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## The Privileged View

Steve Beste, President

**Private grass strips.** What could be more beautiful than a grass airfield in the morning? The dew and the long shadows promise a fine day. But - to paraphrase Kipling - *Grass airfields are a garden, and such gardens are not made* — *By singing, “Oh, how beautiful” and sitting in the shade.* I land, but somebody else mows the grass, pays the taxes, and worries about ground hog holes. Therefore, I want to sing the praises of private airfield owners everywhere. Long may they prosper! My personal honor roll includes:

- Tom Richards at the Airpark (a special medal, with oak leaf clusters)
- Conrad Miller at Fox Acres
- Boots and Wayne Lenn at Lenn Bros.
- Larry Setti at Rular
- Bill Conn at Berryvale
- John King at AviAcres
- Frank Thompson at Horse Feathers
- Joe van Wingerden at Greenhouse
- John Corradi at Pleasantdale
- Don Rhynalds at Rhynalds Ranch
- Bill Burner at Burner out in the Shenandoah Valley
- Bob Karmy at Karmy’s in the Shenandoah Valley
- John Ayers at his field in the Shenandoah Valley

Notice those Shenandoah Valley fields? There are more places to go over the mountains than just Front Royal and Luray. Check out the article on Valley airfields later in this issue. And the next time you see any of these men, thank them for their contribution to your life. We are so lucky to have them!



*Robert Doak at Rular (VG07) this year.*



*Kiting up in the morning at the Warrenton Airpark (7VG0).*



*Seven Club 1 flyers at Pleasantdale (4VA9) on the 2012 Poker Run.*

Fly safely,

Steve



## First Flight

Congratulations to Robert Meadows on the first flight of his 3/4 scale SE5A British Fighter (circa 1917) at the Airpark in mid-August!



*Robert Meadows's aircraft*



*The original*

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

Date	Event Description	Location	Distance from 7VG0
Fri-Sun, Sep 1-3 / 9AM-5PM	Ford Tri-Motor Stop	Hagerstown Regional Airport (KHGR)	63 NM
Sat, Sep 9 / 11AM-2PM	Commemorative Air Force Capital Wing Open Hangar Day	Culpeper Regional Airport (KCJR)	8 NM
Sat, Sep 9 / 10AM-2PM	EAA 186 Young Eagles Rally	Manassas Regional Airport (KHEF)	13 NM
Sat, Sep 9 / 12-5PM	Clearview Airpark Fly-in Drive-in Picnic	Clearview Airpark (2W2)	60 NM
Sat, Sep 9 / 9AM-4PM	Hagerstown Wings and Wheels Expo	Hagerstown Regional Airport (KHGR)	63 NM
Sat, Sep 16 / 11AM-12:30PM	EAA Chapter 1563 Monthly Meeting	Gordonsville Municipal Airport (KGVE)	35 NM
Sat, Sep 16 / 8:30AM-4:30PM	Max Lichty Essex Skypark Annual Wings and Wheels Fly-In	Essex Skypark (W48)	73 NM
Sat-Sun, Sep 23-24 / 8AM-12PM	Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast featuring antique and classic cars	Gettysburg Regional Airport (W05)	75 NM
Sat, Sep 23 / 8:30-10AM	Fly-in Breakfast and safety seminar	Chase City Municipal Airport (KCXE)	117 NM
Sat, Sep 23 / 8:30-10:00AM	Old Dominion Squadron / EAA 339 Pancake Breakfast	Franklin Municipal Airport (KFKN)	125 NM
Sun, Sep 24 / 9AM-4PM	EAA 426 and Greater Cumberland Regional Airport Wings and Wheels Fly-in Drive-in	Greater Cumberland Regional Airport (KCBE)	73 NM
Fri-Sun, Sep 29-Oct 1 / 10AM-5PM	B17 Tour Stop	Manassas Regional Airport (KHEF)	13 NM
Sat, Sep 30 / 8AM-4PM	Wings Wheels and Keels Air, Car and Boat Show	Hummel Field (W75)	89 NM
Sat, Sep 30 / 11AM-4PM	Leesburg Airshow 2017	Leesburg Executive Airport (KJYO)	27 NM

