



## FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Dave Riedel, President

This is my last "From the Left Seat." I will pass the flight lead to Len Alt at the Christmas Party. It has been a wild ride these past two years. We've had some very low altitude runs and a lot of zoom climbs during my tour. I want to formally thank the Club for having faith in me when I took over and we were nose down and accelerating and sticking with me through the tough G's of the Club's pull out and recovery. I couldn't have done it without the support of a lot of individuals that were on the Board of Directors and in the Club at large. This is a great Club, in an ideal location, with a lot of great pilots and supporters and a lot of potential to soar to even higher heights. I ask that you give Len the support and patience that you gave me over the past two years.

The December monthly meeting will be held at the Christmas Party that will be on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December starting at 6:00 p.m. See the flyer on the Club's website and contained in this newsletter for directions. If you want to Yahoo or Mapquest the directions, the address for the American Legion Hall is 345 Legion Dr., Warrenton, VA. We are going to do something a little different this year. With the large growth of the Club we decided to move the Christmas Party from the Airpark to the American Legion Hall in Warrenton. It should be a great venue for the party. Lots of room, use of the kitchen, bathrooms, and lots of parking. Come one, come all and bring your spouses and friends [no kids please]. The cost is \$5 per person to help defray the cost of renting the Hall. [Extra donations

accepted!] We will have lots of food, soda, wine, and beer, Christmas music, and possibly a special treat. I only ask that all of the Club members bring your favorite covered dish to share with your fellow Club members. The Legion asks that we remain upstairs in the Hall and not go into the downstairs bar area unless you are a Legion member. We will be presenting the Director's Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award, and the Volunteer Service Awards. Let's kick off the Holiday Season with a great celebration of the past year and welcome in 2006. If you need directions, check the Club website or send me an e-mail and I'll get the directions to you. See you at the Christmas Party!

I'd like to use the following story to convey my parting thoughts as your Club President:

### *Your Parachute*

*Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!*

*One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb!"*

*You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!*

*“How in the world did you know that?” asked Plumb.*

*“I packed your parachute,” the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, “I guess it worked!” Plumb assured him, “It sure did. If your chute hadn’t worked, I wouldn’t be here today.”*

*Plumb couldn’t sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, “I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said ‘Good morning, how are you?’ or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.” Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn’t know.*

*Now, Plumb asks his audience, “Who’s packing your parachute?” Everyone has someone who provides what he or she needs to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory — he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.*

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this coming year, recognize people who pack your parachutes. I want to thank all of you for your part in packing my parachute.

Fly safe, Happy Holidays, and Semper Fi,  
Dave



Dave Riedel and his WWI Ultralight!



## ADVISORIES

**November Meeting** - Prez Dave Reidel started the meeting by having us each introduce ourselves, members, new members and visitors.

Our Secretary, Lew Clement, reported that current Club 1 membership was 78 regular members and 5 honorary members. This is the highest membership that he could remember. Lew stated that he would welcome articles and photos any relevant subjects for use in the newsletter. Our newsletter receives quite a wide e-mail distribution: not only to most of our Club members but also to most of the clubs within our Region and to USUA Headquarters.

Treasurer Jim Birnbaum reported that the Club's total assets are \$4,905.55, while our total Liabilities are \$3,022.59. These liabilities include the Library Fund, the Jim Frye Memorial Fund, the Rich Pendergist Memorial Fund and the Trailer Fund.

Dave thanked Steve Beste for managing the October 8th fly-in. Although a brand new member, Steve volunteered and, under the most adverse circumstances, did a great job. Thank you, Steve!

Dick Baker reported that the fall fly-in at Whitman Strip was a great success. As with last year's fly-in, there was a large turn-out from the neighborhood. That signals some good relationships being built. Nice work!

**2006 DUES ARE DUE!**  
Send your completed 2006 membership form and check to our Treasurer, Jim Birnbaum, at the address shown at the bottom of the membership form.

Tom Richards, owner-operator of the Warrenton Air Park, made an extensive report on conditions of the field and ongoing improvements. The two white cloth hangars on the west side of the main runway should be fully complete. The pole hangar is expected to be complete by spring of '06.

The south end of the main runway still needs some drains added and some fill and grading. The formerly abandoned cross runway is open but bumpy.

Tom stressed the need to observe the "rules of the road" as established for WAP and, especially, for use of the cross runway by fixed wing aircraft



since that runway is the main operational area for our powered parachute members. Fixed wing planes may use it when circumstances require, but should make a clearing pass before landing to make sure there are no parachutes on the runway.

Tom reviewed the status of all the equipment being used on the field.

