

I am happy to report that the weather cooperated and our first "New Pilot Class" went very well. Several seasoned pilots also dropped in to help out. At various times we had ten or more participating. We will do something similar again in about a month. The agenda will progress to radio programming and other more advanced subjects. We will call the sessions "Pilot Clinics", and everybody is welcome to participate. I will announce the date and time when it becomes available.

**RUNWAY:** I have been surprised by how many members have volunteered to donate to a "runway fund". That may be the way we can move forward with this project. We are in the process of opening a savings account dedicated for runway improvement.

With slightly over one hundred paying members and needing to raise about \$30,000, simple math says that if everyone chipped in \$300, we could re-pave the runway immediately. We think that is a bit much to ask, but considering the responses we have had so far, something less may be feasible and get us much closer to the goal. The board also received other creditable fund-raising ideas which we are considering. Stay tuned for further developments.

**EVENTS:** Our next club event will be the "David Word Memorial Fun Fly", which will be held next month on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. It looks like we can do away with all the covid virus protocols and restrictions.

The meal will be an evening meal. We will have the usual raffle, demos, contests and awards. There will also be an auction. We have accumulated several airplanes in the storage container which needs to be cleared out. I will send out a list and pictures of the various planes a little closer to the event. If you would like to help out let me know ([rknight4911@comcast.net](mailto:rknight4911@comcast.net)).

The North Georgia Model Aviators are having a Fun Fly and Swap Meet this Saturday (May 15). They usually have pretty good events. I am attaching their announcement for anyone interested.

That's the news for now. The weather is getting good, see you at the field.

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