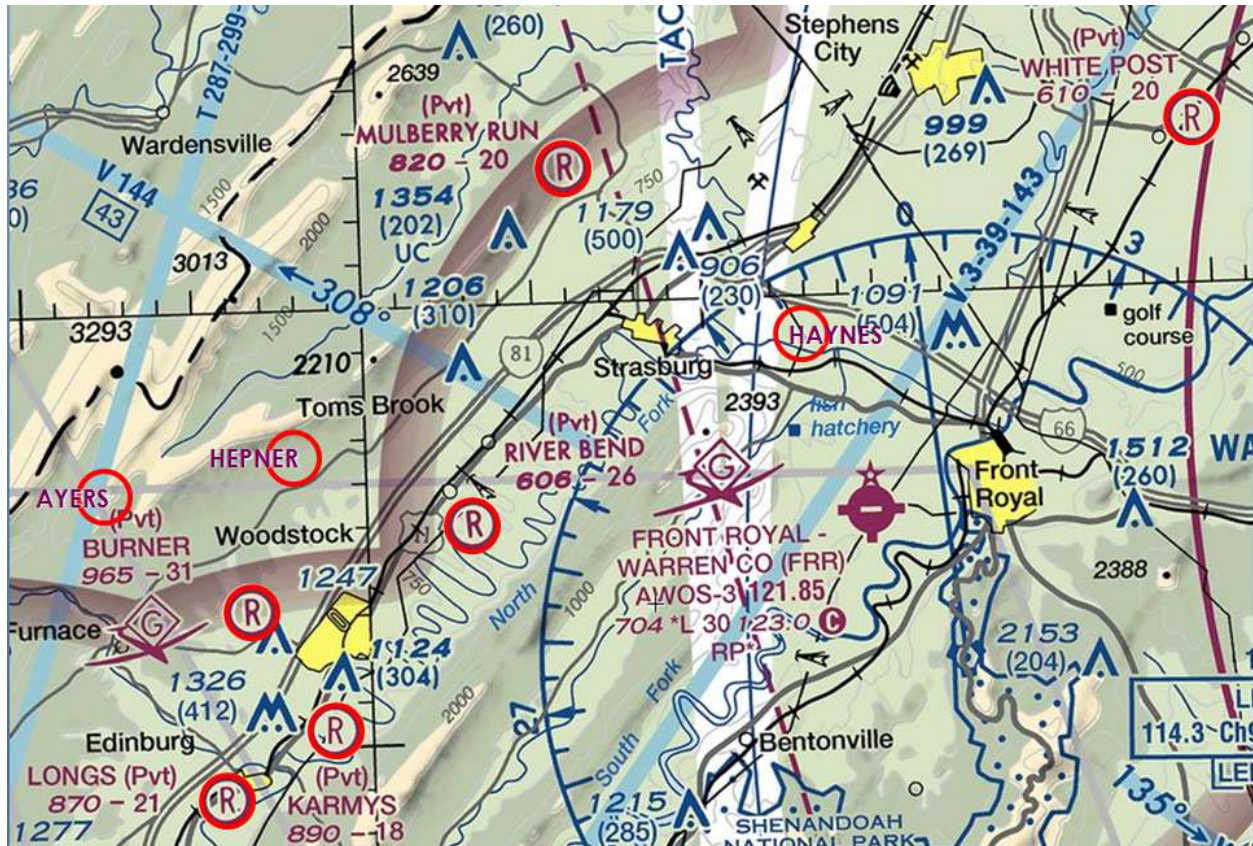
Date	Event Description	Location	Distance from 7VG0
Sat, Sep 30 / 10AM-2PM	Easton Airport Day	Easton Newman Field Airport (KESN)	81 NM
Sat, Sep 30 / 11AM-4PM	Wings and Wheels Fly-in	Pottstown Municipal Airport (N47)	137 NM

Another note is that though it is not a fly-in event, the Joint Base Andrews Airshow (featuring the Thunderbirds) will be September 16 and 17th from 9AM-5PM this year.

## Shenandoah Valley Airfields

*By Steve Beste*

I love flying into grass airfields, so I try to keep up with all our local ones - whether they're landable and whether we're welcome. Here's the latest news on all of the grass fields out my way in the Shenandoah Valley.



### *Welcome Anytime*

The owners of these fields keep them in landable condition, and it's OK for us to land.

#### **Ayres (VA93)**

John Ayers showed up at a Club meeting in July and told us his story. He and his wife live next to their airfield on the west side of the valley. He used to keep a Citabria there and is looking at getting back into light flying. We're all welcome to fly in anytime. With some advance notice, he'll even have gas for you.



