

FARM



Fauquier Aero Recreation Modelers
AMA #1654 farmclubrc.com
AMA Gold Leader Club



Culpeper Model Barnstormers
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Radio Controlled Air - Land - Sea Models

Newsletter

Editor's Note: We will be rotating the lead club specific content lead sections each month (FARM, CMB, LOWCRC, FARM, CMB, LOWCRC, FARM, CMB, LOWCRC, FARM, CMB, LOWCRC) throughout the year. However, the "Tips and Projects" and "Anything From the Field" sections will be separate from the Club sections and combine the inputs from all the members of the three clubs.

Notice - REMINDER - for All:

- For June, July, August, and September 2026 there will be **NO** "Tri-Club Fourth Tuesday of the Month" RC Modeling Zoom meetings. Club meetings will be held at each Club's respective flying field during the summer months.

- Our "Tri-Club Fourth Tuesday of the Month" RC Modeling Zoom meetings will resume on Tuesday, 27 October 2026 at 7:00 PM.

CMB Club Report:

- The 2026 CMB Club Board of Directors Election Results:

President	Gordon Collyer	540-547-4117
Vice President	Jim Restel	540-718-6617
Secretary	Nic Burhans	540-219-9646
Treasurer	Nic Burhans	540-219-9646
Safety Officer	Bill Crone	540-825-8065
Field Marshal	Bobby Hurst	501-766-7349
Member At Large	Al Hampton	757-715-0528
Member At Large	Ernie Padgette	703-244-7465

- CMB President's Corner: Gordon Collyer

C-Stars Children's CMB Field Day.

This year we will host the C-Stars field day for disabled children on July 23, starting at 9AM. The tentative schedule looks like:

- 8-9 am Setup
- 9-9:45 Flight demos part 1
- 10-11 C-Stars Activities on-field
- 11-12. Flight demos part 2

We will need 2-3 non-flying volunteers to help with crowd control and activities.

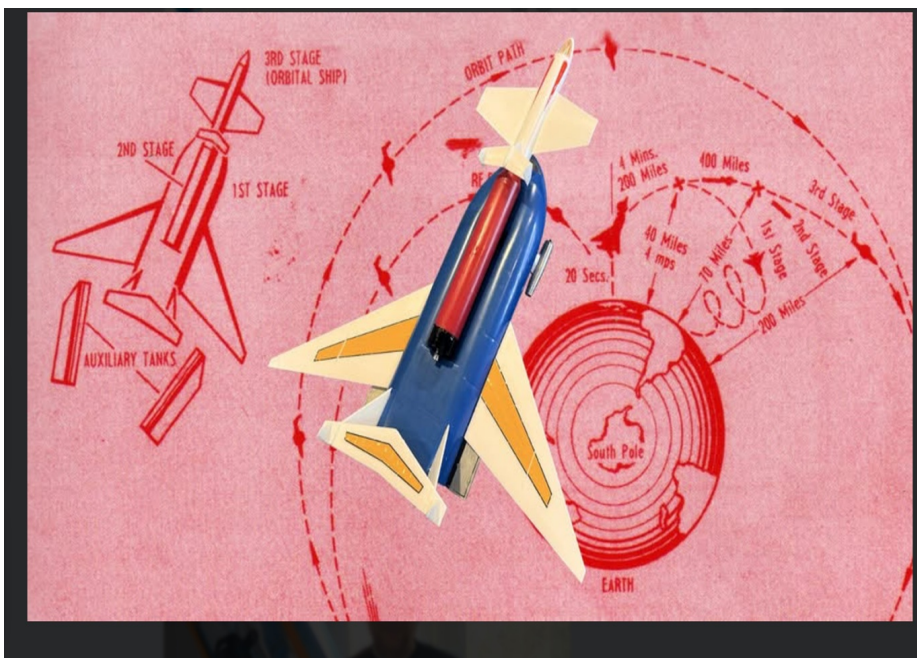
And also 3-8 flying demonstrators for part 1 and/or part 2 demos.

If you have aircraft you would like demo for the kids or can volunteer for non-flying duty please let me know as we put CMB's program together this year.

I'll bring back my Kadet candy bomber for the end of the part 2 demos and try and keep the kids out of the beans!

Misplacing the Future.

