

The Flight Box



Letter from the President

February 2016

I hope the New Year is still treating everyone fine,

The FEB meeting brought the announcement of Jeff Stubbs being the CD for WOS 7. I would like to thank Jeff for volunteering his time in this endeavor. We have been talking and have some good plans for this year.

Wings this year will be on the same weekend as Blue Ridge Bike Fest. The bike fest will be at Salem Civic center, I hope the proximity will bring some more people in the gate. I am looking forward to WOS this year.

Look for some new signage the next time you are at the field.

“DO NOT FLY OVER BUILDING”

Signs will soon be posted on the fence. I hope this will remind pilots. We also plan to post signs about taxiing into the pit area. This is an area of safety all pilots need to remember.

And a little reminder we plan on doing a field clean up next month. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful day ~ FLY SAFE AND FLY FUN.

Gary Jordan
RVRC President

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

- 21 members present, 0 junior member (s), 0 Associate, and 1 guests
- a quorum (21) *was* met

Guests:

-**Mike Powell**, used to fly in a Maryland AMA Club for about 10 years, and then life got in the way about 16-18 years ago and recently he's gotten the flyin' fever once again! If you see him at the field please say a hearty hello to him. He said he's flown glow and that is what he's starting with again as he dug out some kits he's had for a while and figured he'd start there. Ronnie with Crossroad's recommended he come visit us and now he's considering joining the Club !



Rejoining Club Members:

-none

New Club Members:

-none

Announcements:

-It is with deep regret that we see one of our iconic mentor member's have to bid the Club farewell ~ Whitt Milne will be sorely missed both as a friend but also his wealth of knowledge and expertise as helicopter enthusiast and FPV GURU that he has imparted to so many of us over the last several years. Whitt has expressed, “*I have enjoyed being a part of the organization and am thankful for the opportunities it has given me during my time here, but my interest have taken me in other directions ...*”

- The Board Of Directors Officer's wishes to express a grateful appreciation to him for his guidance and direction over the past two months in the transition from his past administration tenure of President from 2013-2015 to the present.

-Derrick, RVRC Vice-President, has created a [FaceBook Page](#) highlighting events and club members aircraft builds, tips, tricks, and techniques. This is a closed page and you must ask to join and Gary, Derrick, or David will admit you as they are Admin Users.

Announcements: (con't)

-SAFETY SIGNAGE TO BE POSTED on the fence in plain view for every one to see !!

Another sign to go next to these pictured here will be **“DO NOT TAXI INTO THE PITS”**

As per our [Safety Code](#) ([WEBSITE HYPERLINKS IN BLUE](#))

[Section 3, Sub-Section I]

- Various present members at meeting have stated that they have done this very thing and will amend their ways and that it was an excellent reminder to have the signage! Also it will state precedence guideline for visiting clubs as well as new pilots in training.
- Discussions were held ... and it was a consensus agreement of the present membership that a plastic construction type barricade fence be put at the end of the taxiway pavement, during events as an extra precaution. This will not interfere with the club's mowing sub-contractor operations as it can be easily and temporarily removed and replaced.
 - *Safety Committee* is concerned that a runaway plane could endanger those in the pit area and by having a plastic construction type barricade fence that is flexible; it won't damage a plane, like a chain link fence would, in the event that the unforeseen happens.
 - *Safety Committee* reminds everyone that also out lined in [Section 5, Sub-Section A] that *No helicopter is to be flown out of the fixed wing pit area.*
 - Dallas, mentioned that every club member needs to be mindful and that no one ever says to someone that does this, or is in the act of doing such, “That your not to do _____.” Safety should be on everyone's mind at all times and we should look out for everyone else's safety.



-BOD meeting to take place with Summit in February sometime this meeting is to introduce the new Board Of Director Officers to Summit personnel. Hopefully, we will receive the AWAS frequency during this meeting. The BOD will disclose the topics of the meeting afterwards in a special announcement after the meeting takes place.

-February BOD Meeting to be held Wednesday evening February 10th, discussions to include Wings Over Salem event planning, preparation, publicity and other pertinent club business.

Safety Highlights:

Not much flying was done due to the snow, however the *Safety Chair recommends:*

- That you do not use DSM2™ receivers in your aircraft !
- Be mindful of spectator' locations and their safety.
- All members *please* review the [Safety Code](#) ([WEBSITE HYPERLINKS IN BLUE](#)) in its entirety.

