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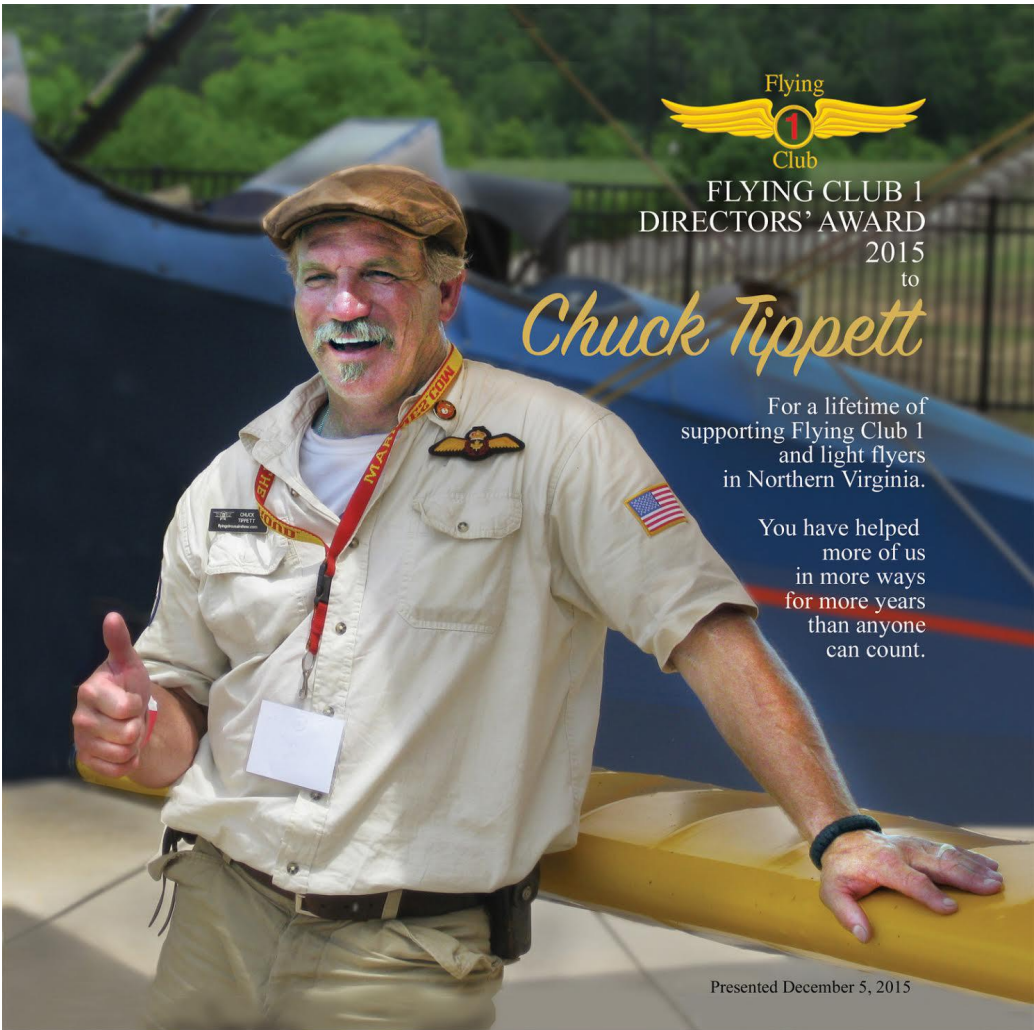
January 2016



The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

Holiday Party. Tom Richards once again hosted the club's annual Holiday Party at his home at the Airpark. See the picture spread later in this newsletter.



Chuck Tippett honored. The Directors voted to give their award this year to Chuck Tippett for his years of outstanding service to light aviation in our area. As Tom Richards once remarked, “There’s nobody here who doesn’t owe Chuck Tippett a favor.” I took the picture below at the Udvar-Hazy Museum in 2013 at the Smithsonian’s Become-A-Pilot Day. Chuck had just flown in to the event, escorting Tom Simmons and me so that we could participate, too. Typical Chuck.

