

Southeast Virginia Light Aircraft Flyers



CLUB NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLYERS



President's Column

Happy Fall to everyone. Hopefully you have not missed some very exciting flying opportunities this summer. Whether you are a pilot, passenger, or enthusiast, I'm pleased to report that there have been some exciting happenings in our Club this summer, including two fly-ins with hundreds of thousands in attendance. Be sure to check out the competition results (elsewhere in this newsletter) from our recent fly-in at New Quarter Farm (September 11).

Prior to that event, Club members met for a regular meeting (minutes in this newsletter). At that meeting, THREE timely items were discussed: 1) the upcoming election; 2) some changes in the way we communicate with our membership; and 3) club meetings.

Elections - At our next meeting (October 13th - 7:30 PM - Abingdon Rescue Squad), we will elect a new Board of Directors, plus President and Secretary, for a one-year term of office. All seven director seats are up for re-election. They are currently held by: Daniel Arkin, Richard Moore, Dennis Gregory, Clark Rich, Richard Leigh, Harold Wright, and Leo Callahan.

Officer positions up for re-election are currently held by Daniel Arkin (President) and Dennis Gregory (Secretary). The Nominating Committee, chaired by Paul McGinn along with Jamie Arkin and Detta Rich will submit a slate of candidates for all open positions. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, and then we will vote on the resulting slate. If you are interested in running for one of the open positions, please be sure to be present at the meeting and express your interest.

Communications - As you know, our membership (20+ people) is made up of a core group of volunteers, some who fly, some who ride, some who remember when, and some who are hobbyists in support of the sport. This low number results in a few people carrying the load for any and all that we do. In order to minimize the impact on these volunteers

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we have elected to change the way we communicate with club members, as follows:

1. We will be updating our Club's website (finally) with new tools that provide a more dynamic presentation of information for members and the public. For those of you who care, we will be using a blogging software tool. You can see the ongoing evolution of this new site at <http://svlaf.wordpress.com>. It is rather naked right now, but look for it to fill out with more information, pictures and resources.

2. We will be eliminating the production of this paper newsletter. This currently is a significant time investment for our newsletter editor on top of the printing and mailing to a very small group of members. By moving to the new website tool, we

The next regular meeting of the Southeast Virginia Light Aircraft Flyers will be held Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 PM at Abingdon Rescue Squad Building off Route 17, 2.5 miles north of the Coleman Bridge. For more information, check with our web site: www.svuf.org

This Southeast Virginia Light Aircraft Flyers Club newsletter is published monthly and sent to each club member and, on an exchange basis, to other USUA Clubs. Articles & classifieds submitted for inclusion in the newsletter should reach the editor no later than the 15th of the month. The editor reserves the right to edit submitted articles for clarity and formatting. All efforts will be exercised to not change the original content.

Evening meetings of the Southeast Virginia Light Aircraft Flyers are normally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM, Abingdon Rescue Squad Building, Rt. 1216 (Hayes Road) Hayes, Virginia.

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will be able to readily update information as it happens, online. Members and other parties who are online can readily seek new information whenever needed, and all can subscribe to be notified (via electronic mail) whenever changes are made or new information is posted.

3. In the short term, we will print a limited set of updates for distribution at our Club meetings only.

4. We encourage ALL members to use these online tools, including email. Please be sure that we have your email address so we can send you periodic bits of information. If you are not receiving periodic electronic mailings from us, then send it to me and we'll be sure to get you into the mix. Send your email address to darkin@technvisions.com.

Club Meetings - the same group of culprits attend our meetings most months. This is great, but we want more. When we meet at New Quarter Farm (during prime flying season) we have a slightly different group than when we meet at night. We are going to look for ways to broaden this attendance group. One way is to introduce some dinner meetings since we seem to like food. Another is to reduce the number of meetings each year (currently at 10 or so times per year). And the last way is to increase the number of presentations we have at meetings, to help make the events more memorable. All are doable. If you would be willing to do ONE presentation during the coming year, please let me know the topic you would be interested in tackling (20-30 minutes is perfect). We all have something to share and it is about telling the world in advance.

Look forward to seeing everyone October 13th - 7:30 PM - at the Abingdon Rescue Squad.

Danny Arkin

Ice Cream Social Fly-In for
The Relay for Life
August 7, 2011

The morning started with several Club members working around the hangers doing a little clean-up. It was already hot and very humid! The meeting started around 10 am with ten members and one guest. After the meeting, all pitched in to set up the tables and get things prepared for the fly-in.

Folks started arriving around noon. Jim Stevens arrived in his Piper Cherokee from West Point. Paul Irby flew his Kitfox in from New Kent. Peter Coen came from Patrick Henry in his Rallye. Carl Moushigan (Thundergull) and Maxie Mayton (Sky Ranger) hopped over from Wakefield. Garrett and Thomas Hendrickson (Cessna) and Mike Kuhnert (PT-19) arrived from Hummel. And I know I'm forgetting someone!

Chef Bubba and Sous-chef Danny prepared the the brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers while the ladies arranged the food for the guests. As usual, a wide variety of homemade dishes made their way to the tables along with fresh fruits and great desserts. They went great with the ice cream provided by Hershey's all for a good cause! Ken and Luella were there with others collecting money for The Relay for Life. The fly-in was well attended. Some of the pilots took people for rides for a donation to the Relay. \$495 were raised in donations! Not bad! Richard estimated that there was about 50 people at the fly-in with 14 planes The pilots started to look to the sky around two o'clock since the clouds were starting to significantly build and the wind was beginning to get gusty! It was time to call it a day and head home for those who had flown in.

