



The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

Let's get another airplane. The Board met last weekend to discuss whether we should go for another airplane. We have so much in place – hangar, structure, expertise, interest – that the end seems almost in reach.

And that end is as compelling as it was a year ago. We want to get more pilots into aviation and into the Club by lowering the barriers to entry. Unlike other parts of aviation, we know how to fly inexpensively. We want to share that with new pilots.

You – as a club member in a group effort – are the determining factor in whether we go forward.

For example, at July's Club meeting, everyone was very enthusiastic about getting another plane and continuing the project. Four people volunteered to complete a kit aircraft – Michael Bishton has a lead on a Challenger – if one was obtained. Shawn Lillemo subsequently offered to be the Build Chief and see that the plane was completed. A leader and helpers: if we can get that same kind of participation in these other four areas, we can make this happen.

- **Fundraising.** We need to raise somewhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000. To do that, we need to reach out beyond our membership. Somewhere there are old guys who want a good home for their beloved plane. Or maybe GoFundMe or Kickstarter or Facebook are the way forward? Sabin Zachariya has started looking at GoFundMe.
- **Maintenance.** Once we have a plane, we'll need people to keep it in top condition. Arrange for the annual condition inspections. See that squawks are logged and fixed.
- **Flight Ops.** This is all about the pilots. We'll need people to guide new pilots into the program and sort out any issues that come up among the pilots.
- **CFIs.** We'll need to recruit a cadre of instructors and get them trained in our plane. We'll need to set up a standard syllabus and ensure that CFIs and students are using it. We already have interested CFIs and a proposed syllabus from the Michigan club.

The key to our success is **your** participation as part of a group where “many hands make light work.” So here's a proposal:

1. Look at the positions above and see which one(s) you are interested in doing. This includes volunteering to **help** in one or more of these areas.
2. Then I'll meet with the group of interested people (over Zoom?) to figure out who will do what. We will need one person to be the chief - to be responsible for results. It **does not** mean that you will be the only one doing that work. It does mean that you will be responsible for ensuring that it is done. Again, “Many hands make light work.”

If we can fill these positions, the Board is willing to go forward. If not, we won't. It's that simple.

What's the end result of all this? It will be more people in aviation, more people to fly with, and the chance for you to fly inexpensively. Are you in?

When I started as Club President, I wasn't at all sure I could do the job. I had never been president of anything. It's turned into the most rewarding volunteer job I've ever had. This could be true for you, too. Give me a call and let's talk. Let's explore what your considerations are and what you think you would need. 703-321-9110. President@flyingclub1.org.



Lucy Ooi Steps Down. After 11½ years (!) as our newsletter editor, Lucy Ooi is stepping down to devote more time to the Aeronca club. That's 136 issues! You can see them all on the back issues page of the club [website](#), where year after year has the heading:

Lucy Ooi, Editor

Lucy introduced the exhaustive list of fly-in destinations that you've been seeing every month. She created the Airports with Restaurants list (which was the most popular page on the website last month). She introduced the Quiz feature that's been so challenging. But mainly, she has faithfully – and successfully – shaken the tree to get articles from you all. Thank her when you see her. We will miss her good work.



Lucy in her Aeronca Champ "Rudolph"

I am temporarily taking on the job of newsletter editor. Please send me stories of your adventures to Editor@flyingclub1.org. Not having any adventures? And yet you own an aircraft? Shame on you! Go create an adventure and tell us about it.

Fly safely,
Steve

Oshkosh

Speaking of adventures, **Tim Loehrke**, **Michael Bishton**, and **Jeff Crider** all went to AirVenture last month. **Lucy Ooi** and **Allen Whately** each *flew* there, taking both an Aeronca Champ and their Bellanca Cruisemaster. Michael sends these pictures of four ultralights.



Aviad Ultralight with folding wings. Sold in the US by Aeromarine-LSA.com

<https://www.aeromarine-lsa.com/truelite/>



Merlin Lite Ultralight and Motor Glider from Aeromarine-LSA.com <https://www.aeromarine-lsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/750-Floats-and-Merlin-Lite.pdf>



The Dingo from “Future Vehicles” in the Czech Republic. <https://www.futurevehicles.eu/dingo-en/>



The Kolb Trifecta; Firefly, Firefly, and the Twinstar Mark III <https://kolbaircraft.com/>

Tim Loehrke took the next three.



The home-built P-38 featured in Sport Aviation magazine



Aeromacchi AL-60 N96038



Tim Loehrke up front. Lucy Ooi on the left.

Quiz

By Steve Beste

Ten years ago, as a game, I found all the tennis courts in Fauquier County using Google Maps. I then took a picture of each one from the air. It was just as pointless as the \$100 hamburger but a lot more fun. You can see them all in this [newsletter article](#) from September, 2014.

Last month, I spotted something new 4 miles north of the Luray Airport that was *fundamentally different* from the ones ten years ago. Here are some pictures old and new. Be the first to tell the newsletter editor (Editor@FlyingClub1.org) which picture is the new one and what makes it different.



This Month's Fly-In Destinations

If I were Lucy, I would click on each of these links, then click through to the events, copy their online flyers and paste them here. But since I'm not Lucy, I'm going to slough off and let you to do your own clicking. Didn't I say you would miss her?

- ♦ [EAA Calendar of Events](#),
- ♦ www.socialflight.com,
- ♦ funplacestofly.com
- ♦ [Virginia Department of Aviation Calendar of Events](#).