As a result of the recent mission around the moon there has been a marked increase in excitement about NASA activities. For those born before 1970 even more so; for those of us self-identified as "children of Apollo", not so much. The picture below is model circa 1955 of a nearly fully re-useable space launch vehicle. Note the fly-back booster, drop tanks, booster turbo jet ferry engines and the third stage winged shuttle craft! I built one of these models and others of nuclear-powered moon rockets, space stations, etc. before I graduated to flying models. Growing up in the shadow of the famous 1950's Disney TV series on future space flight, this was the space program I was promised! The reality is regrettably, that I was led to a view of the future to which we have not yet arrived. What are the lessons here that we can take for our radio control hobby? Well, at least that some models do not fly as well as the picture on the box! And sometimes that the best model companies, hobby shops, equipment, etc. do not stay with us or evolve with the times. If I may be permitted an infringement on a military truth regarding battle plans, I would add: the future is what happens when your plans and dreams make first contact with reality. Dream large, plan well, and expect surprise. Tomorrow is not always as advertised. See you at the field!



Reuseable Space Launch System Concept by Willy Ley – Monogram Models

Gordon

- CMB Secretary/Treasurer's Corner: Nic Burhans

The CMB Club's AMA Gold Leader Club Status has been established for 2026. We have received Gold Leader Club Pins. All members at the April Club meeting received their pins. See Nic at the field to receive your's.

Board Meeting Notes:

- No CMB Board meeting was held this month

Membership Meeting:

- On Sunday, 17 June 2026, CMB held a Membership Meeting at Lenn Model Airpark.

- Nine members attended.

- As noted above, President Collyer discussed CMB's 23 July C-Stars event and the need for helpers and demonstration pilots.

- Due to drought conditions, P&R is holding off any major work in its facilities - including any runway leveling at Lenn Model Airpark.

- Jim Restel and Bill Crone are investigating/pursing the topic of a shipping container located at the Airpark to store our equipment and possible use as a classroom/meeting room for the Club. They noted that this project will be a long process.

- Leader Club pins were passed out to those who had not yet received them.

- There are indications that the new FiberLink net will include Wifi at Lenn Park; which would make a Club video link of the Airpark available to the membership. Again, a work in progress.

- The Club has re-started liaison with the new leadership of the CAP and Cub Scouts to start RC and aviation training/building programs. Bobby Hurst has taken the lead in this renewed club effort.

- Organization/planning for the Joint Club Christmas party with FARM has started.

CMB Club Membership Report:

- As of 14 June, the CMB Club had 47 members (17 Regular, 26 Senior, 3 Junior, 0 Life, and 1 Associate)

- The updated 2026 CMB Club Roster has been sent out to the membership.

CMB Club Calendar of upcoming events (January through April):

July 11	Saturday	CMB Buddy Box Training day @ Lenn Model Airpark 10am-2pm CMB Coordinator: Gordon Collyer **	
23 July	Thursday	C-Stars Camp Field-Day @Lenn Model Airpark CMB Coordinator: Gordon Collyer	All Day
June 27-28	Sat-Sun	HAM Festival at the front of Lenn Park Lenn Model Airpark will remain open for flying both days	All Day
August 8	Saturday	CMB Buddy Box Training day @ Lenn Model Airpark 10am-2pm CMB Coordinator: Gordon Collyer **	
September 6	Sunday	CMB Member Fly Day & Cookout @ Lenn Model Airpark	All Day
September 12	Saturday	CMB Buddy Box Training day @ Lenn Model Airpark 10am-2pm CMB Coordinator: Gordon Collyer **	

Note: See full 2026 CMB calendar on the Club website.

CMB Treasurer's Report

- The CMB April 2026 Treasurer's Report has been emailed to the club's membership.

- CMB Webmaster's Report: Dick Sutton

The security certificates for CMB Club website have been renewed and new certification requirements are under way.

Dick

LOWCRC Club Report:

- The 2026 LOWCRC Club Board of Directors Election Results:

President	Al Hampton	757-715-0528
Vice President	Nic Burhans	540-219-9646
Secretary	Gordon Collyer	540-547-4117
Treasurer	Jay Zompanti	978-804-8660
Safety Officer	Al Hampton	757-715-0528

- LOWCRC President's Corner: Al Hampton

What I've Learned Trying to Grow an RC Club

Over the past year, one of the most interesting and challenging experiences I've had has been working to grow the Lake of the Woods Community RC Club (LOWCRC).

Going into it, I honestly thought the hardest part would be organizing events and finding places to fly. What I've learned is that the real challenge is simply getting in front of people—and keeping their attention long enough for them to truly understand what our hobby has to offer. Like many of you have probably seen yourselves, kids are often immediately fascinated when they first see RC aircraft, cars, boats, or drones. There's definitely a "wow factor." But I've also noticed that much of that excitement fades once they leave the event and return to their normal routines. Today's youth are surrounded by entertainment and activities competing for their attention, and many families are already deeply committed to well-established sports programs and other extracurricular activities.