**Let's keep in mind that it's Summit's land & we are stewards of their property.
It is a privilege to be here, therefore we need to respect their wishes and demands.**

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Jim Bowen
RVRC Treasurer

RVRC Treasurer's Report for Jan 2016
Prepared Jan 31, 2016

Checking Acc't	\$7,092.41
Money M'kt Acc't (as of Jan 31, 2016)	\$34,755.50
Cash on hand: New youth membership	\$1.00
	\$41,848.91
Total funds:	\$41,848.91

Income/Expense by Payee – Jan 2016

1/1/2016	Checking Account Beginning Balance	7,448.73	
	DEPOSITS		
	None	0.00	
	Deposits, total		
	EXPENSES		
	Payee:		FOR:
1/14/2016	Salem Fire and EMS	200.00	Donation
1/25/2016	Blue Ridge Sign and Stamp Co., Inc	87.36	3 signs, "Do not fly over building"
1/25/2016	All Star impressions	11.58	2 Name Tags
1/25/2016	City of Salem	10.00	Monthly dumpster lease fee
		47.38	Electric utility bill
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$356.32	
1/31/2016	Closing Balance	\$7,092.41	

Treasure's Report: (con't)

-The Board of Directors received this thank you letter



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Veterans Services Foundation

January 26, 2016

Roanoke Valley Radio Control Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 241
Salem, Virginia 24153

Dear Friends:

We have received your generous donation of \$325.76 to the Veterans Services Fund for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) from your annual fundraising event. The Foundation Board of Trustees and the Virginia Department of Veterans Services extend their profound gratitude for your support. Please accept our apologies for the delayed recognition of your gift.

As you may know, **100% of your gift will go to support needy veterans and their families.** Through the efforts of donors, VWWP delivered 7,755 individual services to veterans and their families during FY15 and housed over 1,432 homeless veterans since October 2014. **On November 11, 2015, Virginia became the first state to reach the functional end of veteran homelessness. A veteran VWWP assisted said, "Virginia Wounded Warriors have given me ...a whole other outlook on life. I'm no longer a victim or a survivor, I'm a conqueror and others can be too."**

Note that VWWP has been renamed/rebranded as **Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS).** **Information on the change from VWWP to VVFS can be found in the enclosed information sheet.**

Thanks to unselfish, patriotic citizens like yourselves, and dedicated efforts of the VWWP/VVFS team and consortiums of Community Service Boards, the Program has responded with about 30,000 effective and timely services to support almost 10,000 distressed veterans and their families since 2009. We know that your support came from your hearts.

It is through the kindness of citizens, organizations, and veterans that the lives of our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much for our freedom are made richer.

We wish you the very best always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Jack W. Hilgers", written over a circular blue ink stamp or seal.

J. Jack W. Hilgers
Colonel, USMC (Ret)
Foundation Executive Director

cc: Commissioner, Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Enclosure: Renaming VWWP to the Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program (VVFSP)

The donation to the Veterans Services Fund is tax exempt under section 170 (c) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code to the extent authorized for federal taxes and tax exempt from Virginia state and local taxes in accordance with section 2.2-2719 of the Code of Virginia. The Foundation did not provide any goods or services in return for your contribution.

Old Business:

-Discussion regarding moving **Wings Over Salem Date** to another weekend besides Father's Day such as September. January's GMM member's request calling for a decision on date change by February 1st Meeting

- Other events happening in Salem at the Civic Center is the [Blue Ridge Bike Festival](#) on father's day Weekend
 - Some members think that keeping it on the Saturday before Father's Day {June 18th, 2016} might be good this year due to the extra visiting crowds coming into the area for the Blue Ridge Bike Festival on this particular weekend (Thursday – Sunday).
- *BOD to look at AMA site for surrounding clubs & states for their events as not to interfere.*
 - Jeff Stubbs to be CD, Contest Director for 2016 ~ he's recently re-certified with AMA and he will file with AMA sanctioning event.
 - *Jeff* would like to have some other sanctioned events through out the flying season
 - Please submit any ideas to Jeff
 - David, RVRC Secretary, to coordinate local publicity for WOS as well as on websites such as [R/C Flight Deck](#) , RC Groups, [RC Universe](#)

-**Swap Meet** to possibly happen during Wings Over Salem event or after *topic tabled*

- To be discussed at BOD meeting for planning

-**Budget for 2016** that was posted in January Newsletter & on the website was presented for discussion and questions before submission to vote before the General Membership.

- NO line items in question
- Other questions brought before the floor ...
 - ➔ How many members is the revenue figure based on?
 - ➔ Budgeted on \$9200 for dues and initiation fees for Budget 2016
 - ➔ Member Roster consists of 89 Active, 4 Associate, & 6 Youth
 - ➔ How does the budget stack up to the revenue we took in last year?
 - ➔ Last calendar year \$9273, just slightly less by \$73. With no more budgeted spending than in 2015. We still have spending occurring until the end of the fiscal year [May - April], per the Treasurer (i.e. early alert system).
 - ➔ Are dues rising? ... **NO THEY WILL REMAIN THE SAME** ...
 - ➔ **\$98 IF PAID BEFORE MAY 1ST (MUST BE IN TREASURER'S HANDS) OTHERWISE \$108 ! IF NOT PAID BY JUNE 1ST THEN MEMBER MUST RE-APPLY AND PAY INITIATION FEE AGAIN !! *PLEASE PAY EARLY***
 - ➔ **You must be a Member in good standing and dues current with the AMA to fly at RVRC**
- Jim motions the Budget for 2016 be passed as set forth before the General Membership
 - ★ Don seconds and the Budget is held to a vote and is passed unanimously

Old Business:

-**FAA registration** of our members, but since an AMA solution to the registration requirement is unlikely by the February 19th deadline, ***ALL*** members should register at www.faa.gov/uas/registration . Once registered pilots will receive a Federal registration number that is to be placed on or within aircraft over 250 grams (0.55 lbs.). Members are encouraged to continue placing their AMA numbers on their aircraft as well. Members only have to register once, they do not have to register each unique aircraft. The FAA requires registration regardless if you fly a multi-rotor, helicopter, fixed wing, or any other type of radio control model aircraft that uses a ground control system with a communication link, such as a transmitter.

