM
Sat, Jul 27 / 8:30- 10:30AM	EAA Chapter 339 Pancake Breakfast	Chesapeake Regional Airport (KCPK)	138 NM
Sun, Jul 28 / 8AM- 12PM	EAA Chapter 426 Fly-in and Drive-in Breakfast	Greater Cumberland Regional Airport (KCBE)	73 NM
Sat, Aug 3 / 9AM-3PM	Garrett County Wings and Wheels Fly-In	Garrett County Airport (2G4)	91 NM
Sat, Aug 17 / 8- 11AM	Pancake Breakfast Fly-in / Drive-in	Hagerstown Regional Airport (KHGR)	63 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. Ultralights (with no N-number) not welcome on the field.
- 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 Mon/Tue)
- 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

#### **New Restaurant!**

I just found out about a new(ish) restaurant located at the St. Mary's Airport (2W6). I have yet to check it out, so if any of you go, let me know how it is! They are open Wednesday through Saturday 10AM-2PM. See their website: birddogbistro.com.

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



## Father's Day Weekend Fly-in, Cookout and Camping! Sponsored by EAA UL 20. Coordinated by Bruce Miller

Location: Flying H Farms Airport [8MD5] https://skyvector.com/airport/8MD5/Flying-H-Farm-Airport

**DateTime**:Friday afternoon June 14 – Sunday afternoon June 16. Come early if you'd like.

**Food**: *Saturday only*, 8:00am – 10:00am. Donuts and coffee for the PPG pilots and early-birds.

10:00am – 4:00pm. Potluck, Fly-In Burgers and Dogs. Soft drinks available. *Please* contribute a main or side dish for lunch if you can. Donations welcome to defray costs.

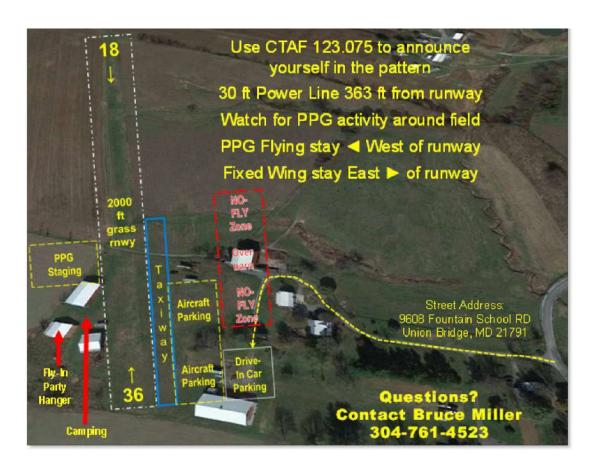
Camping: You can arrive on Friday to camp or fly your PPG, and stay through Sunday, if you'd like.

Contact: If you have any questions, please call CALF Vice President – Bruce Miller at 304-761-4523

If you are driving in: The street address is 9608 Fountain School Road, Union Bridge, MD 21791. See layout

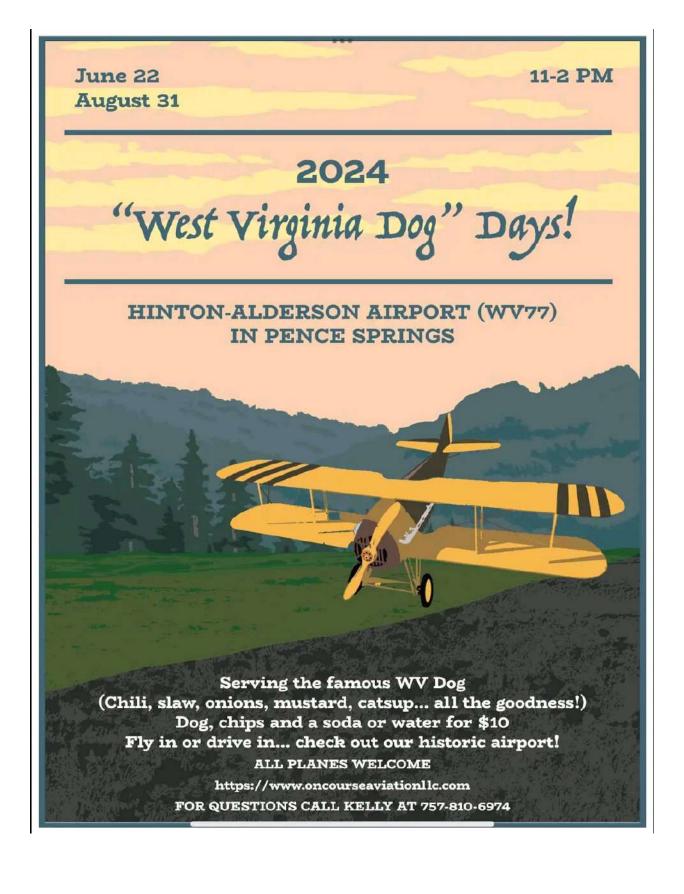
on next page for event layout. The best way to find it is to use Google Maps at the following link. https://www.google.com/maps/dir//39.4979428,-77.2192605/@39.4978945,-77.2210277,321m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!4m1!3e0