Another thing I've realized is that introducing families to a brand-new hobby can unintentionally create concern rather than excitement. Parents often see dollar signs, another time commitment, another thing to schedule, and another activity to support in lives that are already extremely busy. In some cases, I've met families and individuals who were genuinely interested but simply didn't have the extra time—or the extra money—to participate right now. That reality has forced me to rethink my approach to growing the club.

Instead of focusing only on flying, I've tried to lower the barrier to entry wherever possible. We've introduced RC cars and sailboats alongside aircraft to help people discover different parts of the hobby that may fit their interests better. I've worked to provide opportunities for people to try RC equipment before investing their own money and have tried scheduling events in ways that are more family-friendly and easier for busy people to attend. Growth has definitely been slow—but steady.

One of the biggest lessons I've learned is that building an RC club today is less about attracting large crowds quickly and more about patiently building relationships and community trust over time. The people who eventually become truly interested often need repeated exposure to the hobby before they see themselves participating in it. I've also spent time observing what other clubs are doing successfully to attract younger members. That was one of the biggest reasons I decided to start the LOWCRC Youth Drone Soccer Program. Right now, we only have two unofficial members involved, one of whom is already an AMA member and will hopefully become a club member soon. While those numbers may sound small, I've come to understand that every successful organization starts somewhere, and meaningful growth often happens much slower than we hope.

What keeps me motivated is realizing that RC is much bigger than just flying airplanes. This hobby teaches problem-solving, creativity, patience, engineering, teamwork, and communication. Through activities like drone soccer, RC cars, sailboats, simulators, 3D printing, and electronics projects, I believe we can continue finding new ways to connect with younger generations and families. For now, my plan is simple: continue showing up, continue serving the community, continue creating opportunities for people to experience the hobby, and most importantly, continue being patient.

I truly believe that if we continue planting seeds, eventually the hobby will grow in ways we may not yet see. I'd genuinely love to hear what some of you have experienced in your own clubs and communities. What has

worked for attracting youth and families? What challenges have you seen? The more we share ideas and experiences, the better chance we all have of keeping this amazing hobby alive and thriving for future generations.

I hope to see many of you at the field soon.

Alton Hampton

President, Lake of the Woods Community RC Club (LOWCRC)

- LOWCRC Secretary's Corner: Gordon Collyer

Board Meeting Notes:

- A Board meeting was not held this month.

LOWCRC 2026 Event Calendar

Recurring Weekly Events:

- Monday Scale & Sail Boats – Clubhouse Dock – 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Through October 12 , 2026)
- Outdoor RC @ Sweetbriar Soccer Fields – Thursdays & Fridays – 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Through November 6, 2026)
- Monthly Trail Walks (9:00 AM – 10:00 AM)
 - July 11, 2026
 - August 15, 2026
 - Sept 5, 2026
 - Oct 3, 2026
- Community Center Gym Indoor RC Meet-ups (3pm – 5PM)
 - Jun 20th 2026
 - Aug 22nd 2026
 - Sept 12th 2026

Special Events:

- June 27, 2026 – Lake of the Woods Independence Day Celebration (Parade Participation Confirmed)
- CMB club invite Saturday, July 11 – Culpeper Model Barnstormers Buddy Box Flight Training Day 10am – 2PM
Guests are welcome to attend and experience flying larger fixed-wing RC aircraft with an instructor.
Please RSVP (Al Hampton)
- Culpeper Airiest static display / air show 7AM – 4PM

LOWCRC Youth Drone Soccer Schedule:

July 1 – Community Center Meeting Room 1 (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
July 8 – Marion Prank Hall Gym (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
July 15 – Campground Pavilion (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
July 22 – Campground Pavilion (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
August 5 – Community Center Meeting Room 1 (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
August 12 – Marion Prank Hall Gym (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
August 19 – Campground Pavilion (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
September 2 – Community Center Meeting Room 1 (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
September 16 – Campground Pavilion (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
September 23 – Campground Pavilion (Reserved)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Notes:

- Additional Drone Soccer activities info available upon request.
- All events subject to weather and community guidelines.
- Volunteer support needed and welcome!

