



# BASS NEWS

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Tony Guide

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Erich Schlitzkus

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## CONGRATULATIONS ERICH!



A smiling Erich Schlitzkus accepts one of awards for his performance at the 2004 AMA Soaring Nationals. Erich placed 5th in Hand Launch and 10th in 2 Meter. A stellar performance at the level of competition at the National event.

As proud father Pete Schlitzkus related in his email about the victories, "Erich and I spent the week among the best in the country, had a good time, and wished that everyone could have this experience."

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**BASS "WOODIE" CONTEST**  
**August 14, 2004**

Hurricane Charley's effects missed Villa Maria on contest day. It was overcast but pleasant with a very light breeze all day until about 2:30 when sprinkles brought an end to the contest. Lift was there for contestants who looked for it; winner Stew Swanson managed to get to the 21 minute rung of the ladder for first place expert. Winners were as follows:

EXPERT		SPORTSMAN	
1st	Stew Swanson		Bob Waters
2nd	Bruce Musser		Bob Dietz
3rd	Russ Bennett		Max Vanderzyl
4th	Don Vetter		Rick Rensi
5th	Bill Grenoble		Joe Allulis

BASS medals were awarded through fifth place. We lost three registrants who cancelled at the last moment because of the possibility of Charley's winds and rain causing driving difficulties, but the sixteen contestants who braved the weatherman's dire predictions had a great time. Many thanks to Assistant CDs Al DeRenzis and Joe Allulis. Also to contest helpers Eric Schlitzkus and Russ Bennett who set up and kept the winch and retriever running properly, and to Chris Kuhn and Randy Kleinert who did all the needed chores, including getting subs for lunch. The objectives of this contest: relaxed fun and lots of flying, were definitely accomplished, and everyone had a good time.

Bill Cavanaugh, CD

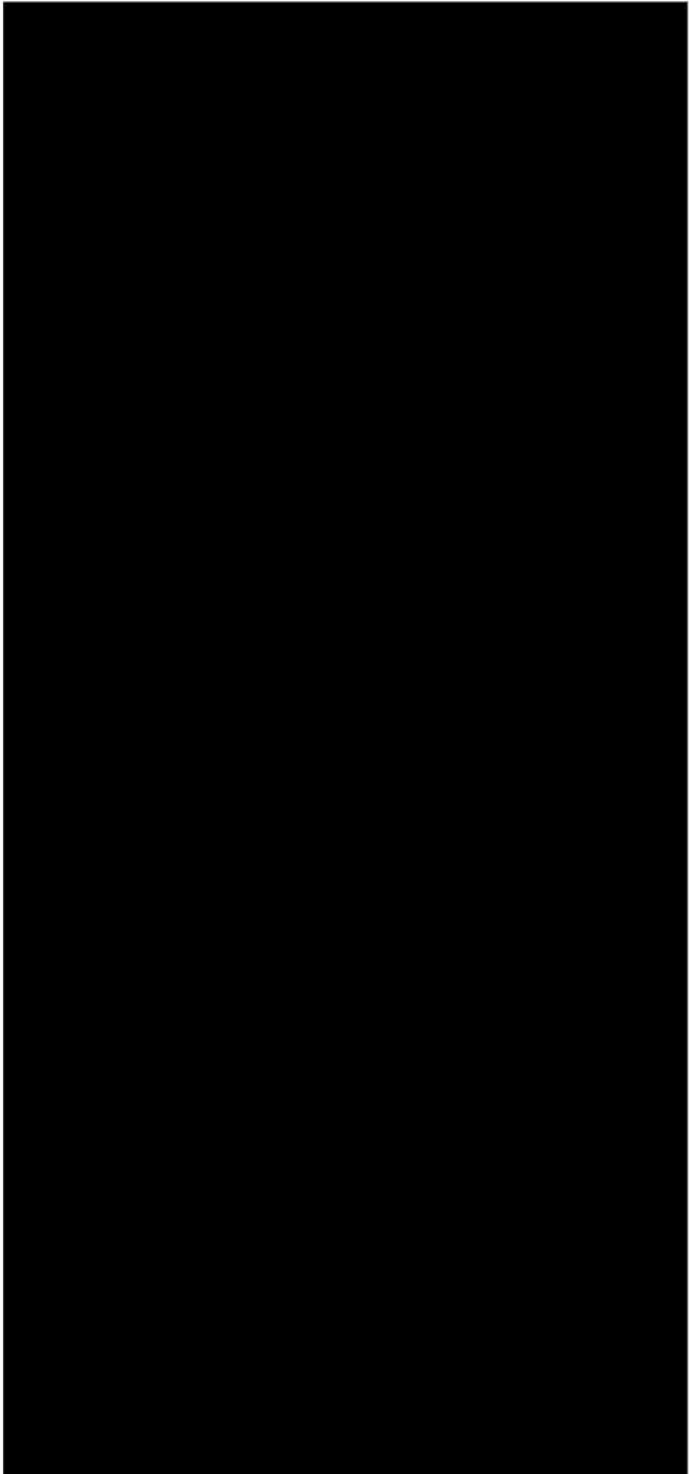
**Polo Field Reminder**

BASS is very fortunate to have access to the Maryland Polo Field for contest and sport flying. BASS members are reminded that the posts should not be moved. Also, be sure to keep the entrance gate locked.

This page is reserved for photos of the BASS Woodie Contest

**BASS Roster as of August 1, 2004**

This is a list of the members who have paid their dues for 2004. If your name is not on the list, please complete the membership form on page 9 and send it with your dues payment to Treasurer Russ Bennett.