Dave thanked the Salvation Army for the nice letter they sent the Club in response to the \$100 contribution the Club had made to flood relief. (The letter was in last month's newsletter.)

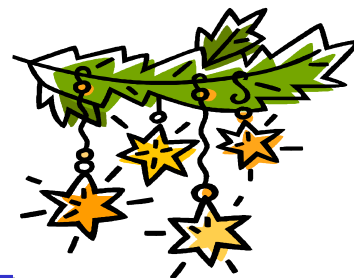
The November meeting is election time. Each year, we elect two of our four elected officers. This year, it was President and Secretary. For President, there were two candidates: Len Alt and Phil Williams. There was only one for Secretary: Lew Clement. After all members present had voted, their votes plus absentee ballots were counted. The results were: Len Alt, President for the 2006-7 period, and Lew Clement, Secretary, for the same period.

Each year, at the Christmas Party, we recognize members of the Club for their volunteer service to the Club, over and above any work they are committed to perform by virtue of being an elected or appointed official of the Club. Members present at the meeting were asked to vote for three members who they would like recognized for their volunteer service over the past year.

At the Christmas party, a Club member will be recognized by the Board of Directors for his or her unique and extended service to the Club. The President will recognize a Club Member with the Volunteer of the Year Award for continuing and outstanding volunteer service. At the November meeting, the members present selected three of our members for their continued volunteer service for the Club. All of these members will be recognized at the Christmas Party.

Dave closed the meeting by expressing his personal appreciation to all Club members for their help to him during his two years as president. You may recall, his term began under difficult circumstance and he coped magnificently.

He told us about plans for the upcoming Christmas Party. It will be held in a new location. Directions are on page 4 of this newsletter. It will be for adults; no children, please. All members please bring a covered dish. The Club will furnish meat, refreshments, etc. Volunteers to help decorate the hall are needed. Call Dave. at 703-815-4924.



***Christmas Party***  
**Saturday December 3, 2005**  
**6:00 – 10:00 pm**  
**Warrenton American Legion Hall**  
**345 Legion Dr.**  
**Warrenton, VA**

***Directions:***

**From the North:**

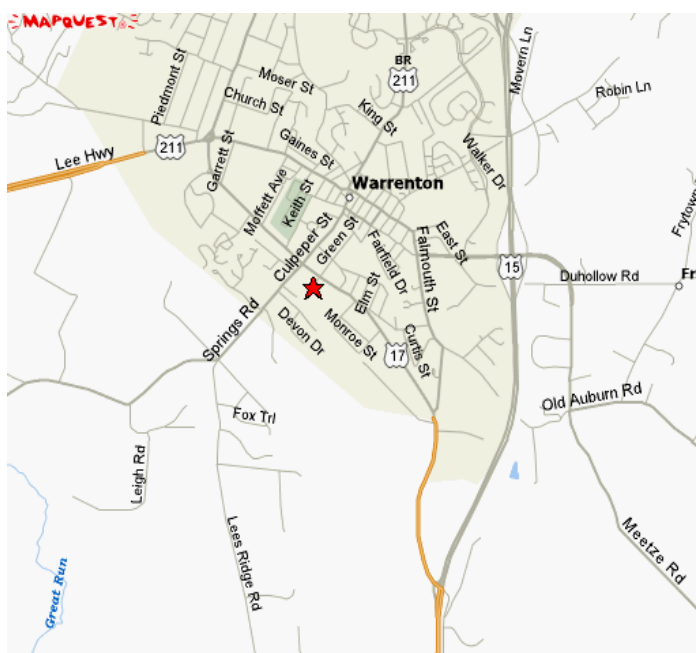
- I-66 to 29 South toward Warrenton
- Go just past Warrenton
- Right turn on 15/17/29 Business [West]
- 1.6 miles [Past Home Depot & Walmart]
- Left turn on Legion Dr.  
[at Warrenton Horse Show Grounds]
- Enter the Hall via left side glass doors and go up the stairs

**From the South:**

- 29 North toward Warrenton
  - Left turn on 15 /17/29 Business [West]
- [Follow remaining directions above]

***Happy Holidays!***  
***See you at the party!***

***Dave Riedel***  
***USUA Club 1 President***



## CLASSIFIEDS

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The Warrenton Air Park, Fall 2005



Will he land here this year?



Warrenton Air Park in Winter  
Sign of things to come?