All in all, it was another successful fly-in at New Quarter Farm for SVLAF. If you were not here, be here next time! We missed you! The next fly-in at NQF is on September 11th. The scuttlebutt is that there might even be a competition at the next fly-in! That's the rumor anyway.

Dennis Gregory

SVLAF Flying Competition

Yes, we did have a flying competition and if anything it very demonstratively showed that we all need more practice. I will be the first one to admit that I was embarassed with my performance.

The competition included a **Bomb Drop** using three water filled baloons dropped on a target from 100 feet.

A **Precision Landing**, at 1000 feet over the runway, closing the throttle to idle power and touching down on a target on the runway.

Touch and Roll, Fly over the runway and shut the engine down before touching the runway and then roll to a line without using brakes.

	Baloon Drop	Precision Landing	Touch & Roll
Danny Arkin	4th	4th	3rd
Bubba Leigh	2nd	3rd	1st
Dennis Gregory	3rd	2nd	4th
Leo Callahan	1st	5th	2nd
Carl Moushegan		1st	Leo Callahan

SVUF Community Service

Peasley Middle School teacher's planned to teach the children about the 9/11 attacks by honoring the fallen. They wanted to try and form a large American flag with a thousand children! Linda Gregory, a teacher at Peasley, asked Dennis if it would be possible to get a picture from the air. Knowing that its easier to have two people do this, Dennis asked Harold Wright if he would volunteer to fly Dennis over the school in Harold's R-22 helicopter. Harold happily agreed!

The event was moved from Friday to Monday, the 12th, due to weather. Our ancient duo took off, in beautiful weather, about 8:30 am heading up Rt. 614 at 500 feet. After taking a few shots of a house that belongs to Harold's friend, they flew on to Peasley. By careful coordination, classes were arranged in the parking lot with red, white and blue paper posters to form a large American flag! Dennis used a borrowed camera with a telescopic lens in order not to fly directly over the school and children. It looked pretty good! After a couple of large circles around the school, they headed back to the field.

However, before landing, Harold decided he wanted a couple of pictures of his house! That was a good excuse to keep flying! They flew down to the Point and took some shots of Harold's house. On the way back, Dennis had Harold fly over Carmine Island so Dennis could take some pictures of a house of a friend of his. On the way back to the field, life in general was discussed and it was decided that flying definitely keeps one young! Harold quipped that, in that case, he should buy TWO helicopters! Hope you enjoy the pictures!

Dennis Gregory



Editor's Note: Dennis Gregory emailed me several beautiful pictures but for some unknown reason, besides operator error, I could not reduce their size to fit in the newsletter.

Southeast Virginia Light Aircraft Flyers, Inc.
Completed Minutes of the August 07, 2011 Meeting

Danny Arkin called the January meeting to order at 7:34 pm. There were 10 club members and 1 guest in attendance. The meeting minutes and Treasurer's report were approved and recorded.

Treasurer's Report: Clark reported \$1247.71

Membership: Leo said that there are 21 members.

Club Meeting Schedule: The new schedule was discussed and the next meeting is at Abingdon Rescue Squad building on October 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Next newsletter is in October (items due Sept.25th).

Information Topics:

Trips Committee- No trips scheduled yet.

Day Trips- Sept. 3 - Louisa County Airport
Sept. 24 - W&W, Hummel Airport
Oct. 1 - Club 1 Fall Fly-in, Warrenton
Oct. 29 - New Kent Festival of Flight
- Club 1 Color Run, Warrenton

Social Committee-The next Club event will be the Fall Fly-in on Sept. 11th at NQF.

Educational Program: Danny gave all a review of Oshkosh, by gosh.

New Business: none

Other Announcements: none

Door Prize and 40/40/20- Door prize - Richard

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Gregory
SVLAF Secretary

Southeast Virginia Light Aircraft Flyers, Inc.
Completed Minutes of the September 11, 2011 Meeting

Danny Arkin called the January meeting to order at 10:15 am. There were 10 club members in attendance. The meeting minutes and Treasurer's report were approved and recorded

Treasurer's Report: Clark reported \$1055.63

Membership: Leo said that there are 21 members.

Club Meeting Schedule: The new schedule was discussed and the next meeting is at Abingdon Rescue Squad building on October 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Next newsletter is in October (items due Sept.25th).

Information Topics:

Trips Committee- No trips scheduled yet.

Day Trips- Sept. 24 - Williamsburg Airport

Sept. 24 - W&W, Hummel Airport

Oct. 1 - Club 1 Fall Fly-in, Warrenton

Oct. 5 – AOPA Comm. Seminar VA Aviation Museum Rich.
7-9 pm

Oct. 6 – AOPA Comm. Seminar VA Air & Space Hampton
7-9 pm

Oct. 29 - New Kent Festival of Flight
- Club 1 Color Run, Warrenton

Social Committee- Club fly-in's over for this year.

Club Event – Election Nominations at the Oct. 13th meeting

Educational Program: Short talk about flying resources on the web. They include;

www.pilotworkshop.com

www.aopa.org/sportpilot/

www.sportpilot.org/learn/slsa/

New Business: Nominating committee was named including Paul McGinn, Detta Rich, and Jaime Arkin.

Discussion was held on how to streamline the newsletter and meeting schedule.

Other Announcements: none

Door Prize and 40/40/20- Door prize - Bubba

40/40/20 – Pete Wall won the kitty and donated it to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Gregory
SVLAF Secretary

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