If you are flying in: Do not buzz the horse barn marked on the layout! It upsets the horses. Lookup all of the airport details on Skyvector.com at this link. Use CTAF 123.075 to announce yourself in the pattern and ask for preferred runway. Note proximity to Frederick Airport, [FDR], Mode C Veil, and Camp David R-4009 restricted airspace. PPG Pilots stay West (left) of the runway. Fixed wing pilots stay East (right) of the runway.











## **Sponsored by EAA Chapter UL 20**

### Hosted by Club Members - Larry and Sheilla Combs of Mt Joy Berry Farm

Location: 351 Speelman Klingler Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325 Click this link for Google Map directions.
 Date/Time: Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Rain Date: Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Come early if you fly PPG!
 Food: Grilled chicken, salad bar, ice cream, and all the blueberries you can handle (if they are ripe)!
 Fun: Swimming, a flight line, yard games, and did I mention all the blueberries you can handle?

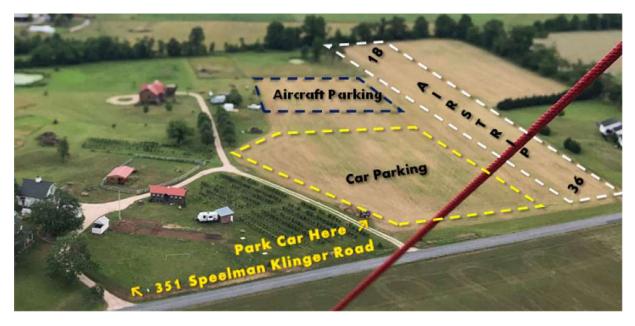
**Bring**: A side dish or dessert, picking containers, chairs, swimsuits and towels. **Contact:** If you have any questions, please call **Larry Combs** at **717-398-6623** 

If you are driving in: Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, a picking container, swimsuite and towels. Be prepared to pick as many blueberries as you can carry home!

See picture below for event layout and car parking. The best way to find it is to use Google Maps at this link.

If you are flying in: Airstrip length is 950 feet. 40ft trees at North End. You must be able to land and take off within 800 feet to clear the trees! See picture on next page for layout. Use radio frequency 123.45 to announce your location in pattern. Airstrip is Left-Hand Pattern. Watch out for Ultralights and PPGs. Lookup strip location on Skyvector.com at this link. Use the following GPS Location for your device:

**Decimal:** 39.7664825 -77.1630626 **Deg., Min., Sec.:** 39° 45' 59.3388" -77° 9' 47.0262"



Open to Short Take-Off and Landing Aircraft only. Runway is 930 feet long. Be sure that your Light Sport aircraft can take off and land within 800 feet.

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## Quiz

Stephen Waide was the first to identify last month's quiz picture as the new mansion being built at Airlie. Congratulations!

This month's quiz is a bit different. What makes this Gulfstream special?



Know the answer or have a picture for the guessing game? Email me at ooi.lucy@gmail.com.



## AirDogs RV Road Trip

By Mark Barron

On April 4th, fellow Flying Club One members Steve, Stephen and Vangie Cypher and Mark (me) and Margi Barron decided to head west to see the

eclipse in my dad's home town of DuQuoin, IL. We had planned on flying during the eclipse and conditions were actually flyable but we decided to enjoy it from the ground with each other. It was an incredible experience. After checking with a local PPG pilot we found out we could launch from an overflow parking lot just outside of our campground, so I took several cousins up on a tandem flight before we headed further west on what would end up being a 3 week road trip to Moab, Las Vegas, Lake Powell and Nashville along with a few wineries and a Pecan farm on our way back.



