



## The Privileged View

*Steve Beste, President*

**We lost our hangar.** Tanya Woodward, the Airport Director at KCJR has asked us to vacate our hangar by the end of September. Here's the story.

1. The hangar lease is held by Club member Rick Van Doren, who sold his own airplane in the spring of 2023.
2. As a member of the Club, he was a co-owner of the Breese. But KCJR doesn't see it that way. In their opinion, only parties on the FAA registration are co-owners. Our registration is solely in the name of Flying Club 1, Inc.
3. Therefore, in their opinion, Rick has actually been subleasing the hangar to us for the past 16 months.
4. Under the terms of his lease, a sublease can last for only one year. At that point, if the leaseholder has not gotten an airplane of their own, the airport director can **at her discretion** give the lease to the subleasing party. That would be us. She declines to do so. She didn't say why.

**Appeals for volunteers bring few results.** Last month, I appealed to the members asking for volunteers for the key jobs of fundraising chief, maintenance chief, flight ops chief, and CFI chief. Only the last job got filled (thank you both **Shawn Lillemo** and **Sean Roe**). An appeal to the former members asking for fundraising help produced the offer of a donation (thank you, **Tom Simmons**) but no advice on fundraising.

**Where our Airplane Project Stands.** Eighteen months ago, we set out to acquire an airplane with which to train pilots inexpensively. Until the crash of the Breese we were almost there. At this point, things look bleak. We have no airplane, no hangar, not enough volunteers, and \$13,000 in debt. On the asset side, we have all the necessary administrative stuff in place – corporate structure, bylaws, 501(c)7 tax status, waivers, operating rules, Flight Circle setup, and so on.

And then another of those miracles happened of the kind that has kept this project going [time and again](#) – we got an offer of an airplane – or at least an airplane kit...

**LCDR Darryl “Short Round” Abriam** offers to give us a Challenger II. Out of the blue, I got an email from a Navy pilot at Dahlgren. He's Darryl Abriam, but goes by his flying handle “Short Round”. Here's his story:

- I love giving back to the aviation community! I got my PPL for free in high school because I went to an Aviation Academy Magnet school. I have greatly appreciated being given that wonderful opportunity, that I have been paying it forward since.
- I have given multiple lessons for free both in the ground and in the air to kids and other community members (middle school & high school STEM events, in-flight re-enlistments/promotion ceremonies, ROTC, Sea Cadets, life guards, YMCA, flight festivals, EAA young eagles).
- I currently have a C-172 in Florida that I use to grant one student a year flight training for the PPL for free.
- I have spent majority of my military career in FL, but recently moved to Dahlgren VA. My current military [3-year] tour is a non-flying tour, so I have no flying for work for the next few years. I didn't want to bring my C-172 to VA because I want to keep it in FL to continue the flight scholarship I have going on over there. Therefore I needed a new plane to fly while I am in VA to keep scratching the itch and to continue introducing other people into the joys of flying.
- I wanted another C-172, but since C-172 prices have skyrocketed ever since COVID, I could not afford another one. Instead, I opted to buy a Challenger II kit last year. I was hoping to be done with it in a few months and get back to flying. However, the build has been going was slower than expected, and it is now been over a year and I am still not done. Since I was itching to fly, and although a C-172 was out of budget, I still had some space in the budget to buy a C-150 instead.
- Now that I have a plane to fly up here [the 150], the need for me to own the Challenger and fly it all the time is no longer necessary. Which is why I am ok with the club using it. Especially since it will be once again fulfilling my desire to pay it forward and to get more people into aviation.



*Short Round Abriam, Sean Roe & Shawn Lillemo at Dahlgren with Challenger II project*

Short Round is offering to give the plane to the Club if we can help him finish it. **Sean Roe** has built and now flies a Challenger II and offers his expertise. **Shawn Lillemo** is willing to spend serious hours on the project. Other club members are willing to help build a plane. Sean guesses that the project will take another 200 labor hours to complete.

Beyond labor, we'll need a place to build it. The project has already outgrown Short Round's one-car garage on base at Dahlgren. Finding that build space – and paying for it – are tasks still to be sorted out. Plus, cold weather is coming.

Shawn Lillemo has emerged as the de facto project lead. If you're interested in helping out, please get in touch with him.

**The Board votes to sit tight.** At its last meeting, the Club's Board of Directors decided to not kill the airplane project but to suspend it until next spring. We'll hang onto the Breese's engine (as a possible maintenance spare) and other bits that might be useful on the Challenger build. We'll see if we can actually get it built and if we can find a hangar and the necessary volunteers to run a flying program. We'll re-assess the question next April or May.

