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FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Len Alt, President

Happy Fourth of July! Enjoy this celebration of our country's founding and take some time to remember the many veterans of our armed forces, past and present, who have served to preserve our freedoms.

Lots of flying recently. Last week the air field was teeming with activity for our annual Poker Run. We had half a dozen fixed wing aircraft and a like number of PPGs in the air. Not everyone completed the entire circuit, but everyone got safely back to the air park somehow and all had fun. Many thanks to those who made this possible, especially Larry Walker, Ami Abramson, Jim Hill, and Jim Birnbaum in particular.



Construction and expansion of the facilities at Warrenton Air Park continues. Note the partially completed new hangars, one with partial roof cover in the traditional orange and white checkerboard identifying the air field.



Please join us for our next club meeting this Saturday, July 7th at Warrenton Air Park at 11:00 A.M. We'll have a cook out after the meeting. Bring your family!

Fly smart. Fly safe.

2007 USUA Club 1 Poker Run

The fun started Friday afternoon when Tom Richardson volunteered to place Card Boxes at Lenn Brothers, Fox Acres and the Culpeper Airport. Dick Walker and I went by road to Horse Feathers and AviAcres fields for placing boxes. If you have never driven to these places, you have a real thrill coming.

The Power Paraglider (PPG) folks got started early Saturday, lead by Ami Abramson and Len Alt with a 7:30 Safety Briefing and take off. Bob Earheart decided his experience level was not up to cross country and stayed in the pattern. Good call Bob and we all should follow his example and stay within our safe abilities and not bow to peer pressure to extend beyond our personal safety level. The rest of the group; Len Alt, Ami Abramson, Phil Hyland, Paresh Karandikar and Michael O'Daniel took off for AviAcres and Horse Feathers. Some made it to them all, some did not. Our "Retrieval Crew", Bob Kash, was called out for retrieval from a rough take off that broke a prop. No injury other than pride.

The fixed wing group met at Warrenton Fauquier for a Safety Briefing at 9:00. This briefing included detailed maps prepared by Jim Heidish. The flyers were Joe Bender, Jim Birnbaum, Jim Heidish, Richard Martin, Tom Richards and Woody Weaver. They then departed to Horse Feathers, AviAcres, Lynn Brothers, Fox Acres, Culpeper, Rhynalds Ranch ending the Run at Warrenton Air Park. Joe Bender responded to my request by dropping a card box at Rhynalds Ranch field. Frank Thompson had refreshments for the flyers at House Feathers.

Some made every field and some did not. All had a good time with no accidents or injuries. Thanks to the FBO staff at Culpeper for blowing up a flat tire so Woody could get back to Warrenton Air Park. No other "rescues" were required.

A few participated that were not Club 1 members; Woody Weaver, Michael O'Daniel and Bob Earheart. Two of those guys have expressed

they will join soon. As always the event is open to any qualified flyers and we are glad they came.

After all that, it was Poker Time. To make a long story short, three nines held by Len Alt took the \$55 pot. He then donated his winnings to the club. Note this is not the first time Len has won but I assure all it was totally a fair game. Next we had a really great cook out due to the big efforts of Jim Hill and Jim Birnbaum. Thanks to the folks that brought side dishes. Jim Hill, our Club 1 Secretary is preparing thank you letters to all the field owners. Pictures were provided by Lew Clement.

I personally express my appreciation for the fine effort of all those who volunteered to help. Hopefully I did not miss anyone in the paragraphs above. My perspective is that we ALL had fun. I did not receive a single complaint from anyone. No one was injured, no damage to any flying machine of any significance (prop on a PPG - lets face it they break frequently and with few consequences). Let's do it again next year. Any volunteers to coordinate it then?