Jim Heidish did the artwork. We gave a framed version to Chuck at the party.

Jim Heidish retires as Secretary. After six years of solid service, Jim Heidish has retired as Secretary of the club. He and I came into office together in January 2010. As you know, most members don’t make it to every meeting. They rely on Jim’s minutes in the newsletter to tell them what happened. Legally, the minutes need list only what motions were moved and what happened to them. But Jim’s minutes were much more informative. You could tell who the visitors were and what people talked about. In other words, he wrote about what really happened. I’m sure you’ll continue to see him at meetings. When you do, thank him for his faithful service all these years. And consider volunteering to be the new Secretary. The position is vacant.



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, www.socialflight.com and the [Virginia Department of Aviation Calendar of Events](#).

Date	Event Description	Location	Distance from 7VG0
Sat, Jan 9 / 8:30-10 AM	EAA 1202 Egg and Pancake Breakfast	Farmville Regional Airport (KFVX)	84 NM

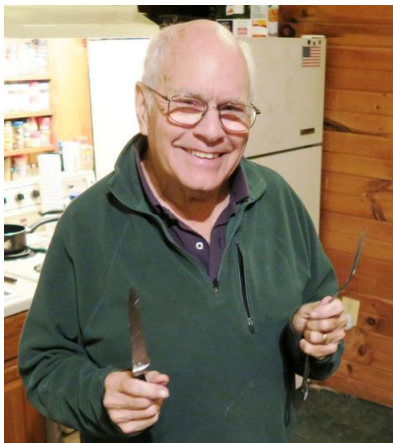
In the absence of organized fly-ins this month, let me recommend a destination I went to a couple of weeks ago: Chesterfield airport (KFCI) has a restaurant on the field which serves a delicious Sunday brunch buffet, and it is only 76 NM south of the airpark! See <http://www.kingskornercatering.com/restaurant/> for information.

2015 Holiday Party

As usual, the Holiday Party was our best-attended event of the year, and one where we get to meet many of each others' spouses. Tom Richards hosted the event at his home at the Airpark. He also provided a spectacular bonfire at the end, for which the weather cooperated. Many thanks to Jane Alt who took most of these pictures.



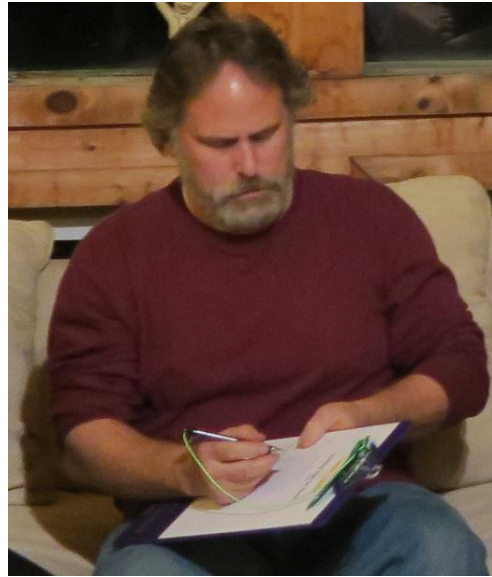
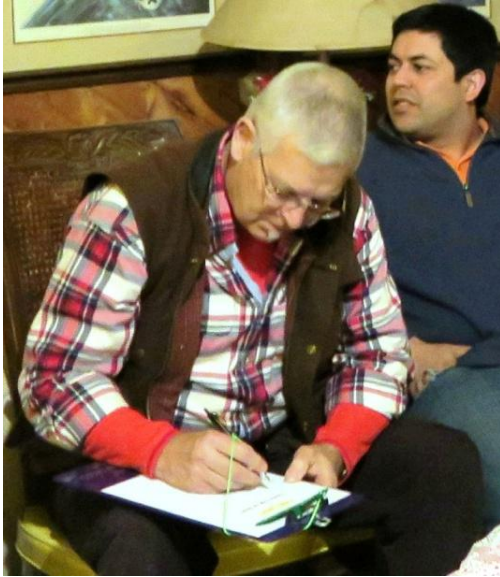
Tom's House



