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## The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

**2014 Holiday Party.** Last month's Club 1 Holiday Party was a warm success. Once again, Tom Richards opened his house to us all and laid on a fire for the occasion. The cold rain outside was miserable, but it made the house inside all the more snug.



*Host Tom Richards*



*Dick Martin and one of the TWO buffets*



*Linda Beste and Pete Bastien*



*Allen Whatley, Lucy Ooi, Linda and Jim Hill*

Dick Martin brought a spiral-cut ham and a turkey. Jim Birnbaum brought drinks. Everyone else brought the splendid spread that you see here.

Besides the fellowship you see in these pictures, we also had a business meeting with these events:

**Election.** The slate of Beste and Heidish ran again for President and Secretary respectively, for two-year terms starting in January. They were elected unanimously. Unfortunately, it later turned out that they were elected to two-year terms *last* year. It was the VP and Treasurer who should have been elected. There will be another election at the January meeting.



*From Left: Scott Schribner, Joe Bender, Helen Heidish (on couch), Robert Doak and Jim Hill*

Campaign poster for the wrong election ⇒



**Volunteer Awards.** Nominated by the members, these went to:

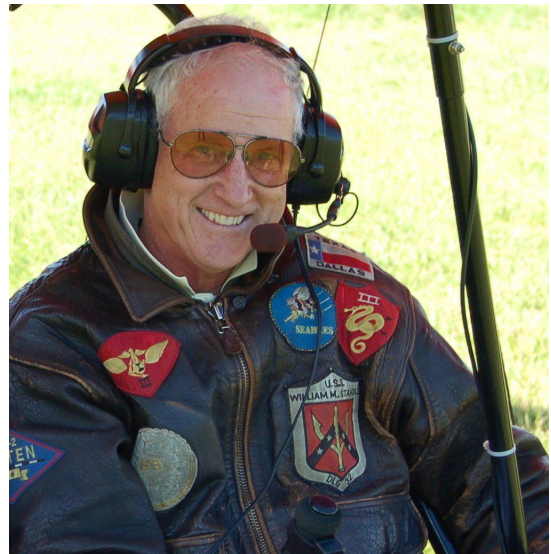
**Lucy Ooi** for producing this great newsletter every month and for being such an active flyer. We have all noticed that the newsletter now includes a list of places to fly each month. This is what you get when you give the job to someone who's looking to FLY as much as Lucy does.



**Robert Doak** for producing the Color Run, for doing it so well, and for his infectious enthusiasm. He was nominated for the job at a meeting he missed (take note, all!) and said yes anyway. It was the most well-attended flying event in the past decade.



**Tom Simmons** for introducing so many people to the sport and for encouraging so many. He enthusiastically gives rides to dozens of people every year and does so in the kind of airplane (his Quicksilver MX) that exemplifies light sport aviation.



**President's Award.** Steve gave this to **Jim Heidish** for being our faithful secretary for so many years, for his many contributions to the newsletter, and for his outstanding graphics that dress up the club so well. The masthead on this newsletter, the graphics on the Club website, the letterhead on letters to the FAA, posters for every occasion - these let us play above our weight in the public world. And they're fun!

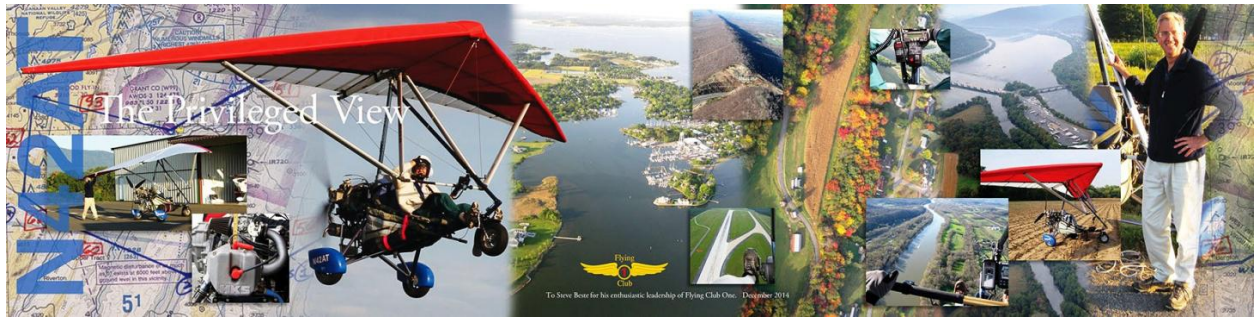
Please note his wife Helen in the picture at right. Every one of us who's married knows how much we rely on our wives' support.