Sharing the joy of soaring like a bird



Waiting for the eclipse









Kiting in Illinois



Heading West

We were able to get some flights in while we were in each of the places. Moab was a bit windy so we didn't really do much more than fly around the pattern. We called the local PPG club and they suggested the "old runway" at Sky Ranch Park (UT53) to the south of town. Our intention was to fly the Corona Arch which is the only arch that is not in the National Park. But winds prevented that. But hey, we flew in Moab!



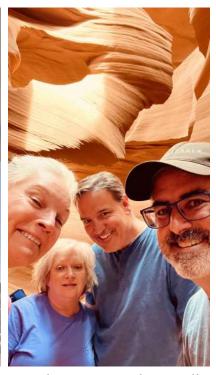
Find Your Wings in Glenwood Springs, Colorado



Flying in Moab, Utah







Having fun in Moab...

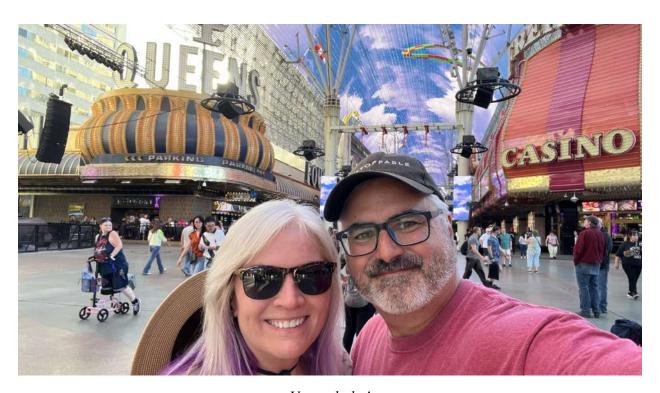
and "flying" through arches

Exploring near Lake Powell

The next spot was Las Vegas from a dry lake bed I had discovered during the Wingman Challenge in 2022. Again after calling the local PPG group (and one of my wingman friends) he met us at Eldorado Dry Lake bed just south of Las Vegas and to the west of Boulder City airport. I had wanted to fly over the Hoover dam during the wingman challenge but my knee injury and high winds prevented me from it then. As luck would have it the same happened in 2024 with high winds (thankfully not the knee). Also the helicopter tours that fly out of Boulder City (KBVU) made us nervous. So we played it safe and got enough altitude to see the Las Vegas skyline then landed. Fly in Las Vegas, check!



On the dry lake bed



Vegas, baby!

From there we went to Lake Powell. We didn't really have a plan but heard about a campground that is first come first served spaces at Lone Rock Beach. It was amazing. The warm season was just starting so the beach wasn't crowded at all. We woke up to watch the sunrise and after some debate decided to drive to Page Airport (KPGA) to get a quick flight in. The winds were 3 mph gusting 5. Couldn't ask for a better flight. This was the best scenic flight of the entire trip. Flying low over the lake canyons that once had water in them but are now full of vegetation. The "bathtub ring" around the lake to indicate where the water levels have been. Flying about 5 feet off the ground over the mesa then going over the cliff and finding yourself suddenly 1000ft AGL was breathtaking. Of course there was Lone Rock itself, towering out of the lake surrounded by water. Amazing views. Fly in Lake Powell, AZ – check!



Lone Rock Beach



Lake Powell



We made our way Eastward along Rt 40 which parallels the famous Rt 66. We stopped at a few attractions like Cadillac Ranch, Forest Gump Running scene and finally stopped at a Harvest Host – Pecan Farm in Arkansas. After taking a tour and buying pecans and pies I asked the owner "Billy, I have a crazy question'…" 20 minutes later we were flying around the Pecan Farm. Fly in Arkansas – check!



Fly in Arkansas – check!



Over the pecan farm

After a stop in Nashville, TN we parted ways with Steve and Vangie and headed to Virginia Tech to see our oldest son Ty. I had my flying gear with me so I offered to take him and a few of his friends up for a tandem discovery flight. This was Ty's first flight with me after 5 yrs of asking him. I was so thrilled. The VT Airport isn't PPG friendly but once again checking with the locals I found out that the New River Valley Airport just west of Claytor Lake was. Fly oldest son Ty and a few college friends in VT – check!