This picture shows the field looking north. John has stopped mowing the shorter runway on the right.

The field is not on the chart, but if you right-click in Sky Vector, you can pick it as a destination. That's because it's a registered airport, but John chose to have it not appear on the charts.

<b>Ayers</b>	38.9051108, -78.6547375	Elevation: 1340'	Runway: 2100' x 100' Turf
Contact: John Ayers. 540-335-2416			01 Left 19 Left

**Burner (VG55)**

Bill Burner keeps this field in immaculate shape. He retired last year from a career as an orthopedist in DC. He's an active member of the Skyline Soaring Club at the Front Royal Airport and keeps a glider in the hangar at the field. He hosts twice-a-year fly-ins for the glider club members. He welcomes other local pilots to the field.

This picture looks north.

The northernmost 100 feet (out of sight in the picture) slope uphill, so avoid that.



<b>Burner</b>	38.8820497, -78.5577892	Elevation: 965'	Runway: 3100' x 100' Turf
Contact: Dr. Bill Burner. billburner@me.com			03 Left 21 Left



**White Post** (3VA7)

White Post is easy to find because it's alongside the railroad tracks going north out of Front Royal. Be sure to avoid the water tower you see in the forested area west of the field. Both north and south approaches are clear.

The field is owned by Bill Conn, who lives at Berryvale (VA30) and welcomes us there on the Poker Run each year. He and his sons have been active at the Flying Circus for years, and for awhile, the hangar at White Post served as overflow storage for Flying Circus aircraft. Nowadays, he rents out the four hangars. His insurance policy prevents him from giving us explicit permission to land at White Post, but I have reason to believe that our landing there wouldn't be a problem. Since it's the closest field to Front Royal, I've flown there often.



*White Post looking south*

<b>White Post</b>	39.0626067, -78.0913875	Elevation: 610'	Runway: 2000' x 75' Turf
Contact: Bill Conn. 540-825-4206			04 Left 22 Left

### ***Maybe Welcome - Call***

We're welcome to land at the fields below, but you'll have to call every time. In addition, they may not be mowed, so don't count on them being available.

#### **Mulberry Run (VA17)**

George Phillips lives at the field and is building a Gee Bee racer, so he's a friend of aviation. However, he retired a few years ago, and the Gee Bee project has been going on since 1989. Nowadays, his daughter, her husband, and their kids seem to be the main residents of the house. George is very welcoming but warns that a northwest wind causes bad rotors at Mulberry Run, and his son-in-law may or may not have mowed the field. So call first.

This picture looks southwest.



<b>Mulberry Run</b>	39.0359406, -78.3922281	Elevation: 820'	Runway: 2000' x 75' Turf
Contact: George Phillips. 540-539-0055			06 Right 24 Left

**Karmy's (VA17)**

No matter who I talk to out in the valley, it seems that Dr. Bob Karmy delivered their kids. He and his wife built this large house with hangar and airstrip. However, he's now retired. They sold the Cessna a few years ago, and last year moved to a much smaller place north of Front Royal. The property has been for sale since November, 2016, and may sell at anytime, hopefully to an aviator. The listing and pictures are [here](#). Asking \$899,000. Please buy it and let us all fly there. And do notice the hot tub in its own little house.

In the meantime, while he still owns the place, Bob drives over once a week and mows the grass. He has always welcomed us, but says that he's thinking of not mowing the airstrip anymore this year. So call first to see if it's landable.



*Karmy's looking south*

<b>Karmy's</b>	38.8376128, -78.5194544	Elevation: 890'	Runway: 1800' x 30' Turf
Contact: Dr. Bob Karmy. 540-758-1163			04 Right 22 Left

**Longs (VA17)**

Jim Long used to keep an airplane here, but no longer does now that he's getting on in years.

It appears that the field is always mowed, but call Jim for permission each time you go.

Jim Long suffered a tragic loss in 2010 when his son died in a [crash with a helicopter](#) north of the Shenandoah Valley airport. The son was a commercial pilot and CFI.

This picture looks south.



<b>Longs</b>	38.8042803, -78.5719567	Elevation: 870'	Runway: 2100' x 30' Turf
Contact: Jim Long. 540-984-8948			18 Left 36 Left

## *Not Welcome*

### **Haynes** (not registered)

I've flown past this field for years, so I finally drove over there to learn the story. The field was created by Brad Haynes, a local real estate developer. (You drive past the B.K. Haynes Building at the main intersection in Front Royal.) However, Brad is now elderly and no longer flies. He does still live in the house on the property, but his son Brett and family are the main residents. Brett has no interest in flying.