**Directors' Award.** This went to Steve Beste for his five years of service as President, for organizing the poker run for seven years, for maintaining a great website, for keeping the meetings fun, and for encouraging so many newbies. In thanks, the directors created this amazing banner for his hangar. Titled *The Privileged View*, it chronicles Steve's flying over the past eight years. The images all come from Steve's own photo site, so each one carries a memory.



Here is the original artwork created by Jim Heidish:



The picture at right shows Tom's living room during the meeting. Thanks to Joe Bender for taking most of the pictures in this spread.

Fly Safely,  
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 Airpark which are occurring in the next month. Sources are: The [EAA Calendar of Events](#), the [AOPA Calendar of Events](#), [www.flyins.com](http://www.flyins.com) and the [Virginia Department of Aviation Calendar of Events](#).

Date	Event Description	Location	Distance from 7VG0
Sat, Jan 10 / 8-11 am	EAA 518 Drive-in Fly-in Breakfast	Mifflin County Airport (KRVL)	121 NM

Due to the lack of flying events happening this month, I will also pass along a recommendation I have heard from local pilots on a fun fly-in destination that I would love to check out:

Sunday Brunch at KFCI - the Richmond Executive Airport (Chesterfield).

<http://www.kingskornercatering.com/restaurant/>

# SPECIAL PRESENTATION

At Flying Club 1's February 5th Meeting

# B-17

EAA's B-17 Project Manager, Mary Dominiak will tell us about her experience touring America with one of the few WWII B-17s still flying.



## Quiz Time - Answer

*By Steve Beste*

Last month's quiz asked for the story behind this strange pyramid south of Fredericksburg. As the first person who sent in an answer, **Pete Bastien** won the Gotta Fly T-shirt.



Known as the *Meade Pyramid*, the pyramid was constructed in 1903 by the president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac railroad to commemorate Confederate Civil War dead at the Battle of Fredericksburg in 1862. The site marks the general area where Union general George Meade temporarily broke through Confederate lines only to then be repulsed. The exact site was chosen to be visible from the railroad, a strategy which worked to catch my attention 110 years later. For more, see [here](#).

So far, no one has sent me an aerial photograph of the Pyramid. It's about a mile southeast of Shannon Airport. Just follow the tracks. There's your reason to go flying.



## Have Trike Will Travel

*We received the following “postcard” of sorts from Pat Tyler:*



*Pat Tyler heads south*

## Flight into Corn

*Dick Martin*

I've flown my little Allegro Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) quite a lot over the last few years. No accidents or bad scares, lots of takeoffs and landings. plenty of little mistakes that I learned from, but no colossal goofs. I try to fly carefully and legally to avoid mishaps and embarrassments.

Until last August, that is. One clear, hot day, I decided to do touch and go landings at the Lenn Brothers' private airstrip south of Culpeper. It's a safe, long, smooth grass strip with no obstacles and no traffic. It's SO nice touching down on grass, smooth as silk, and the family that owns the airstrip is friendly and welcoming to our Club 1 pilots and planes. After my third landing, I added power to take off again and, to my surprise, the Allegro gently swung off the runway into the corn on the right side and stopped. Mystified, I shut down the engine and got out to see what had happened. Flat tire? Rut in the runway? I hoped to push the plane back onto the runway and be on my way.

Unfortunately there was some damage. The left landing gear had collapsed and several control surfaces were bent. With the help of my wife and the generous family that owns the airstrip, we pushed the Allegro out of the corn and moved it to a safe place. It was a hot and sweaty job on a steaming August afternoon.



So, what happened? I had used this airstrip safely dozens of times over the years, but never in August. Remember the line in the old musical "Oklahoma" – "The corn is as high as an elephant's

eye, and it looks like it's climbin' right up to the sky"? That's what got me. The lush August corn on both sides of the runway had grown higher than my wingtips. The airstrip is narrow and my wingspan is a long 35 feet. With only a foot or two of clearance on each side, I evidently caught the cornstalks on the right side with my wingtip and was dragged to a stop.