Dick Martin



Len Alt and Bill Dohm



Bill Sullivan and Robert Doak sign up to cook at next year's meetings



Don and Melodee Sheehan, Robert Doak



Pete Bastien, Len Alt, Monty Betts, Chuck Tippett, Tom Richards, Tom's son Jason and Jason's wife Dolly



Pete Bastien, Len Alt, Chuck Tippett and Monty Betts laugh at a Tom Richards story about Chuck Tippett



Newsletter editor Lucy Ooi accepts her Volunteer Award from Steve Beste



Bob Chapman tells a funny story about Chuck Tippett - one of many that were told



Future aviators - Jackie George's daughter Alyssa and son



Bonfire



Bonfire

Airfield History and Ownership

By Tom Richards



Clifford Zieger 1936 to 1948



*John P. Cutting
1958 to 1963*



*Charles E. Beatley
1963 to 2004*



*Tommy J. Richards
2004 to present*

The Airfield currently known as Warrenton Airpark is rich in history, having been in existence since 1936. This document describes the flow of events that have shaped the field and operations over the past 80 years. Part A presents a chronology of ownership, activity and improvements. Part B describes the current operations in some detail along with essentially an inventory of currently-based aircraft. Some of the material in this document was extracted (nearly verbatim) from a website developed by Paul Freeman - http://www.airfields-freeman.com/VA/Airfields_VA_Fauquier.htm.

Part A: Chronology

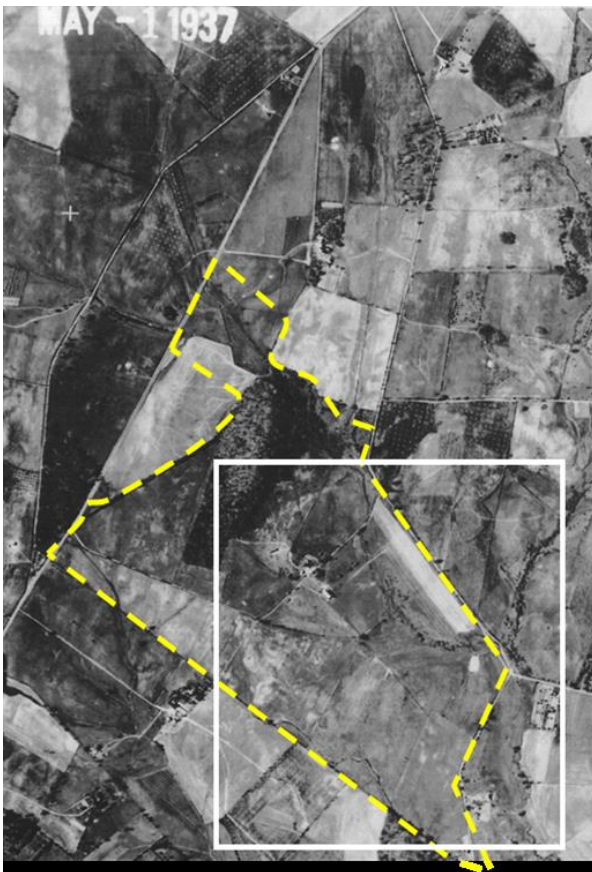
Phase 1: The First 12 Years - 1936 to 1948 (as Zieger Field)

According to the book “Virginia Airports” by Vera Rollo and Norman Crabill (published by the [Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society](#)), “an operating license was granted to Clifford Zieger on 7/28/37 on land he owned.” Zieger is seen at right posing with his new Fairchild F-24 in about 1936.



The May 1st, 1937 aerial photograph (below left) from Fauquier County records shows the 263-acre parcel in a dashed yellow outline with the 1900’ runway adjacent to Beach Road. The lower right portion slightly enlarged shows the outlines of the eventual 2-runway configuration.