Flying with Ty

In summary, we were on the road from April 4 to May 1. As I write this we are in VA Beach helping my younger son Blake move out of his dorm having finished his first year at ODU. Obviously I highlighted the flying parts of our trip but there were plenty of other fun parts to our trip across country. It was the first big trip in our 2018 Class A, RV and will not be the last. Towing the jeep with the trike folded up in the back and my foot launch Paramotor in one of the bays of the RV, we've figured out the most optimal way to travel with toys. Believe it or not we are still talking with Steve and Vangie and have even started booking the next trip together.

## **Meeting Minutes**

## April 2024

#### Flying Club One Meeting

Saturday, April 13, 2024 Warrenton-Fauquier Airport (HWY) Midland, VA

#### **Call to Order**

President Steve Beste called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM with 24 attendees.

#### **Visitors and New Members**

- New member Steve Kirchman introduced himself.
- PPG flyer **Arvind Singh** re-joined after many years away.

#### Flying Attendees

• None. Too windy.

#### **Recent Flying**

- **Stephen Waide** explored the Fort Valley.
- **Bob Chapman** got in two days of gyroplane trianing.
- Michael Bishton had some glider flights at Front Royal.

#### **Routine Business**

- Treasurer and Membership Director: Fabian Georges:
  - Reported that our bank balance is \$2,759 after \$739 in expenses and \$230 in income.
     The high expenses reflected the beginning of loan payments and a year's subscription to Flight Circle.
- Membership is now at 70, although that still includes 11 from 2023 who have not renewed and yet may.

#### **Status of the Breese**

- The condition inspection is done. The plane is ready to fly.
- It needs 5 hours of Phase 1 flight testing to be flown off. **Grover McCall** has volunteered to do it.
- **Grover McCall** reported that he wants to get better at landing Ari Tapper's Breese with Jackie George before flying our Breese solo. The weather is not cooperating.

#### **Business**

We will have a table at the KHWY fly-in on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. **Jackie George** offered to bring his Quicksilver there for static display.

#### **Program**

• **Michael Bishton** showed a video of a landing in gusty conditions. This sparked a conversation of how to deal with those.

**50-50 Drawing - \$66** This was won by **Arvind Singh**, who donated \$50 to the Club.

#### Adjourn

President, Steve Beste adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

#### **Cook Out**

Bryan Chaisone brought food and served it in the conference room.

Submitted by **Steve Beste**, as the secretary position is currently vacant.

## Service Providers

Recap our standing list of service providers:

• **PPG instructor and dealer:** Brian Goff, 703-963-7389

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spin2329@gmail.com
https://www.paraflightnc.com/
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- Aircraft instructor CFI: Pete Bastien, 703-568-5778
- Aircraft instructor light sport and seaplane: Chuck Tippett, 540-905-5091
- Gyroplane Instructor: Frank Noe, 443-253-7681

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- 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

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 at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport (KHWY). 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, July 13th, 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport	Club meeting, fly-in, and cookout
Saturday, August 10th, 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport	Club meeting, fly-in, and cookout
Saturday, September 14th, 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport	Club meeting, fly-in, and cookout
Saturday, October 12th, 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport	Club meeting, fly-in, and cookout
Saturday, October 26th, 9am	Club 1 Color Run Flyout	Meet at the Front Royal Airport for the run down to Luray	Club 1 Color Run Flyout: Front Royal to Luray
Saturday, November 9th, 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport	Club meeting, fly-in, and cookout
Saturday, December 7th, 12-3pm	Holiday Party	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party

## 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.



#### Join as a Social Member

- Fellowship
- Local knowledge
- Technical advice
- Share your stories
- \$20 / \$25 /year

Click or scan this QR code to join online.

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#### Join as a Flying Member

- Everything at left plus
- Fly our airplanes

This is much more involved.



Click or scan this QR code to see online how to join.

New/Renewal:	□ New	□ Renewal	
Type of membership:	□ Individual - \$20	☐ <b>Family membership - \$25</b> (when more than one member of the family is active in the club)	
		t Name:	
E-mail Address:			
Cell phone:	Home phone:		
Street or PO Box:			
City:		State: Zip:	
Emergency Contact: Name:		Phone:	
Aircraft make and model:		N-Number (if any):	
Pilot rating(s):			

#### **Instructions**

for joining as a social member by mail

- 1. Fill out the above form
- 2. Make out a check for \$20 (individual) or \$25 (family)
- 3. Make it payable to **Flying Club 1**
- 4. Send the form and check to:

Fabian Georges, Treasurer 7051 Brookfield Plaza, #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.

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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 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