Lessons learned? First, pay attention to wingspan and the sides of the runway. My Allegro is a high wing airplane so you wouldn't think that wingtip clearance would be a problem. However, the wings even at the tips are only maybe 5 feet off the ground. Furthermore, unlike low wing planes, the pilot inside can't see the wing tips at all. Second, awareness of the width of the runway (as well as its length) is a concern. Usually with our little planes, runway width is not a problem, but this day it obviously was. Third, stay centered on the runway. Grass strips don't have a painted centerline so there is some guesswork involved in centering the plane on takeoff and landing. In this case, I was concentrating on my takeoff airspeed and on some birds. The narrowness of the runway never entered my mind. Fourth, keep seasonal changes in mind when flying. Those tall cornstalks wouldn't have been a problem any other time of the year, but there are, often enough, other surprises that can catch you off guard.

Since this mishap, my plane has been in the shop in North Carolina for six months awaiting parts from Europe. Fortunately, insurance will cover most of the costs. From now on, for me, "situational awareness" will include wingtip clearance, runway width and cornstalks.

# Meeting Minutes

*December 2014*

*Flying Club One*

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Warrenton Airpark

Warrenton, VA

## **Holiday Party and Meeting at Tom Richard's Home**

With Club members, family and friends enjoying the party, *President Steve Beste* thanked Tom for holding our holiday event at his home and then called a short meeting to order.

**The first order of business** was the election of two officers. *President* and *Secretary*, for the years 2015 and 2016. Both *President Steve Beste* and *Secretary Jim Heidish* said they would stay on for two more years at the wishes of the membership if there were no other nominations. Both were approved by the membership. Also, **Steve Beste** said that the much needed *Safety Officer* position will be filled by **Pete Bastien**.

**Next order of business** was the request for volunteer cooks at our warm weather meetings. A sign-up sheet was started and will hopefully be filled by the start of our outdoor meetings at the Warrenton Airpark. [from the editor: as of press time, we are still looking for a volunteer to cook for September!] Also, **Steve Beste** reminded everyone that we still have many white and gray (black is sold out) *Gotta Fly* T-shirts in standard sizes at just \$10 each. We will still be selling them at future meetings.

**The last order of business** was awards. Five awards were presented:

- 3 Volunteer Service Awards - voted on by the membership
- Directors' Award - voted on by the Club Directors
- President's Award - given by the President

**Note:** See the President's Letter for more information on the award recipients and their contributions to our Club.

Submitted by **Jim Heidish**, *Secretary*

## Activities

### *2014 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 11:00 AM at the Warrenton Airpark as shown in the 2014 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

Date	Activity	Location	Description
Thu, January 8th, 7:30 pm	Club Meeting	<a href="#">CVHS</a>	Conversation, club business meeting and program.
Thu, February 5th, 7:30 pm	Club Meeting	<a href="#">CVHS</a>	Conversation, club business meeting and program.
Thu, March 5th, 7:30 pm	Club Meeting	<a href="#">CVHS</a>	Conversation, club business meeting and program.
Sat, April 4th, 11 am	Club Meeting	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Club meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, May 2nd	Club Meeting	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, June 6th ●6:15 am - PPG Poker Run ●8:30 am - Airplane & Trike Poker Run ●11 am - Club meeting	Poker Run	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Poker Run
Sat, June 20th	Father's Day Fly-In at Shreveport North (62PA) <a href="#">Description</a> . <a href="#">Flyer</a> . <a href="#">Video</a> . <a href="#">Another video</a> .	<a href="#">62PA</a>	The largest ultralight fly-in in the mid-Atlantic states. Club 1 fly-out from Warrenton Airpark.
Sat, July 4th, 11 am	Summer BBQ and Club Meeting	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Monthly meeting and Summer BBQ at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, August 1st, 11 am	Club Meeting	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Memorial table, monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, September 5th, 11 am	Club Meeting	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Monthly meeting and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, October 3rd	Club 1 Fly-in and meeting	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Monthly meeting, Club 1 Fall Fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark
Sat, October 24th	Club 1 Color Run Fly-out	<a href="#">Airpark</a>	Club 1 Color Run fly-out at Warrenton Airpark

Date	Activity	Location	Description
Thu, November 5th, 7:30 pm	Club Meeting	CVHS	Conversation, club business meeting and program.
Sat, December 5th, 5 pm - 8 pm	Club Meeting / Holi- day Party	Airpark Club House	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party.