**Disposition of the wreckage.** **Bob Chapman** and **Shawn Lillemo** spent *hours* clearing out the wreckage of the Breese. The fabric went to the dump and the aluminum to the recycler (worth all of \$244). What they left is a clean hangar, the saleable bits, and some miscellany. I am *so* grateful to them for taking on this sad chore and doing it so well.

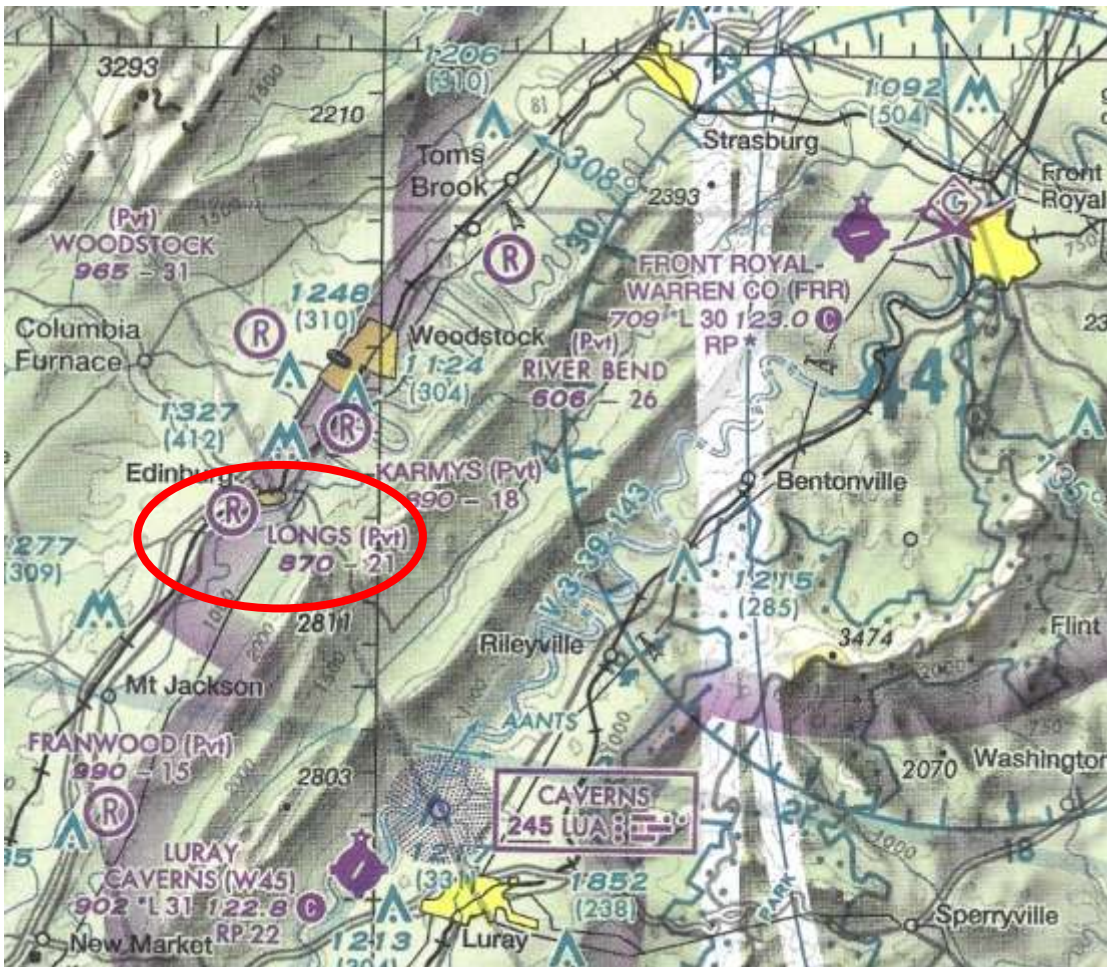


*Wreckage gone*

Since the above picture was taken we have moved everything you see into one of **Lucy Ooi** and **Allen Whatley's** hangars at Culpeper. Thank you Allen and Lucy!



**Another grass airfield closes.** I see that Long's (32VA) is gone from the new [September 5, 2024 Washington sectional](#). I don't know the story except that Mr. Long was elderly. Here's the chart in 2010. Long's and Karmy's are both gone.



*Our flyers at Long's during a 2017 Valley Poker Run*



**People flew in to the August meeting.** The fine weather at our August meeting brought six aircraft to KHWY, a record for the year so far.