In the slightly-enlarged photo (below right), Green Meadows Road can be clearly seen, noting that its route and intersection with Beach Road appear exactly as today. Also noted here is the creek, Licking Run, that flows somewhat parallel to the runway and 200-300 feet to its south-west. Also of note is what appears as a bright rectangular spot about 250 feet from the southeast end of the runway - very near the turn in Licking Run.



At that time this is a rock quarry, which remained active through the 1960s, with all of the stone for the floor and chimney of what is called the “Club House”, and the chimney of the other residence coming from that quarry. In the early 1970s, the stream was diverted into the quarry to form what is now a one-acre pond - although it might have found its own way during a flood stage.

The earliest aeronautical chart depiction which has been located of Zieger Field was on the 1939 Washington Sectional Chart shown at right. This is a somewhat misleading indication since it would lead one to expect to see that field literally along side of Highway 17, whereas it is actually 1/2 mile south-east of the indicated location.



A circa 1942-43 aerial view of “Zieger Field” from the 1945 Army Air Force Airfield Directory (courtesy of Scott Murdock) below shows how a second runway was opened around 1941 running SW to NE on the south side of Licking Run. Having the two runways separated by a flowing stream presented obvious problems. The solution was to install a culvert that allowed the stream to pass underneath an extension to the newer runway so that the two runways would intersect. Although obvious, this was not done until the mid-1960s - after Mayor Beatley acquired the property.



The directory shows Zieger as a 21 acre T-shaped configuration with 2 sod runways (separated by a stream), measuring 2,000’ northwest/southeast and 1,800’ northeast/southwest.

A flight school was operated at the field during WWII, with most of the students being women. It has also been reported that the field was used to train Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) during the war. (The WASP is a little-known military organization that existed during WWII composed of women who ferried aircraft within North America.)

The Washington Sectional Aeronautical Chart compiled and printed by the US Coast and Geodetic Survey and sanctioned by the Civil Aeronautics Board (predecessor to the Federal Aviation Administration - FAA) on October 15, 1947 shows the airfields that were in existence in this early post-WWII time frame. A portion of this chart is inserted below. The airfields are referred to as Aerodromes with their locations indicated by circles having tick marks at 12, 3, 6 and 9 o'clock. The circles without tick marks are designated landing areas with no facilities.



Some interesting things are shown on this chart: Zieger (as Warrenton Airpark was then named) is shown near the left edge (1). At that time there were a number of airports clustered around Washington DC in addition to National Airport (2). Manassas (3) is shown to be where it is today about half way between Zieger/Warrenton and Washington DC. Of special interest is “Blue Ridge” (4) - although only a designated landing area in 1947, this is now the site of Dulles International Airport.

Timber, Trees are Falling!

By Robert Doak

That's right, just as the title says....

It was a beautiful sunny, warm, 70-degree December day and a gathering of lumberjacks arrived to make some long-awaited improvements to the north end of the Warrenton Airpark.

With the approval of Mr. Tom Richards, I was granted permission to undertake the task of removing some trees with the help of some fellow Flying Club 1 members. on hand were Loyd Peterson, Jackie George, Woody Weaver, Tom Richards, Dick Martin and myself.

As everyone knows, the North End has been a challenge to many for some time now, especially to new flyers and visitors alike. What we're talking about is the ingrowth of trees where Licking Run crosses under the concrete portion of the airfield runway. The area is quite a bit narrower than the rest of the airfield, which is giving the deer an advantageous spot to cross being that it "was" the narrowest portion of the airstrip, which brings up many safety questions. As of now, approximately 20 trees have been removed, and the "gap" is now opened quite a bit. The tree line, once completed, will give a much straighter and cleaner look to the airfield, which in turn means fewer deer crossing the runway.

There are, as of this writing, some brush piles that need to be removed, but by spring all should be back to normal. See the before and after photos of the work done.

My sincere thanks to all who helped to make this project possible.



The gap before - note the trees encroaching on the left



The gap after - the group of trees is gone!