## Classifieds

Ads will be run twice and then dropped unless resubmitted, or renewed by telephone or e-mail.

Please advise the editor: **Lucy Ooi**

([Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com](mailto:Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com)) when the ad is no longer needed.

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**FOR SALE — Zodiac 601 XL (650 XL) partially completed kit.** Kit includes Constructed Tail Surfaces and Fuselage, to include Landing Gear with Wheels and Brakes, Dual Brake Peddles kit, Dual Control Stick kit and Instrument Panel. The wing kit and engine is needed. The wing kit is available now pre-drilled. It The plane will take a Rotax 912S, Jabiru 3300, Continental 0200, Lycoming 235, Corvair or VW conversion engines. All documentation and registered plans are in the package. Asking \$7500 or best offer above \$6000. Note this is a Light Sport class aircraft. It is available built, IFR Certified at Southeast Light Sport for \$99,900. (South-EastLSA.com).

See <http://www.zenithair.com/zodiac/xl/> for details of aircraft: Contact: Larry Walker, 540-347-7609

Flight Test Report: Steve Flattum flight tests the Zodiac and reports: *“The CH 601 XL / CH 650 family of airplanes are a delight to fly. Simple and easy to fly with a great view and they are very comfortable for long flights. The airplane is very strong and it is backed by a company that has been around for a very long time.”*

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**FOR SALE — MaxAir Drifter built 1989**



Electric start oil-injected Rotax 582. 1083 TT engine and airframe. 16 hours TT since engine rebuild. 10 gallon fuel capacity with 4.5 gallon reserve behind front seat. 3-blade Ground Adjustable Warp Drive Prop. (2) Comtronic Helmets with radio. Mounted ICOM A21 radio PTT switch on stick. Dual EGT. Tach, hourmeter, voltmeter, VSI, fuel pump pressure, turn and bank bubble indicator, airspeed indicator, mounted GARMIN GPS Pilot III. Tundra tires. External mounted BRS Chute. Always Hangared. Lots of spare parts. Based at New Quarter Far Airport, Gloucester, VA. \$4000.00

Contact Richard Moore 804-815-0730

[drifterpilot@cox.net](mailto:drifterpilot@cox.net)

## Membership Dues Policy

The period of membership follows the calendar year January through December. The renewal period starts on 1 October with regular dues at \$20.00 and family at \$25.00. Members who have not paid their dues by the end of February will be dropped effective 1 March and will not receive the Newsletter or Membership Roster. New members joining after 1 October will be charged \$20.00 or the family rate, if applicable and will be credited will full membership for the following calendar year. Please mail payments to Flying Club 1, 8570 King Carter Street, Manassas, VA 20110. Payment can also be made at the regular monthly meeting. Please include the 2014 Membership Application form with your payment. This will be used to ensure that our records are current. A copy of the membership application is attached and also printed at the end of the Newsletter.

Jim Birmbaum  
Flying Club 1  
Membership Director, Treasurer



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Type of membership:  New,  Renewal,  Regular,  Family membership

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone, Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Liability Insurance through: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft make and model: \_\_\_\_\_ N-Number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot rating(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Activities or Services for Which You Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Information from this application will be in the club's membership roster which goes only to members.

### **Instructions:**

1. FILL OUT THE ABOVE FORM.
2. ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$20 (\$25 FOR A FAMILY) MADE OUT TO **“FLYING CLUB 1”**.
3. SEND THE FORM AND CHECK TO:  
Jim Birnbaum, Treasurer  
8570 King Carter Street  
Manassas, VA 20110-4888

To join the national USUA, go to <http://www.usua.org>

To join the national USPPA, go to <http://www.usppa.org>

## 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.

### 2014 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Steve Beste 703-321-9110

Vice President: Dick Martin 703-242-2367

Secretary: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265

Treasurer: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478

Director & Past President: Len Alt  
703-945-9314

Director At Large: Vacant

Director At Large: Larry Walker 540-347-7609

*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.

### 2014 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

Safety & Training: Vacant

Membership: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478

Club Artist: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265

Newsletter Editor: Lucy Ooi (“Wee”)

[Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com](mailto:Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com)

Web Master: Steve Beste,  
[president@flyingclub1.org](mailto:president@flyingclub1.org)

**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.

*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*

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.usppa.org)**