However, the Haynes' have subdivided the farm, and one of the purchasers is a pilot. It's in his deed that the Haynes must keep the airfield operational. I will see if I can get Brett to get the field registered as that will give him liability protection under the Virginia recreational use statute. We can never have too many airfields.

The airstrip, however, is steep and narrow. The asphalt is in poor condition.



*Haynes looking west. The field rises 100' to the hangar at the west end.*

<b>Haynes</b>	38.988400, -78.281394	Elevation: 572'	Runway: 2200' x 30' Asphalt
Contact: Brett Haynes. 540-869-5826			Land uphill west. TO east.

**Defunct**

These two registered airfields are no longer landable. And the owners have no intention of making them so.

**River Bend (VA58)**

This has never been landable in my ten years here. Paul Miley tells me that he’s more interested in using it to raise crops. This year, it’s in corn.

This view looks east.



<b>River Bend</b>	38.9061111, -78.4444444	Elevation: 606’	Runway: 2650’ x 60’
Contact: Paul Miley. 540-335-8496			Not landable. Crops.

**Hepner (4VA4)**

John Ayers tells me that James Hepner is in his late eighties and no longer flying. His kids have no interest in flying and the old runway is overgrown. He also says that there’s a derelict Cessna 172 somewhere on the property, though I couldn’t see it.



<b>Hepner</b>	38.9348322, -78.5400108	Elevation: 1150’	Runway: 2000’ x 75’
Contact: James Hepner. 540-459-3132			Not landable. Overgrown.

## Meeting Minutes

*August 2017*

### *Flying Club One Meeting*

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Warrenton Airpark

Warrenton, VA

### **Selling 50/50 tickets before meeting**

### **Call to Order**

*President Steve Beste* called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

19 members present.

### **CONNECTIONS**

#### **Visitors & New Members**

**Bob Stewart** came up from the Virginia Beach area to see what we're flying. He had 40 hours of flying in high school many years ago and now is looking at LSA to get back in the sky. **Aaron Stiks** is interested in PPGs and looking for flight training and PPG dealers. **Robert Meadows**, that has his replica SE.5 WWI biplane stationed at the Airpark, is having landing gear problems and needs a welder. **Marty Deconsol** stopped by our meeting hoping to talk to some of our members about flying the lighter end of aviation. **Bill Decklin**, a flying buddy of new member **John Ayers**, told about flying out of the Warrenton Airpark in the glider days. He has flown many GA planes since starting in 1960.

### **Old Members**

**Don Sheehan** said after spending almost a year trying to fix his Trike wing so it would fly straight (it was accidentally bent by someone in his shared hangar) he has a new wing that flies great, but he notices that it is 5 MPH slower. Good news - **Tim Loehrke** was at the big fly-ins of Sun & Fun and Oshkosh this year and said that the Ultralights are making a very visible comeback after years of decline. **Monty Betts** said he was flying his Aeronca Chief on a windy day and almost ground looped on takeoff when a gust hit. He recovered and climbed out for a short, turbulent flight only to get hit again on landing. This time, he did ground loop, but luck was on his side and nothing was damaged.

### **REGULAR REPORTS**

*Secretary: Jim Heidish* reported that the July minutes will be published in the August Club Newsletter and they can be reviewed at our next meeting.

*Treasurer: Jim Birnbaum* reported July income: \$75.00, Expenses: \$47.00, the Flying Club 1 checkbook balance: \$2374.94.

*President: Steve Beste* reported that the *Front Royal Air Show* at nearby Front Royal Airport (KFRR) is Saturday, August 26. He will put his Trike on display and put up the big Club banner. Other members are encouraged to fly or drive in. He also thanked **Tom Richards** for getting the new and comfortable outdoor chairs.

*Membership Director: Jim Birnbaum* reported that we have a total of 37 paid/active members. As a reminder: You're up-to-date if your name has a (2017) after it on the monthly emailed Club Roster.

*Warrenton Airpark Owner: Tom Richards* said

that with all the rain this summer the grass is green and growing fast. He thanked his grass cutting team for keeping on top of it. he is still looking to roll the grass runways as soon as the right heavy equipment can be found and the field is soft enough to flatten out.

