

The AV8TORS

Purpose:

To establish some kind of a social network to promote & participate in aviation related activities under the name of "THE AV8TORS"

Background:

- 1) Several years ago there was a social flying club set up in St Mary's county but was not too successful and disbanded.
- 2) Group flying and other aviation group related activities have been somewhat limited in the Southern Maryland counties of Calvert and St Mary's.
- 3) Planned aviation activities in which folks can participate are not well known and/or coordinated.
- 4) There seems to be a need for a venue whereby individuals can share airplane rides, support each other (such as acting as safety pilot) and coordinate aviation related activities.

Objectives:

- 1) Foster better communications
- 2) Promote more group aviation activities
- 3) Help reduce costs (sharing trip costs, car pooling to activities, etc.)
- 4) Maintain a roster/data base whereby one can find a safety pilot, find others interested in attending a given aviation activity, etc.
- 5) Not to compete with or reduce participation in other organizations, such as the local EAA Chapter, RC Model clubs, etc.

Operation:

- 1) Membership is open to anyone interested in actively participating in aviation activities.
- 2) Formalized operation, such as dues, officers, etc. will be TBD. But the main idea is to keep the operation fairly informal and promote the social/group aspects.
- 3) Meet on the 2nd Thursday (maybe the 4th one) of each month. The reason for picking Thursday for the meeting is because the weather forecast for the weekend following this Thursday should be fairly predictable and the probability of conducting an aviation activity to match the weather for that weekend should be good.
- 4) The meeting will convene around 6:30pm and secure around 8:30pm¹
- 5) Topics will be discussed that support aviation activities. These activities could range from kite flying to fly outs on a weekend day to organizing events such as an aviation rally.²
- 6) Activities will take place at airports or facilities that legally allow that kind of activity, e.g., there will be no kite flying at 2W6.
- 7) Members can work together to set up aviation activities for other things than what is conducted on the weekend following the meeting, such as being a safety pilot, flying to an airport that might be having a flyin, etc.
- 8) Meetings may have a program, such as a training video, speaker, entertaining movie (aviation related ☺) or whatever the members decide.
- 9) The aviation activity or event decided upon at the meeting plus a calendar/synopsis of the meeting will be sent out to members of the club following the meeting via e-mail. This e-mail will be only to those who have signed up to be a member of the club and will not be to any general mailing lists to preclude junk e-mails those who are not interested.
- 10) Meetings will be held at a location TBD³

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¹ Proposed CONOPS for a meeting (max 2 hours):

- 1) BYORB (Bring your own root beer) & popcorn/chips/snacks

- 2) Review/compile a calendar of events
- 3) Discuss activities that occurred or members participated in during the past month (lessons learned, success/failure, etc.)
- 4) Set up any activities for the upcoming weekend
- 5) Set the agenda for next month's meeting to be able to focus group(s)/individuals on long term activities that require some up front planning (Oshkosh, cross countries, etc.)
- 6) Spend the rest of the meeting BYORBing & snacking along with general discussion and breaking into focus groups for individual activities.
- 7) Drafting an E-mail of some kind with a calendar/minutes to group members

² Possible Activities:

- 1) Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner (moon light) fly outs
- 2) Cross country flights such as:
 - Kitty Hawk
 - Luray Caverns
 - Ocean City
- 3) Fly in activities such as:
 - Oshkosh
 - Sun "n Fun
 - Virginia Regional Fly in
- 4) Currency flying such as:
 - Round robin to ESN/SBY in day time and repeat at night time
 - Hood time
 - Approaches
 - Practice for a BFR
 - Right seat flying
- 5) Fun Flying such as:
 - Poker rallies
 - Video taping landings for evaluation
 - Aerial photo contest
 - Performance runs
- 6) Other Activities such as:
 - Kite flying
 - Glider flying
 - Hang gliding/ultra lights
 - Museum tours
 - Paper airplane design contests
 - RC model flying

³ Meetings can be held at the Wunder residence - in the hangar - during the April-October timeframe. Cold months would require setting up chairs in a garage so it could be warmed. Maybe in the winter months we go to Lenny's or Nicolettis – depends on the number attending. Others that want to host meetings are more than welcome to volunteer!