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Frequencies Used</b>	<b>AMA Number</b>
		02,36	7010198
		15, 25, 27	422549
		35, 32, 34	468539
		18,41	324543
		24, 55	573089
		04, 06	5315
		22,25	54814
		16	769804
		38,40	540043
		82, 84, 86	12028
		16, 26	14422
		24,44,55,38,17	131372
		53, 26,16,18	16117
		12	169244
		08,46,43,32	174144
	22,57	770136	
	48,4	60773	

BASS Roster as of May 1, 2004



19, 53	54331
38,15	54330
30,33	238331
55	67543
31,25,54	448515
40,56	804229
57, 60	456593
42	15934

**BASS July 2004 Meeting Minutes.****Chris Kuhn Secretary****CONVENED:**

The July meeting was held at Villa Maria. It was called to order at 19:38 by Vice President Al DeRenzis. Eleven members and one guest, Roy Knapp, were in attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The June minutes were accepted as distributed. There was no treasurer's report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Pre-registration for the August 14th Woody Contest is required to help get frequency conflicts worked out and entrants notified. Latter rules will be used. There will be 10 awards given. Since this is a sanctioned contest the CD will be ready to go even if the weather is not cooperating. Pilots meeting will be at 09:45 and flying starts at 10:00. OLD: So please sign up ASAP. If you don't want to fly in this contest, volunteer to help out. Your help is needed, contact Bill Cavanaugh or Al DeRenzis. The Summer Solstice fun fly was a success in spite of the windy conditions and it looks as if this will become an annual event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None brought up at this meeting.

**COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:**

Al DeRenzis said to keep in mind the Aug 14th contest. The NEAT Fair in September, and the Cumberland slope and electric meet held the last week of Oct. Check the Web for dates. Don Vetter said the International HLC held in CA was "the deal" with 57 flyers. The weather was good and the East Coast flyers did quite well in the contest which Phil Barnes won.

**ADJOURNED:** 20:09

**SHOW & TELL:**

All Returned to flying

**FILL THIS SPACE***a plea from your desperate editor*

Write up something about your latest project, building techniques, Power Flyer jokes - anything, as long as it's free and in reasonably good taste. It even looks good on your resume, you know those phrases like ... "Author of numerous technical articles". We'll even take kit and product reviews. Hey, why not make the newsletter look like all the model magazines.

**Club Flying Opportunities**

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM, Villa Maria, weather permitting, The BASS "Bald Eagles" gather at Villa Maria to fly gliders and electrics. Contact Bill Cavanaugh for details: [REDACTED]

Thursdays, around 4:30 PM., there is flying at the Polo Field.

Anytime the spirit moves us. Check <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BASSrc> to see if anyone has posted a message about flying.

**Buy and Sell**

Craft Air Step Two kit. 77" span, \$25.00 call Ken Hands [REDACTED]  
JR 652 Transmitter and 600 Receiver. Wall charger and instruction book \$100.00. Randy Kleinert [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Some Aviation Humor**  
*Courtesy of the AMA National Newsletter*

Yea though I Fly Through the Valley of Death ..I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing!

(Sign over the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan).

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.

(Paul F. Crickmore -test pilot)

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky.

(From an old carrier sailor)

If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club.

What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?

If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up, ...the pilot dies.

Never trade luck for skill.

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are "Why is it doing that?" "Where are we?" and "Oh \*\*\*\*!"

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.

A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication.

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries

Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day.

Advice given to RAF pilots during WWII When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slow and gently as possible.

The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; ...it can just barely kill you.

(Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot)

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum.

(Jon McBride, astronaut)

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.

(Bob Hoover - renowned aerobatic and test pilot)

Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.

There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.

(Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970).

"What is the purpose of the propeller? The purpose of the propeller is to keep the pilot cool.

You don't believe that? If the propeller stops, watch how the pilot starts to sweat."

If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.

Basic Flying Rules Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it.

The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.

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# Baltimore Area Soaring Society

## 2004 Membership Application

Full memberships are \$30.00. Junior memberships are \$12.00, and associate memberships are \$18.00. If you would like to join BASS, or have not renewed, please take a moment today to write out a check and send it in along with a copy of this application. Please complete all information.  
 2004 promises to be another award-winning year for BASS. Be part of it!

### Personal Information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (WORK): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (HOME): \_\_\_\_\_

AMA NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_ (Valid 2004 AMA Membership is required)

LEAGUE OF SILENT FLIGHT & LEVEL (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY RADIO FREQUENCIES USED: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PLANES FLOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_


E-MAIL ADDRESS (IF AVAILABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

In what areas of the club would you be interested in becoming involved? \_\_\_\_\_

How can BASS help you? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application with a check or money order payable to BASS.

SEND To:  Mr. Russell Bennett  
[Redacted]

## **BASS EVENTS**

Aug 28 Villa Maria, Monthly Contest (Woody)  
Sep 2 7:30 PM BASS Meeting, Villa Maria  
Sep 18 Polo Field, Open Contest  
Oct BASS Meeting, Ridgley Middle School

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BASS Meetings during the summer are held at Villa Maria with flying before the meeting, weather permitting.

BASS Contests start at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noted. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Be at the field 1 hour early to help set up contest. Fun flying after events. Spectators and

## **SOARING SCENE**

Aug 28 - 29 CASA Hand Launch, Rockville, MD  
Sep 11 - 12 CASA Open - Warrenton, VA  
Sep 25 - 26 LISF 2 - Syossett, Long Island, NY  
Oct 2 - 3 ESL End of Season, Reading, PA  
Nov 21 Indoor flying at the National Building Museum

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NOTE: ESL schedule is tentative and subject to



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