- **Air Warning Alert System (AWAS) in process of being installed**, Jim explained we are waiting for a coordination frequency from Summit

-**Field Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday March, 26th** ; *We need everyone's help as many hands make light work!* Gary is getting a skid-steer tractor to help with brush removal.

-**Newsletter Submission Date Change**; Secretary has moved date to 2nd Monday of the Month preceding publication to enable an earlier and more timely distribution of the newsletter to the general membership. Office of the Secretary's goal is to have the Newsletter presented and posted to the website with in 7-10 days after the monthly General Membership Meeting.

Future Items of Interest:

-Night & Day Fun Fly's – if you have dates or types / styles of fun fly's please start a forum post on RVRC's website & [FaceBook Page](#) and please notify [Board via email](#) of your interest.

-Models of the Month:

-Mike Powell, Guest, presented a Great Planes' ... Pete 'n Poke this kit offers smooth, slow flight with the potential to perform all basic aerobatics. Its versatility is matched by vintage aircraft looks - including easy-to-install cabane struts - for a distinctive model that's a treat to fly! Easy low-speed flight offers a relaxing change of pace from demanding sport planes. Long tail moment helps prevent ground loops - even inexperienced taildragger pilots can quickly master takeoffs & landings. Separate hatches allow easy access to on-board radio gear and the fuel tank and lines. **SPECIFICATIONS:**

Wingspan: 59.5 in

Weight: 5.75 lb

Length: 47 in

Required: 2-stroke .40-.46 cu in or 4-stroke .40-.52 cu in engine
& 4-channel radio with 5 standard or mini servos

Wing Area: 809.2 in²

Wing Loading: 16.4 oz/ft²

[RC Modeler Review](#)



Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 PM

Tidbits from the Secretary

Members,

I wish to add some insight into this sport and hobby we all love and ask for your insight as well ... not just in modeling but education also. We have a rich history in this club as it has been in existence over four decades. We have many members with talents and varied experience that I ask for those individuals if they remember instances of positive and remarkable things that have happened in our club history to please share them for submission in our Newsletter.

Sincerely, David Vietmeier

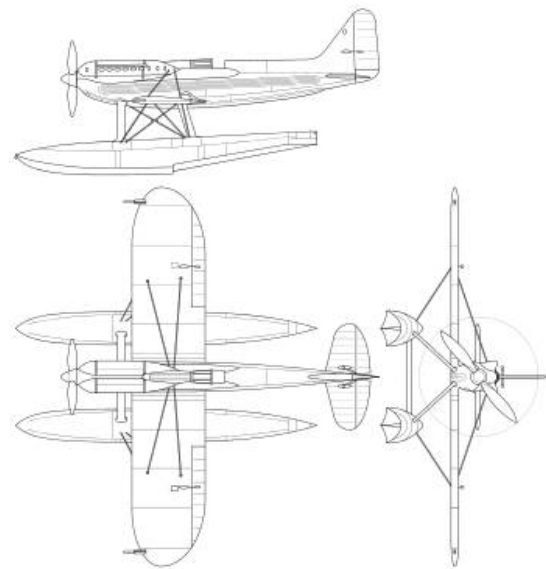
Members did you know ...

After World War I many experienced fighter pilots were eager to show off their new skills. Many American pilots became Barnstormers, flying into small towns across the country and showing off their flying abilities, as well as taking paying passengers for rides. Eventually the Barnstormers grouped into more organized displays. Air shows sprang up around the country, with air races, acrobatic stunts, and feats of air superiority. The air races drove engine and airframe development — the Schneider Trophy, for example, led to a series of ever faster and sleeker monoplane designs culminating in the Supermarine S.6B

Specifications:

Crew: 1
Length: 25 ft 10 in
Wingspan: 30 ft
Height: 12 ft 3 in
Wing area: 145 ft²
Empty Weight: 4,471 lb
Loaded weight: 5,771 lb
Powerplant: 1 × Rolls-Royce R
inline engine, 1,900 hp (1,417 kW)
Maximum Speed: 328 mph





With pilots competing for cash prizes, there was an incentive to go faster. Amelia Earhart was perhaps the most famous of those on the barnstorming/air show circuit.

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Flight Instructors please contact the Board at: board@rvrc.org

The RVRC holds regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st Monday of each month at the field in Salem.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome & encouraged—especially any tips or hints to help fellow modeling enthusiasts. Items wanted to buy, or for sale, are also welcome.

Please mail information to:

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 Office of the Secretary
 P.O. Box 241
 Salem, VA. 24153

Or send your correspondence electronically to:

secretary@rvrc.org

DEADLINE IS THE 2nd Monday OF EACH MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION

Next RVRC meeting Monday, *March 7, 2016*, at 7PM ~ RVRC Clubhouse & Airfield