FARM Club Report:

- The 2026 FARM Club Board of Directors Election Results:

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Vice President	Nic Burhans	540-219-9646
Secretary	Nic Burhans	540-219-9646
Treasurer	Nic Burhans	540-219-9646
Safety Officer	Ken Bassett	703-425-1392
Field Marshal	Ralph Graul	540-729-1586
Member At Large	Bill Flathers	540-272-7236
Member At Large	Charlie Koustenis	703-850-3314
Member At Large	Bill Towne	540-428-1053

- FARM President's Corner: Ernie Padgette

- This year's FARM Spring Charity Float Fly event raise \$200.00 (\$800.00 in food buying power) and gathered 15 pounds of non-perishable food for the Fauquier Community Food Bank.

The event also provided a dinner for the Fauquier County Family Shelter.

All in all, It was a beautiful day at Lake Ritchie Pavilion/Lake and all participants had a great time boating and flying while supporting local charity.

Ernie

- FARM Secretary/Treasurer's Corner: Nic Burhans

The next FARM Club meeting will be held during the Club Fun Day and Fun Fly#3 on Sunday, 28 June.

FARM Club Membership Report:

- As of 17 June, the FARM Club had 57 members (20 Regular, 31 Senior, 0 Junior, 4 Life, and 2 Associate members).

- The updated 2026 FARM Club Roster has been sent out to the membership.

FARM Club Calendar of upcoming events (January through April):

June 28	Sunday	FARM Club Day @Fun Fly #3 @ Club Field Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day Coordinator: Ernie Padgette	All Day
June 28	Sunday	FARM Club Meeting @ Club Field	1:00 PM
July 26	Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #4 @ Club Field Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day Coordinator: Vince Tabacco	All Day
July 26	Sunday	FARM Club Meeting @ Club Field	1:00 PM
July 27-31	Mon-Fri	AMA Aerobatic (pattern) NATS @ Muncie, IN www.modelaircraft.org	All Day
August 30	Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #5 @ Club Field Picnic, Pilot Training, and Flight Check day Coordinator: ????	All Day
August 30	Sunday	FARM Club Meeting @ Club Field	1:00 PM
September 12-13 Sat-Sun		FARM Pattern Contest @ FARM Field CD: Don Szczur dszczur@verizon.net	All Day
Sept. 14-20	Th-Sun	NEAT Fair @ Downsville, NY www.neatfair.org	

September 26 Saturday	Field Closed to 72Mhz; Open to 2.4Ghz: FARM Float Fly #2 @ Lake Ritchie CD: Nic Burhans npb6218@earthlink.net	9am - 3pm
September 27 Sunday	FARM Club Day & Fun Fly #6 @ Club Field <i>Picnic, Pilot Training and Flight Check day</i> Coordinator: Jay Zompanti	All Day
September 27 Sunday	FARM Club Meeting @ Club Field	1:00 PM

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FARM Treasurer's Report

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FARM Webmaster's Report: Dick Sutton

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Tips & Projects:

- 3D Gadgets.

I've a couple of gadgets that kit and ARF builders might find interesting. First during the March covering workshop Terry Terreniore used a Harry Higley film trimming tool to great effect. This tool which is seemingly now out of production is used to trim covering along straight edges (wings, fuselage sides, etc.) and produces clean straight edges where an overlapped seam is needed, like a wing's leading or trailing edge. I've only found this tool listed online at A&E RC Products. It is not clear whether A&E is just selling off Higley stock or if they are continuing with Harry Higley product production. As of this writing they have not confirmed the stock status of this tool. So, with the possibility that this tool is now relegated to second hand and swap meet transactions, I fired up my 3d printing software and made the tool shown. I can provide the "STL" Slicer input file for anyone interested. You would need to provide your own razor blade and blade screw to complete the tool.



3D Version of Higley Trimming Tool

I have also undertaken an ARF build of the Seagull Chipmunk DHC-1. There is a good build thread on RC Groups that identifies the split flap hinges (more like bottom hinged trailing edge flaps) as wimpy and a durability concern. Thinking there must be a commercially available alternative I searched for "split flat hinges" and was led immediately to "Thingiverse", where a more robust hinge had been designed to replace the Seagull hinges in the DHC-1. These are form, fit, and function equivalent to those supplied in the ARF kit but are very robust and would also fit other planes in the .60 to 1.2 in 3 engine size. Shown are the wimpy hinges and the DHC-1 Thingiverse

hinges designed by Danny Smith.



ARF and 3D “Split Flap” Hinges

Gordon Collyer

Anything from the Field:

-There is an IAC competition at Warrenton-Fauquier Airport on 27 June.
<https://www.fauquiercounty.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/68188/3640?sortn=EDate&npage=25&sortd=asc>



Lloyd Hinrichs

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