Minutes of Flying Club 1 Board of Directors' Meeting

On January 1, the Board of Directors held a virtual meeting under section IV of the by-laws. The at-large directors' terms expired with 2015, as did Jim Heidish's term since he did not stand for re-election as Secretary. Therefore, the board members on January 1st were:

- Jim Birnbaum (Treasurer)
- Steve Beste (President)
- Dick Martin (Vice President)
- Len Alt (immediate past President)

Director-at-large Larry Walker indicated that he wanted to retire from the board, so Steve did not re-nominate him. Instead, he nominated Lucy Ooi and Pete Bastien to be directors at large for 2016. Both were approved unanimously.

This was the first time we'd ever done a formal virtual meeting. It turns out that the laws of Virginia have several stipulations for such meetings of Virginia corporations, of which Flying Club 1 is one. A transcript of the Reply All email thread of the virtual meeting is available to anyone who wants it.

Submitted by Steve Beste, President

Meeting Minutes

December 2015

Flying Club One Meeting

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Warrenton Airpark

Warrenton, VA

Holiday Party and Meeting Held at Tom Richard's Home

With everyone enjoying the holiday feast, *President, Steve Beste* thanked Tom for holding our holiday event at his home and then called a short meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The first order of business was the Election of Officers. *President and Secretary* for the years 2016 and 2017. *President, Steve Beste* said that he would stay on for two more years at the wishes of the membership unless there were other nominations. There were none, so he will continue as President. *Secretary, Jim Heidish* said that he is stepping down and the position is open for nominations. members that are interested in filling this office should contact **Steve Beste**.

A few more items of business were the passing around of a sign-up sheet for cooks at our warm weather meetings held at the Airpark and **Rob Doak** organizing a work crew to cut down trees growing close to the Airpark's runway.

The last order of business was the Awards.

3 Volunteer Service Awards, voted on by the Membership:

Lucy Ooi, for not only editing and putting together our outstanding Club Newsletter, but as a very active flyer that is always promoting our Club.

Jim Birnbaum, for his many years as *Treasurer/Membership Director* and always coming to the rescue when we need a cook or replacement cook for our warm weather meetings.

Jim Heidish, for his graphics and art that promotes the Club and our events.

1 President's Award, chosen by the President.

Larry Walker, for his many years of service to the Club. From his long time active flying experience, to President and then many years as a Club Director, the Club has always called on him for expert advice and guidance.

All the above awards were special Lucite boxes.

1 Directors' Award, chosen by the Club Directors.

Chuck Tippett, (as written on the Award) *For a lifetime of supporting Flying Club 1 and light flyers in Northern Virginia. You have helped more of us in more ways for more years than anyone can count.*

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

Activities

2016 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 2016 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

Date	Activity	Location
Thu, January 7th, 7:30 pm	Conversation, club business meeting and program	Centreville Regional Library
Thu, February 4th, 7:30 pm	Conversation, club business meeting and program	CVHS
Thu, March 3rd, 7:30 pm	Conversation, club business meeting and program	CVHS
Sat, April 2nd, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, May 7th	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, June 4th	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, June 18th, 7:30 am	Poker Run	Airpark
Sat, July 2nd, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, August 6th, 11 am	Memorial table, monthly meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, September 3rd, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, October 1st	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, October 22nd	Club 1 Color Run Fly-out	Airpark
Thu, November 3rd, 7:30 pm	Conversation, club business meeting and program	CVHS
Sat, December 9th, 5 pm - 8 pm	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party	Airpark Club House

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) when the ad is no longer needed.

To place an ad in the newsletter, contact ooi.lucy@gmail.com

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 2016 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.

2016 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Steve Beste 703-321-9110

Vice President: Dick Martin 703-242-2367

Secretary: **Open**

Treasurer: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478

Director & Past President: Len Alt

703-945-9314

Director At Large: Pete Bastien 703-568-5778

Director At Large: Lucy Ooi 585-410-5573

2016 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

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Membership: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478

Club Artist: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265

Newsletter Editor: Lucy Ooi (“Wee”)

Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com

Web Master: Steve Beste,

president@flyingclub1.org

A club is only as good as the members who volunteer to support its activities. The following listed activities with the club require mem-

ber 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 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.

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.

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 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

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