



# The Insiders Edge

## PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

I need to bring up a serious violation that took place at the field; someone has no respect for the club or the Air Force and decided to drive out on not one, but both runways to pick up a U Can Do that was crashed on the edge of the runway. After all of the problems we went through in 2004 dealing with the Air Force and Prince Georges County Police Department! I can't tell you how many times the word was put out and how long it remained on the website **“DO NOT DRIVE ANYWHERE EXCEPT IN THE PARKING LOT AND ON THE ROAD TO THE PARKING LOT.”** The previous incident involved a member driving out on the field and getting his vehicle stuck, because he was too lazy to walk out and get his crashed plane. The person that drove on the field this time drove past the two tables where Al Davis parks drove diagonal across the runway to the intersection where the two runways come together, and then turned left and drove down the left side of the far runway. Once they got past the crashed plane they backed their vehicle up across the runway and then drove out the same way they entered. The Air Force is making a copy of their security tape, and wants the vehicle that drove out on the field to be identified. My recommendation is that the person that drove on the field PLEASE make contact with one of the Board members as soon as possible (R. Vaughn, D. Fromme, D. Fuller or C. Russell). I would like to deescalate the situation with the Air Force so no criminal charges are pressed, and more importantly I don't want the Air Force to consider removing us from the site. This isn't the first time something like this has happened, and it was made very clear to all members no one was to ever leave the parking area with a vehicle. At the same time we promised the Air Force this would never happen again, and to put the icing on the cake I received the clubs copy of the signed contact giving us permission to use the property. Something that has been in the works for over two years, this is BS and I will not stand by and allow one self centered person to cause the rest of the club to lose what we have worked so hard to hold onto.

On a different note the dog days of summer are just around the corner and the cold windy days will be gone soon. For those of you that haven't or can't make it to the monthly meetings we do have our field maintenance person (Howard Sesker) A.K.A. (Bill) in place, Bill met me out at the

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field on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and we walked over the field and I showed him what we expect to have cut and how short to cut it. He understands what the club wants and looks forward to keeping our flying field airplane ready.

I received a phone call from the Air Force on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with an invite to attend the Joint Services Open House in May, so those of you that want to and plan to attend please give your information to Vic Carden. If I remember correctly it will be your name, social security number, phone number and possibly your address, but Vic will tell you exactly what is required in order to gain access to the base.

At the next meeting I'm going to get the clubs opinion on spending some of the club funds to have millings brought in and pave the road from where the dirt starts, and continue all the way down to the parking lot but not including the parking lot. Anyone that has been out to the field recently will know that our road has numerous pot holes in it and the gravel continues to work itself off both sides. I'm speaking to the Air Force now and waiting for them to give us the green light to improve the road. If I can get everything to fall into place my intentions are to have Brandywine deliver the packing roller to smooth out the runways on the same weekend that we have the millings brought out, so as the trucks pour out the millings we can smooth and pack the road. If we can schedule a field improvement day on the same weekend everything else is taking place the work should go much faster, and the workload will be less on all involved. If you enjoy the new foundation and structure we put up last year then why not have a nice road to get down to the structure. Make your voice heard by taking part in the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and voting for or against this improvement idea.

In addition, part of the money that I'm talking about spending on the access road was given to our club from the POHICK, VA RC CLUB. They had to close their doors because they couldn't find a new location, they voted and decided as a club to donate their club funds to each of the local flying clubs in hopes that each one could use the money to better their sites. Since our road is the worst part of our field what better way to improve our field and show thanks to the POHICK RC CLUB for their donation. We could even put up a sign at the entrance to our field saying this road made possible by POHICK RC CLUB.

# NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

## Treasurer's Report

Earlier this month, I received a letter from the President of the Pohick Pilots Association of Northern Virginia. This letter indicated that the Pohick club has decided to disband their membership due to the absence of a club flying field, despite the best efforts of the membership. Because of this, the club decided to distribute their own treasury to the other local clubs in the area. Included with the letter was a check for \$725.00 to add to our own club funds.

I will be drafting a letter of thanks to send to the members of the Pohick club, and I will bring it with me to the April meeting. Anyone who wishes may sign the letter before I mail it out.

As of March 22, 2006 the financial status of the club is as follows:

Previous balance (2/27/06)	\$6423.71
Expenditures (since 2/27/06)	\$101.92
<b>Total Income (since 2/27/06)</b>	<b>\$985.00</b>
Ending Balance	\$7306.79

## NOTES FROM THE WEB SITE MANAGER

Spring is almost here and with it come the new flying season. Please remember that safety always comes first! The building contest is at the next meeting so please plan to bring all of those projects we have been working on this winter!

Expenditures included \$95.92 for sanitation at the field and a \$6.00 bank fee. Income was \$260.00 in membership dues and a \$725.00 donation from the Pohick Pilots Association of Northern Virginia.

Reminder, all club dues for 2006 that have not been paid are now considered late. All dues payments should now include a \$20.00 late fee. Dues for 2006 are \$50 for regular membership, and \$10 for a junior (under 19 years of age) membership. Proof of a current AMA membership is also required at the time of renewal. Dues are collected at club meetings, or can be sent to the treasurer at the following address:

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6074 Sirenia Place

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Please ensure that all checks are made payable to: Charles County Radio Control Club. If you mail your dues, please include a photocopy of your 2006 AMA membership, or proof of payment if you have not yet received your current card. In addition, a self addressed stamped envelope is appreciated so that a sticker showing proof of club membership can be sent to you. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the treasurer at 301-885-1545, or by email: [streakagle2000@hotmail.com](mailto:streakagle2000@hotmail.com)



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**Club Meeting Wednesday May 3rd, 2006  
at 7:30 pm location Mattawoman Middle School**



**Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm**

**Sunday Noon-4pm**

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