



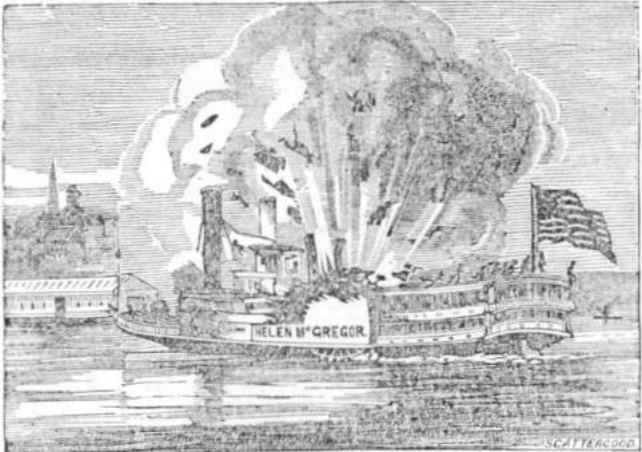
The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

On things breaking. A friend of mine wrote, “My computer crashed. Ar-rgghh! Fortunately, my son came to visit and his mere presence intimidated my computer into good behavior. I didn’t realize computers had progressed to being emotional devices.”

Well of course they have. He just hasn’t spent as much time doing tech support for computer users as I have. Some people are always having trouble with their computers. the IT shop gives them a new one and the new one has troubles too. These always seem to be the people who say, “I don’t understand computers. Except for getting my work done, I loathe computers.” Well I ask you. What kind of computer wants to work for THAT person? But let my friend’s son come into the room, and all will be well again. We should call him the Computer Whisperer.

This habit of attributing emotional qualities to our machinery goes way back. There’s a wonderful word for this from admiralty law, that most archaic and slow-changing part of the law. Back in the 1840s, steamships were just coming into use, and of course, they sometimes broke down (or blew up) creating calamities never heard of in the age of sail. When the boiler blew up, what was the cause? It clearly wasn’t an “act of God” like a hurricane. But neither was it the Captain’s fault as if he had run aground. The cause was something new, something inherent in the machinery. Admiralty law called it “inherent vice”, and does so to this day. Your boiler didn’t just blow up. It had it in for you. It had inherent vice. You should have brought in the Boiler Whisperer in time. But you didn’t. Now you have a mess on your hands. And with no warning!



That’s the other thing I hear about. Things always fail without warning at the most inopportune time. “It was working just FINE this morning!” I hear people wail. Well, of course it was. Did they

expect a little progress bar like on a cell phone battery? Usable life down to only 16%! Failure imminent! Only one bar! Signal loss imminent! Thus, our smart phones have trained us to expect a warning. But most of our machinery is not that smart. It just goes ahead and breaks when it damn well feels like it. What else can you expect from something that may have inherent vice?

At such times, it's good to re-read *The Deacon's Masterpiece or, The Wonderful 'One-Hoss Shay'* by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. First published in 1858, it tells the story of a deacon who got tired of his buggy always breaking down. So he built a new one in which every part was as strong as the rest, so that nothing could break down first. It worked out pretty well. For a long time. You'll have to read the poem to see what eventually happened.

Think nice thoughts about your aircraft. Run your hands over it lovingly as if you were grooming it. Your aircraft will thank you, and you may find something that needs your attention.

Call me the Airplane Whisperer,
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 7VGO
Sat, Feb 6 / 9-11:30 AM	Lancaster Airport Cabin Fever Fly in and Presentation. Breakfast until 10:30, then a seminar on Loss of Control presented by the Harrisburg FAASTeam.	Lancaster Airport (KLNS)	112 NM
Sat, Feb 6 / 12-2 PM	Chilly-Chili Lunch: chili fly-in and cook off. Contact Tim if you're bringing chili (757) 647-1564	Chesapeake Regional Airport (KCPK)	138 NM
Sat, Feb 13 / 8:30-10 AM	EAA 1202 Egg and Pancake Breakfast	Farmville Regional Airport (KFVX)	84 NM
Sat, Feb 27 / 8:30-10:30 AM	Old Dominion Squadron and EAA 339 pancake breakfast	Franklin Municipal Airport (KFKN)	125 NM
Sun, Feb 28 / 9 AM-12 PM	Pancake and sausage breakfast	Ocean City Municipal Airport (KOXB)	125 NM