Activities

Club meetings are generally held on the second Saturday of every month at the [Warrenton-Fauquier Airport](#) (KHWY). Other events are as scheduled below. But please check the home page of the Club [website](#) to make sure there hasn't been a change of time or place.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Saturday, August 10 th , 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport
Saturday, September 14 th , 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport
Saturday, October 12 th , 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport
Saturday, August 26 th , 11am	Color Run	Meet at the Front Royal Airport for the flight down to Luray
Saturday, November 9 th , 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport
Saturday, December 7 th , 11-3pm	Holiday Party	The terminal building at the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport

Meeting Minutes

When: July 13, 2024. 11:05am to 12:50pm
Where: Warrenton-Fauquier Airport
Presiding: Steve Beste, President
Present: 16 people

Visitors & New Members

- We were visited by **Dominique Bertrand**, who used to fly with Gary Edgecomb to meetings at the Airpark back in the day. Dominique was looking for someone with experience putting sails on a Phantom.

Flying Attendees

- None. Low ceiling.

Recent Flying

- **Mark Wood** reported that he has soloed! He's taking lessons in a Cessna 172 at Potomac Airfield (VKX).

Routine Business

- Treasurer and Membership Chairman **Fabian Georges** reported that:
 - Our bank balance is \$1,600.
 - We have 52 members.
 - He would publish a new roster this weekend.

Status of the Breese

- The NTSB has released the wreckage to us except for the EIS, which will come later.
- An inspection of the wreckage by the Board and the people who put the plane together will be scheduled soon.
- The wreckage will be available for everyone to see after the August meeting.

Program – Where Does the Club Go from Here?

There was enthusiasm for getting another airplane rather than reverting to being just a social club. Everyone recognized that fundraising from outside the Club would be necessary to make that happen. To that end:

1. **Michael Bishton** said that he has a new-in-box kit for a Challenger II with a Hirth engine. It's parked in his hangar in Maryland, left by a man who has given up ever building the plane. Michael will see if the owner will donate the kit.
2. Ideas for **fundraising**:
 - Sabin Zachariya offered to set up a **GoFundMe** page. We would have to come up with a target price. The Breese was \$18,000.
 - Someone suggested that we use **Facebook** to publicize our appeal
 - **Craig's List**.

- JJ Campbell suggested making a pitch on **Sport Pilot Forum**.

Old Business – None

New Business – Newsletter Editor

- **Lucy Ooi** wants to step down as newsletter editor after eleven years. To that end **Michael Bishton** volunteered to be the formatter – that is, not someone who solicits or writes content.

50-50 Drawing - \$55

- This was won by **Tee Wubie**, who donated it to the Club.

Food

- Michael Bishton brought food and served it in the conference room. On these hot days when we meet inside, bringing food that can be served from the kitchen works better than using the grill outside.



Service Providers

If you're looking for help, Club members have had good experience with these people:

- **PPG instructor** and dealer: Brian Goff, 703-963-7389
 - ♦ spin2329@gmail.com
 - ♦ <https://www.paraflytnc.com/>
- **Aircraft instructor** - CFI: Pete Bastien, 703-568-5778 (Martinsburg, WV)
- **Aircraft instructor** - light sport and seaplane: Chuck Tippett, 540-905-5091
- **Gyroplane Instructor**: Frank Noe, 443-253-7681 (Frederick, MD)
 - ♦ frankcanfly@yahoo.com
 - ♦ <http://www.gyromajo.com/>
- **Machinist**: Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927 (Culpeper)
- **Welder**: Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927 (Culpeper)
- **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>

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:

- Join online at <https://www.flyingclub1.org/join/join.php> or
- 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 on the next page (and is available on the club website). That's our way of keeping your contact information up to date.

Flying Club 1 General Information

At 50 members or so, we are the center for powered light flying in Northern Virginia, USA. If you are new to light flying, this is the place to see real aircraft and talk to live people. If you're an old hand, this is the place to share your experience and get local information.

Flying Club 1 is a non-profit hobbyist organization. The club aims to promote safe light powered recreational flying by giving support, advice, and encouragement to everyone interested in the sport.

2024 Officers & Directors

President	Steve Beste	President@FlyingClub1.org	703-321-9110
Vice President	Allen Whatley		571-235-6978
Secretary	VACANT		
Treasurer	Fabian Georges	Treasurer@FlyingClub1.org	714-661-8800
Director At Large	Pete Bastien		703-568-5778
Director At Large	Michael Bishton		301-320-9542
Director At Large	Lucy Ooi		585-410-5573

2024 Volunteer Staff

Webmaster	Steve Beste	Webmaster@FlyingClub1.org	703-321-9110
Membership	Fabian Georges	Membership@FlyingClub1.org	714-661-8800
Newsletter	Steve Beste	Editor@FlyingClub1.org	703-321-9110
Club Artist	Jim Heidish		703-524-5265

Dues

- Memberships are for the calendar year. Dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families (when more than one member of the family is active in the Club).

Website

- <http://flyingclub1.org>

Meetings

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Newsletter

- The newsletter is published monthly by email prior to the monthly meetings.
- **Submitting items for the newsletter:** Members and non-members are encouraged to submit items for this newsletter. Send submissions to Editor@FlyingClub1.org by the end of the first weekend of the month.