~ Larry Walker



Fly In Coordinator ensuring a thorough Preflight

ADVISORIES



Jim Birnbaum



Fixed Wing Safety Briefing



Fly In participants comparing hands

June Meeting – Minutes

USUA Flying Club 1
Memorial Fly-In
Saturday, June 2, 2007
Warrenton Airpark (V7GO)

President **Len Alt** opened the meeting (11:15 AM) in the cedar grove picnic area at Beatley Field. Len reminded those present that today's meeting was the June meeting not next Thursday as scheduled in the newsletter. Tom Richards noted that his Maule was flying and he had put about 40 hours on it. Jim Birnbaum's plane has passed FAA inspection and he is authorized to do the annual inspection.

Visitors: Dwain Sullivan, currently flying a Savage; Daniela Walker (Larry Walker's daughter); David Hill; Ken Murphy, Chapter 11 from Richmond, a few others arrived during the meeting without introduction.

Officer's reports:

Secretary report:

Jim T. Hill – No changes recorded for the Minutes published in the June newsletter.

Treasurer's report:

Jim Birnbaum – Income last month (May) was \$155, with expenses of 261.22, leaving a current balance of \$2,590.70. Details provided in Treasurer's report.

Len Alt – Still need coordinator for Fall Fly-In, also provided a sign-up sheet for other activities as well. If no one volunteers to coordinate these activities then these events will be canceled.

Riedel, Dave – Only adult members of Flying Club 1 may use the club golf cart with signed waiver of liability and club authorization. Other details on driving golf cart see Dave.

Status of Warrenton Airpark:

Tom Richards – Number One priority is getting the roof on the far hanger, This has been delay until the correct screws are received (45 x 80 ft, single hanger, 3 doors). Closer hanger beams will be up and perhaps on the roof by the end of June (45 x 168 ft, interlocking T). A third new hanger is in the planning stages. The ditch (south end of runway) will be leveled and the drainage improved. The repair effort on the roller is focusing on using gravel as a weight. Tom thanked those that have helped building/roofing the far hanger; as well as mowing and general maintenance here at WAP.

Larry Walker - Poker Run will be Saturday, June 23rd, Larry needs help on box delivery (Friday, June 22). Larry will not be flying before June 28th the date of his review on his carotid artery repair.

Safety – **Len Alt** – Two accidents, with no injuries, were observed this past month. Pilots are reminded to carefully perform a preflight inspection of your aircraft.

Directors' report:

Phil Williams - Search for Jim Willess; for latest information a web site has been opened (findjimwilles.com). A new development from NTSB, in a review of the radar tracks the reviewer believes that the south bound tracks are false (not Jim's airplane) but that the east bound tracks are such that could show in-flight break-up. Family members are planning a new search in September. Sandy Willis is considering a wake for Jim but the time has not been set.

In Memory – Our 2007 Memorial Fly In

Len Alt – The club recognized the passing of club members no longer with us by the reading of biographies of our missing members.

Phil Williams – Presented a special tribute to Jim Willis – “Missing Man”. Thanks to Phil for helping us remember.

In Memory was closed by the reading of the poem “High Flight”.

Len Alt - President closed the meeting at 12:30 PM and Club members adjourned to the picnic area for burgers and dogs grilled by **Dave Riedel**.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim T. Hill

ACTIVITIES

2007 FLYING CLUB 1 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Designated Club meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month in the Centreville High School, Union Mill Rd., Centreville, VA, at 7:30 PM. Others will be held at the Warrenton Airpark as shown in the 2007 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

Jul 7, Sat	Monthly Meeting & Family Picnic, WAP
Aug 4, Sat	Monthly Meeting, WAP
Aug 12, Sun	Club 6 Fly-in, New Quarter Farm (NQF)
Sep 8, Sat	Monthly Meeting, WAP
Sep 15, Sat	Club 1 Fly-out to (TBD)
Oct 6, Sat	Club 1 Fall Fly-in & Monthly Meeting, WAP
Oct 13, Sat	Club 250 Fall Fly-in, Holly Springs
Oct 13, Sat	Club 1 Color Run
Nov 1, Thur	Monthly Meeting, CVHS
Dec 1, Sat	Club 1 Monthly Meeting and Holiday Party

Additions or deletions to this schedule will be made as other club schedules become known and as the Club 1 schedule may be adjusted. Changes will be published in this newsletter and on the Club website.