**FLIGHTSTAR II SL**, 1998 - 582 Rotax w/E-gearbox, 86 hrs. All upgrades completed by Lockwood Aviation. Advanced EIS, w/vertical speed, alt, tach, EGT, CHT & water temp. Turn/Bank, flaps, trim and 1050 BRS. Magellan GPS, ICOM A5 radio, headsets & Sigtronics intercom. IVO prop, strobes, Hobbs meter. Blue. Sails are clear-coated. Beautiful ultralight, excellent flyer. Always hangared. \$16,000. Can assist with delivery. 434-298-3940 Or e-mail: jkriley9041@earthlink.net in Blackstone, VA 23824 (10/05)

**KITFOX KIT II** - 95% complete, ready to cover. 582 Rotax, elec. start, prop, gauges & misc. items. Everything new. \$15,000. Dan Brandmahl, 804-443-4619 or 804-769-2756. cranks4u@inna.net. (10/05)

**KOLB FIRESTAR KXP** - Rotax 503DCDI. Running strong and exercised mostly every weekend with recent overhaul maintenance (plugs, filters, etc.) Uses Pennzoil oil. "F-16" cockpit enclosure w/VFR instruments recently inspected, maintained and calibrated, including hand-held radio mount bracket. Two 5 gal. fuel tanks with fuel gauge w/independent fuel filters w/fuel selector switch. Hand brakes. All Poly coverings are in like new condition (minor 3" hangar rash on one wing). Second Chanz parachute needs inspection and possible repacking. Excellent flier. Price \$9,500. Custom trailer w/tail boom support \$2,000. Package: \$11,000. All offers are welcome. Located at Warrenton Airpark, VA. Ralph Kew, H - 703-802-3231, Cell 202-437-1580. (12/05)

**'93 PHANTOM** - Rotax 503. New black & green sails, BRS, dual carbs, heavy landing gear, alum. wheels, elec. start, strobe, 10 gal. tank, wood prop, dual EGTs & CHTs, ASI, RPM, Alt, slip indicator, Hobbs meter. Very clean bird. \$7,500. C.A. Nuckles, 757-599-3657 or 757-876-4025(nights). (10/05)

**TWO PHANTOM ULTRALIGHTS** - Serial #387 has a Rotax 377, asking price: \$5500. Serial #301 has a Rotax 503DCDI, asking price \$8,000. Both have: full engine and VFR instrumentation; ground adj Ivo props; "He-Man" side tubes; streamlined front tubes; engines converted to free air-cooling; ruggedized main gear; ballistic chutes; improved geometry 4-point harness. Art Kudner - 410-310-0159 or <talisman@friend.ly.net>. (12/05)

**TERODACTYL ASCENDER** - Plane purchased used in 10/03 with intent to refurbish and fly the following year. Health issues dictate that I must sell plane. It has all parts, 2 sets of winglets, engine,

gauges, prop (wooden 2-bl), and ballistic chute. Wing sailcloth passes punch test, in good condition. The canard is whole and functional but could use recovering. Engine runs well and strongly, but cannot determine time on it. Located in Richmand, VA. Asking \$2200 OBO. Bob Martin, 804-674-9749 or pilot bob@comcast.net. Details on this design at: <http://www.geocities.com/pterodactylclub> (10/05).

**RANS S-14** - Rotax 503DC/DI, 254 tt, elec start, oil inj, inflt adj IVO pprop. Full enclosure. ASI, Alt, dual CHT \$ EGT, VSI, RPM,. Black & yellow, clear-coated, dual wing tanks, cabin heat, BRS (ood). Always hangared. Flies hands off. \$13,500. dgregory@oonl.com. VA. Dennis Gregory, 804-758-4178 (10/05)

**QUICKSILVER SPORT II** - Rotax 582 w/238 hrs, elec start, C Box, 3 bl Warp Drive prop. Lotus floats. Blue/yellow sails are 1 year old. Tundra tires. All gages. Floats 1 yr old w/all hardware. Easy to put on and off. Must go to a good home. \$17,900 OBO. Gary Waggoner, waggflyone@nu-z-net. (10/05)

**PROPELLER** - 66" wood, ground adjustable, 2-blade. New. \$250. Michele, 301-696-0073 (12/05)

**Items bought and sold through the Newsletter are solely at the risk of the buyer and seller. Neither the Newsletter nor USUA Flying Club 1 guarantees, or is in any way responsible for, the airworthiness or other aspects of the items listed.**



## FLYING CLUB 1 2005 EVENT SCHEDULE

Unless stated otherwise, monthly Club 1 meetings are at the Centreville High School Media Center on the first Thursday at 7:30 PM. If you haven't been there before, look for signs directing you to the proper entrance once you park at the school.