*Club members fly into the meeting*



*Shawn Lillemo, JJ Campbell, Jasmine, and JJ's Tecnam*



*Kurt Mohr in his Magni gyroplane*



*Mike Vadney in his SportCopter 912*

Fly safely,  
Steve

## Quiz

*By Steve Beste*

**Last month.** Former president Len Alt won last month's quiz, closely followed by JJ Campbell. They correctly spotted that picture C was a pickleball court whereas the other pictures all showed tennis courts. (See the pictures [here](#).) Since neither Len nor JJ plays pickleball, you have to credit their sharp eyes.

**This month.** I took the picture below while flying my trike to far southwest Virginia last September.

*Question:* Was I flying legally? If so – or if not – cite the FAR(s) that supports+ your opinion.

Here's the data you need:

- It's 8:44am on September 6, 2023.
- I am headed west, 8 miles west of Abingdon on the track shown [here](#).
- I am in Class G airspace in an area where Class E begins at 700'.
- Visibility is 4 miles.
- My altimeter says I'm at 2,766' MSL.
- The ceiling is at 2,800' MSL. (I floated up to cloudbase to measure that, then came down again.)
- The valleys here are about 1,900', the hilltops are 2,100'.

Was I legal?






## Salvage Sale

On behalf of the Club, **Tim Loehrke** is selling these items from the crashed Breese. If you're interested in buying them – or have any leads to a customer – please contact Tim at

- ♦ 703-618-4005
- ♦ [TimandJan@verizon.net](mailto:TimandJan@verizon.net)

Item	Price New	Status
<p><b>Wheel, Tire, and Brake set</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wheel &amp; brake calipers (pair). MATCO MHE6B</li></ul> 	<p><a href="#">\$980</a></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tires (pair) Aero Classic 8.50x6 4PR smooth tread</li></ul> 	<p><a href="#">\$690</a></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>

Item	Price New	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tubes (pair)</li> </ul>	<a href="#"><u>\$560</u></a>	<b>SOLD</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master cylinder, hand-operated, MATCO MCMC-7</li> </ul> 	<a href="#"><u>\$319</u></a>	<b>SOLD</b>
<p>The complete set of everything above – two wheels, brakes, tundra tires, tubes &amp; master cylinder</p>	<b>\$2,549</b>	<b>SOLD</b>
<p><b>Propeller</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DUC Windspoon, right-hand, 3-blade with hub (we're selling only two blades. You would need to buy the 3<sup>rd</sup> blade elsewhere)</li> </ul> 	<a href="#"><u>\$2,322</u></a>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spinner (in the picture above)</li> </ul>	<a href="#"><u>\$250</u></a>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spinner mounting plate</li> </ul> 	\$204	



<i>Item</i>	<i>Price New</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p><b>Seats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluminum seats. Kirkey Racing Fabrication, "55 Vintage Series", part #55185V. Both seats are bent as you see, one less than the other.</li> </ul> 	\$183 each	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seat cover</li> </ul>	\$131 each	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seat belt sets. Hooker Harness "Quickie"</li> </ul>	\$275 each	
<p><b>Fuel tanks.</b> 8½ gallon polyurethane, with fittings and sump valves</p> 	\$172 each	<b>SOLD</b>

We are holding back some other items against the possibility of building this Challenger II and using it to reactivate our flying program. If that doesn't happen, we will be selling these items, too.

- Engine. Rotax 582

- Helmet. Flycom GA-model helmet with microphone & headphones
- Headset. David Clark ANC model H10-13X headset
- Radio. Icom A-6 radio with charging base
- Intercom. Pilot Comm PA-200T/A25 modified to run off of aircraft 12-volt power.
- Jerry cans & fuel pump.
- Furniture items.

## This Month’s Fly-In Destinations

The annual wings & wheels event at the Lovettsville Vintage Aerodrome (VA61) will not be held this year.

Check out these sources for fly-ins:

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Sat, Oct 5, 8am-12am	EAA Chapter 36 Pancake Breakfast Coinciding with Hagerstown Aviation Museum's Open Airplane Day, take advantage of free admission to the museum.	Hagerstown (KHGR)	67 NM
Sat, Oct 12, 9am-3pm	<a href="#">Culpeper AirFest</a> . This is a drive-in event. The airport will be closed to transient fly-in air traffic from Friday, October 11 at 9am until Saturday, October 12 at 6pm.	Culpeper (KCJR)	8 NM
Sat Oct 19, 9am-1pm	1 <sup>st</sup> annual fall fly-in at the Scare-Port". Halloween-themed fly-in. Pancakde breakfast.	Front Royal (KFRR)	32 NM

## 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, September 21st, 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	<a href="#">Horse Feathers airfield (54VA)</a>
Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 11am	Fly-in, club meeting, and cookout	The terminal building at the <a href="#">Warrenton-Fauquier Airport</a>

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

## Meeting Minutes

When: August 10, 2024. 11:10am to 12:20pm  
Where: Warrenton-Fauquier Airport  
Presiding: Steve Beste, President  
Present: 20 people

### Visitors & New Members

- Former member **Caleb Nissley** came.