2006 Club 1 Members

Your membership expired on January 1, 2007. **NOW** is the time to renew your membership! See the 2007 membership form on the inside of the rear cover of this news letter. Mail it to the address at the bottom of the form with the appropriate membership fee.

CLASSIFIEDS

Ads will be run twice and then dropped unless resubmitted, or renewed by telephone or e-mail. Please advise the editor when the ad is no longer needed.

HANGAR FOR SHARE - at Warrenton-Fauquier County Airport (W66). Concrete floors, metal bi-fold doors with electric opener, paved access, fuel, electric service and good lighting.

Monthly Rent: \$178 each TWO spaces available
Inquiries: Ralph E. Kew 202-437-1580 (03/07)

BLACKHAWK PARAMOTOR - New Blackhawk paramotor with a new rebuilt blackdevil motor, brand new fram, cage and harness. Motor has new-everything: piston, rings, bearings, redrive bearings. Never flown. \$3995.00

Inquiries: Michael O'Daniel 540-270-8855
onegooodoc@starpower.net (05/07)

TOOL BOX/CHEST - 3 drawers and top space. 8.5"D x 12.0" H x 20.5"L. Drawers and top lined. In good condition. \$20.00

(see picture below)

Inquiries: Lew Clement lclem@falconsresidents.org (06/07)

TOOL BOX - w/ tray insert, 8.25"D x 9.5"H x 20.25"L. \$8.00

(see picture below)

Inquiries: Lew Clement lclem@falconsresidents.org (06/07)

FLIGHT JACKET - Air Force style MA-1, size Large. Grey-green w/ orang liner. Like new. \$40.00

(see picture below)

Inquiries: Lew Clement lclem@falconsresidents.org (06/07)

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.



*Tool Box/Chest for sale by Lew Clement
lclem@falconsresidents.org*



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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 sport aircraft flying.

2007-2008 CLUB OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & STAFF

President Len Alt*	703-467-0586	
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ANNUAL DUES (Jan 1 - Dec 31) \$20.00. (Includes newsletter.)
 Family membership: \$25.00. 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 \$10.00 per year.

CLUB WEB SITE: <http://usuaclub1.org>. Note the change in 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 announced in the Club newsletter and on the Club web site. (Times and days may vary. check the newsletter and/or the web site.)

SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER Members and non-members are encouraged to submit items for this newsletter. Send submissions to Kim Alt, 13102 Mares Neck Lane, Herndon, VA 20171. E-mail is shown at left. Deadline for entry of items into the newsletter is 10 days before each meeting.

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

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 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 week-end activities.

Club Management/Administration: Club Officers (elected, Directors and Staff). (Talk to current officer for more detail.) *Fly-ins:* Food supply, preparation; Facilities; Grounds; Ground Support. *X-country & 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, Clothing Sales, Tool Custodian, Ad Hoc Committees.

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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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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: Reference above to Ultralight aircraft includes Ultralight-type aircraft). Starred items must be completed. Mail application to 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

USUA FLYING CLUB 1

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

_____ **\$30.00** U.S. Ultralight Association annual membership does not include magazine subscriptions. All publications are optional, and are available to USUA members at the discounted prices below. A current USUA membership is required to take advantage of these discounts. Subscribe to your choice when you renew your membership.

Ultralight Magazine - \$24.95
Light Sport and Ultralight Flying - \$34.95
KITPLANES Magazine - \$19.95
Air & Space - \$19.00

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

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

Jim Birnbaum
8570 King Carter Street
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Enclosed is my Check _____ Money Order _____
Visa _____ Mastercard _____

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