Eighty Year History of the Warrenton Airpark (1936-2015) *Phase 2: Post-WW2 - 14 Quiet Years (1948-1962 as Airport Acres, officially still Zieger)*

By Tom Richards

Last month's newsletter covered the history of the Warrenton Airpark (then known as Zieger Field) from its founding in 1936 through WW2 to 1948.

Having purchased the property in 1948, the operating license for Zieger Field was transferred to John Cutting on 10/5/50 (according to the book "Virginia Airports"). Even though the operating license was transferred to Mr. Cutting, he apparently did not officially notify anyone of a change in the name of the field. It was still identified as Zieger Field and depicted as an active public-use airfield on the 1951 Washington Sectional Chart (courtesy of Mike Keefe). The status of Zieger Field apparently changed to a private field at some point before 1956, as that is how Zieger was depicted on the January 1956 Washington Sectional Chart (according to Chris Kennedy). It was described as having 2 runways, with the longest being a 2,000' turf strip. Even though it was then owned by John Cutting, who called it "Airport Acres", it was still under the name Zieger Field and depicted as a private airfield on the 1960 Washington Sectional Chart.

John Cutting was 26 years old when he purchased the 263-acre property from Zieger in 1948. The photo at right shows John as he was in flight training in about 1942, only 6 years before buying the field. Allen Cutting recalled, "My Dad, John P. Cutting, owned Ziegler Field after World War II. Dad flew B17s in the 97th Bomb Group out of Italy in the War. He bought the property and ran the airfield during the 1950s. It was called Airport Acres at that time. During this time he owned three Cessnas: two C-140s and a C-170 that he picked up new from the plant in Wichita."

John designed and built a beautiful two-story three-bedroom brick home in the heavily-wooded area on the highest point on the property approximately 1/4 mile due west of where the hard-surface runway now bridges Licking Run. Upon the Cutting family moving into the new brick home, the farm house then became occupied by the family of Mr. Cooke, who ran the farming operations on what was apparently a share-crop basis during that time.



According to Allen, his dad sold the Cessna and purchased a Piper Cub, which he flew on a regular basis until he could no longer pass the FAA medical examination that is required to exercise private pilot privileges.

Around 1961, the operating license for Zieger Field was “revoked later on request of the applicant as no aircraft were based there” (according to the book “Virginia Airports”). Soon thereafter, he sold the 263-acre parcel that included the farm and airfield.

The sale of the property to Mayor Beatley actually occurred in the fall of 1963 as evident from county records. Prior to the sale, upon application by Mr. Cutting, a Use Permit was issued “to locate an airport on Route 616 between Warrenton and Opal, this being the same site as the old Zieger Airfield”. This permit has no restrictions and no expiration date. The insert below shows a snippet from the minutes of the Fauquier County Board of Zoning Appeals dated August 15, 1963.



On motion made by Mr. Marsh and duly seconded by Mr. Stephenson it was moved to approve the application of Mr. John Cutting to locate an airport on Route 616 between Warrenton and Opal, this being the same site as the old Ziegler Airfield.

Northern Virginia Pilots Town Hall

January 13, 2016

By Dick Martin

The meeting of general aviation pilots filled the Manassas Airport terminal but seemed to fall a bit flat in terms of offering new or interesting information.

Three FAA representatives explained work in progress to make Airman Certification Standards more practical and relevant. The skills and knowledge on which pilots will be tested in the future are being improved in consultation with the general aviation industry, advocacy groups like AOPA, and pilots.