### Flying Attendees

- **Kurt Mohr** flew his gyroplane in from Frederick
- **Steve Beste** flew his trike in from Front Royal
- **Mike Vadney** flew his SportCopter 912 in from Louisa County
- **Stephen Waide** flew his new Ranger in from Lost Griz
- **Caleb Nissley** flew Jackie George’s Quicksilver in from Lost Griz
- **JJ Campbell** and **Jasmine** flew his Tecnam in from Leesburg.

### Routine Business

- The Treasurer was away, so no report.

### Status of the Breese

- The wreckage will be available for everyone to see after the meeting.
- **Jackie George** suggested that we hold off selling the engine until we see if we get an airplane that has the same engine (a Rotax 582). If so, we should keep the old engine as a spare. Likewise with some other accessories such as the radio, helmet, intercom, and EIS.

### Old Business – Where Does the Club Go from Here?

Steve reported that at its [meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>](#), the Club’s Board of Directors looked at the choice between getting another airplane vs. reverting to being just a social club. The Board decided that the choice hinges on finding volunteers who will head up the key jobs:

- *Fundraising Chief*. Responsible for raising the money to buy the plane.



- *Maintenance Chief*. Responsible for seeing that the airplane is maintained.
- *Flight Operations Chief*. Responsible for the pilots. Guide newbies into the program and sort out any issues that come up among the pilots.
- *CFI Chief*. Responsible for recruiting a cadre of CFIs. Responsible for our training syllabus.

To that end:

- *Fundraising*. There were several ideas of whom to approach, but no one volunteered to do the work.
  - ♦ **Bob Chapman** said he would ask EAA 186 if they would accept donations of an airplane on our behalf since they are a tax-deductible charity. They would then give us the plane. [EAA 186 subsequently agreed to this.]
  - ♦ **Kurt Mohr** said he had heard of possible airplanes at Bear River and at Keymar. He will inquire. [He subsequently did, but these did not pan out.]
- *Maintenance*. **Shawn Lillemo, Bryan Chaisone, Arvind Singh, Tee Wubie, and Bob Chapman** all volunteered to help out on maintenance.
- *Flight Operations*. No discussion. No volunteers.
- *CFI Chief*. Both **Sean Roe** and **Shawn Lillemo** volunteered for this job. Both plan to become CFIs themselves.

### Old Business – Newsletter Editor

- **Steve Beste** volunteered to be the newsletter editor for the time being.

### New Business – Horse Feathers

- Chuck Tippet has offered to let us hold our September meeting at his Horse Feathers airfield – details to come. This will take us back to our grass-field roots. Steve reported news of Chuck's recent flying crash.

### 50-50 Drawing

- **Stephen Waide** won the \$29 pot and donated it to the Club.

### Food

- **Sean Roe** 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.paraflightnc.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](mailto:airknockeraviation@gmail.com)
- **Instructors.** See the [instructors page](#) on the Club website.

## 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.

# Membership Application



<i>Join by Mail</i>	<i>Or Join Online</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fill out this form</li><li>2. Make out a check for \$20 (individual) or \$25 (family)</li><li>3. Make it payable to <b>Flying Club 1</b></li><li>4. Send the form and check to: Fabian Georges, Treasurer 7051 Brookfield Plaza, #5322 Springfield, VA 22150</li></ol>	Go to the Club <a href="#">website</a> .

**New/Renewal:**             New                             Renewal

**Type of membership:**     Individual - \$20     Family - \$25 (when more than one member of the family is active in the club)

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Name To Go On Your Name Tag:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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):** \_\_\_\_\_

Information from this application will be included in the club’s membership roster which is distributed only to members.



## 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	<a href="mailto:President@FlyingClub1.org">President@FlyingClub1.org</a>	703-321-9110
Vice President	Allen Whatley		571-235-6978
Secretary	VACANT		
Treasurer	Fabian Georges	<a href="mailto:Treasurer@FlyingClub1.org">Treasurer@FlyingClub1.org</a>	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	<a href="mailto:Webmaster@FlyingClub1.org">Webmaster@FlyingClub1.org</a>	703-321-9110
Membership	Fabian Georges	<a href="mailto:Membership@FlyingClub1.org">Membership@FlyingClub1.org</a>	714-661-8800
Newsletter	Steve Beste	<a href="mailto:Editor@FlyingClub1.org">Editor@FlyingClub1.org</a>	703-321-9110
Club Artist	Jim Heidish		703-524-5265

### Dues

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### 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](mailto:Editor@FlyingClub1.org) by the end of the first weekend of the month.