**Dec 3 Sat Club 1 Meeting/Holiday Party American Legion Hall, Warrenton, VA, 6 PM.**

## 2006 EVENT SCHEDULE

The following schedule of events for 2006 is a projection of our activities and those of other organizations. It is subject to change and additions but will be a starting point from which we will work. The 2006 Club 6 schedule has been published. Club 250's events are a projection, like ours.

- Jan 5 [Thursday] Monthly mtg, Centreville High School (CVHS)
- Feb 2 [Thur] Monthly mtg, CVHS
- Mar 2 [Thur] Monthly mtg, CVHS
- Mar 11 [Sat] UL Safety Seminar, RIC
- Apr 8 [Sat] Monthly mtg, Warrenton Air Park (WAP)
- May 6 [Sat] Monthly mtg, WAP
- May 7 [Sun] Club 6 Spring Fly-in, New Quarter Farm (NQF)
- May 20 [Sat] Club 250 Spring Fly-in, Holly Springs (HS)



# USUA FLYING CLUB 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The United States Ultralight Association's Flying Club 1 is a non-profit, recreational club dedicated to the sport of ultralight and light aircraft flying.

## 2005-6 CLUB OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & STAFF

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**ANNUAL DUES** (Jan 1 - Dec 31) : \$20.00. (Includes newsletter) After July 1, dues for remainder of year are \$10.00. Family membership: \$25.00 (husband and wife). (A spouse who wishes to participate will please complete a membership application form.)

**NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION** (without membership) is available at \$10.00 per year to those for whom membership is impractical because of location or other inability to participate in Club activities.

**CLUB 1 WEB SITE:** <http://usuacub1.org>. Note the change of the web site. Flying Club 1 now has an officially registered name on the Internet.

**MEETINGS** are at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month at locations as announced in the Club newsletter and on the Club web site. (Times and days may vary. Check the newsletter and/or web site.)

**SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER:** Members and non-members are encouraged to submit items for this newsletter. Send submissions to Lew Clement, 46917 Grissom St, Sterling, VA 20165. E-mail or fax as shown to the left. Deadline for receipt of submissions is 10 days before each meeting.

**Ads will be run twice and then dropped unless resubmitted or renewed by phone. Advise editor when item is sold.**

A club is only as good as the members who support it. The following listed activities within the club require member 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 fly-ins.

**Club Management/Administration:** Club Officers (elected, Directors and Staff Officers. (Talk to current officers for more details.) *Fly-ins:* Food supply, preparation; Facilities, Grounds; Ground Support. *X-country and outside events:* ground support; *Safety & Education:* Flight Safety & Training, New Member Mentoring, Library, Monthly Program Development; *Communications:* Membership, Newsletter, Web Site; *Fund Raising:* 50/50 raffle; *Miscellaneous:* Meeting Facilities, Property Management, Tool Custodian, Clothing Sales, Ad Hoc Committees.

**Starred Items on Membership Application Must Be Completed.**

## FLYING CLUB 1 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2006

All members are encouraged to provide an e-mail address to the Club. It is our best means for fast communications with a large number of Club members in minimum time.

We welcome you to USUA Flying Club 1 and hope your membership will be rewarding to you in flying and fellowship.

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewed \_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_ Family \_\_\_ Membership

+Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

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\*UL Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ \*Aircraft Liability Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Type Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ Stored/Flown From \_\_\_\_\_

Other Ultralights (Owned or Flown) \_\_\_\_\_

Flying Hours: Dual UL \_\_\_\_\_ Single UL \_\_\_\_\_ Conventional \_\_\_\_\_

\*Club Activities or Services For Which You Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: References to Ultralight aircraft above include Ultralight-type aircraft). Starred items must be completed. Mail application to the Club 1 Treasurer, Jim Birnbaum, 8570 King Carter St., Manassas, VA 22110, accompanied by dues for regular (\$20) or family (\$25) membership for a full year or \$10 and \$12 for a half year (July 1 or after). NOTE: Information from this application will be included in the Club 1's membership roster intended for internal use only. (Roster \_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_ USMail \_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_)



# USUA FLYING CLUB 1

December 2005



**To join USUA Flying Club #1, fill out the form on the reverse side. To join the national USUA, fill out the form below:**

\_\_\_ **\$59.95** U.S. Ultralight Association membership includes: NAA Division representation, pilot and vehicle registration programs, insurance eligibility, instructor and Club Network listings, USUA decal, manufacturer and car rental discounts, 1-year subscription to *Ultralight Flying!* magazine.

\_\_\_ **\$25.00** U.S. Ultralight Association membership - same as above without 1-year subscription to *Ultralight Flying!*

\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$2.00 for work in ultralight safety by USUA.

(Canadian and non-US membership add \$5.00)

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