*Events Coordinator:* **Robert Doak** - not at meeting. But the special Ultralight/LSA fly-out to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, a 200-mile flight to the site of the Wright brothers' first powered aircraft flight is still on for early Fall when the tourists are gone. If anyone is interested in the flight they should contact members **Robert Doak** or **Tom Simmons**. More updates to come!

### **Cook Out**

**Jim Heidish** collected the hamburgers and hot-dogs. **Jim Birnbaum** grilled them.

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

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **MONTHLY PROGRAM**

None

### **50-50 Drawing**

**Jim Hill** won the pot again and donated it to the Club.

### **Adjourn**

*President,* **Steve Beste** adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.



## Service Providers

Recap our standing list of service providers:

- **PPG instructor and dealer:** Michael O'Daniel, 540-270-8855
- **Aircraft instructor - CFI:** Pete Bastien, 703-568-5778
- **Trike instructor:** Pat Tyler, 202-746-4687
- **Aircraft instructor - light sport and seaplane:** Chuck Tippett, 540-905-5091
- **Ultralight (Part 103) instruction:** Tom Richards' Grass Roots Flyers, 703-568-3607
- **Machinist:** Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927
- **Welder:** Luther Taylor, 540-222-3927
- **A&P mechanic/IA (not at Airpark):** JD Ingram, 513-388-6312
- **Light Sport Condition Inspections, Rotax Certified:** Tim Loehrke, 703-618-4005

## Activities

### *2017 Flying Club 1 Activities Schedule*

Designated Club meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month in the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA, at 7:30 PM. Others will be held at 11:00 AM at the Warrenton Airpark as shown in the 2017 schedule. Changes in time or location will be posted in this newsletter and on the Club website.

Date	Activity	Location
Sat, September 2nd, 11 am	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, October 7th	Club meeting, fly-in and cookout at Warrenton Airpark	Airpark
Sat, October 21st	Club 1 Color Run Fly-out	Airpark
Thu, November 2nd, 7:30 pm	Conversation, club business meeting and program	Centreville Regional Library
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](mailto:Ooi.Lucy@gmail.com)) when the ad is no longer needed.

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**Weight-Shift Enthusiasts - Your prayers have been answered!** A very nice up-scale trike at an affordable price...

Specifications: NorthWing Navaho (strut braced - no king-post), 2-seat Tandem

Engine: Rotax 582 blue head with C- Gear-Box and just under 300 hours total time (never overhauled)

Well-maintained - dacron fabric and everything else looks brand new.

Many extras including Radio, GPS, Landing Lights, wheel pants, hydraulic disc brake system, wide tires, 3-blade IvoProp, 2017 Virginia License, 1,050-lb BRS parachute for safety and extra parts.

Photo below was taken at Shannon Airport. This Trike is owned by Kiho Bae, and has recently moved to Warrenton Airpark. Kiho Has asked me to advertise this at an asking price of \$18,500. Incidentally, Kiho is an experienced pilot who flew C-46 Commanders in the Korean Air Force, and now flies a Robinson R-44 Helicopter and single-engine fixed-wing as well as weight-shift aircraft. He would be happy to take you for a demonstration ride. Kiho is willing to fly it to your location.



**Special Price \$18,500**

**Call Tom Richards (703) 568-3607 or Kiho at (703) 314-6262**

**Airfield and house for sale.** Dr. Bob Karmy has long been a friend of the Club, letting us fly into Karmy's (67VA) for years. He's now retired and is selling the place. It includes a large house, with a hangar and an 1,800' grass strip just south of Woodstock in the valley. This would make a great training field. And do notice the hot tub in its own little house. The listing and pictures are [here](#). Asking \$899,000.

Contact the realtor, Shirley French. [Shirley@funkhousergroup.com](mailto:Shirley@funkhousergroup.com) 540-325-4444.



## 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 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.

### 2017 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

Events Coordinator: Robert Doak 703-897-4989

Director Emeritus & Past President: Len Alt

Director At Large: Pete Bastien 703-568-5778

Director At Large: Lucy Ooi 585-410-5573

*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.

### 2017 CLUB VOLUNTEER STAFF

Safety & Training: Vacant

Membership: Jim Birnbaum 703-361-7478

Club Artist: Jim Heidish 703-524-5265

Newsletter Editor: Lucy Ooi (“Wee”)

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Web Master: Steve Beste,

[president@flyingclub1.org](mailto: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-*

**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](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)**