An AOPA representative described AOPA efforts to increase the number of young pilots and the lobbying effort to persuade Congress to reduce the requirements for 3rd class medical exams for private pilots.

The head of the Virginia Commonwealth Department of Aviation explained efforts to upgrade the state's 66 airports, the "Aviation Ambassador" program, readiness of volunteer pilots organizations to respond to emergencies, and an initiative to eliminate the state sales tax on aircraft maintenance. He described a "remote control tower" that will be tried this year in Leesburg in which controllers watch traffic on a 360 degree camera and radar setup rather than looking out the window. The remote control tower is a Swedish innovation. Leesburg will be converted into a tower-controlled airport for the period of the test, and future developments will depend on the results of the experiment. He also discussed Virginia's efforts to promote aviation, including "Young Eagles" and "Women Can Fly".

The managers of Manassas, Leesburg, Stafford and Fauquier County airports reported on improvements and projects at their airports.

Questions from the pilots attending the meeting mainly dealt with the evolution of the FAA "NextGen" air traffic control system and its ADS-B mandate and specific issues about airports in the area. The rumored expansion of the Dulles Class B airspace was not mentioned. Overall, the panelists offered a positive, upbeat picture of the state of general aviation infrastructure and freedoms in the Northern Virginia region.



Meeting Minutes

January 2016

Flying Club One Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Centreville Regional Library
Centreville, VA

Selling 50/50 tickets before meeting - None

Call to Order

President, Steve Beste called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

11 members present.

CONNECTIONS

Visitors & New Members

Recently joined member **Marv Kidder** returned and is looking for a PPG.

Old Members

Pete Bastien is flying almost daily with students. **Rob Doak** and **Tom Simmons** took a trip to Culpeper Airport. **Dick Martin** reported that the 4th annual Northern Virginia Pilots' Town Hall will be held on January 13th at 7 PM at the Manassas Airport terminal.

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Recap our standing list of service providers:

- PPG instructor and dealer: **Michael O'Daniel**

- CFI: **Pete Bastien**
- Fixed wing instructor: **Chuck Tippet**
- PPG, Ultralight, LSA and General Aviation flight instruction: **Grass Roots Flyers**
- Welder: **Tom Kotsch**
- A&P mechanic (not at Airpark): **JD Ingram**
- Light Sport Condition Inspections, Rotax Certified: **Tim Loehrke**

REGULAR REPORTS

Secretary: Since the position of secretary is now open, *President Steve Beste* reported that the Minutes of the December meeting were printed in the January Club Newsletter and were approved as published. Contact Steve if you are interested in serving as our club secretary!

Treasurer: **Jim Birnbaum** - not at meeting.

President: **Steve Beste** reported that Jim Birnbaum is home from the hospital and is doing better. Please send him your 2016 renewal forms and dues.

Safety and Training Director: **Pete Bastien** - nothing to report.

Membership Director: **Jim Birnbaum** - not at meeting.

Warrenton Airpark Owner: **Tom Richards** reported that he is continuing with the work Rob Doak started in removing trees from the narrow spot in the runway. He is clearing brush along the runway. Rob added that the deer are now crossing the runway down by the fence. When the work is finished, the tree line will be straight

in that area. Nothing recent has been heard regarding the proposed Dulles Class B airspace expansion.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

MONTHLY PROGRAM

Monty Betts gave a very informative presentation on weight and balance including: the basics of weight and balance, calculation of weight and balance, and some examples stressing the importance of ensuring your aircraft is operated within a safe flight envelope.

Adjourn

President, Seteve Beste adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Submitted by **Lucy Ooi**

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, 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 Air- park	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

Date	Activity	Location
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 with 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 2015 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.

2015 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Steve Beste 703-321-9110

Vice President: Dick Martin 703-242-2367

Secretary: Open - to volunteer, contact Steve!

Treasurer: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478

Director & Past President: Len Alt

703-945-9314

Director At Large: Larry Walker 540-347-7609

Director At Large: Pete Bastien 703-568-5778

2015 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