

WAA-08 Coordinator's Log

29 Dec 08: The WAA-08 adventure has a new sponsor. Norman B from www.vinylforrc.com has donated WAA-08 vinyl stickers in both blue and red for plane #3's wings. Thanks Norman!

29 Dec 08: Pilot #84 (Chuck W) transfers the plane to pilot #85 (Marc J)

29 Dec 08: Podcast Update:

Brian/Frank,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by two WV pilots. It has been a slow week for the WAA-08 plane. The plane currently resides with pilot #84, Chuck Westfall of Gandeenville, WV. He has flown the plane along with club mate Scott Donat III. No word on whether Santa had any deliveries for the WAA-08 plane. Chuck has stated that he is delivering the plane to Marc Johnston of Beckley, WV. Marc is our last stop in WV.

That's the news for now.

Thanks!

Frank

23 Dec 08: Pilot #84 (Chuck W) along with Scott Donat III, both from Jackson County Aeromodelers, successfully flies the WAA-08 plane even though it was only 17 degrees outside! That's a new low temp record for sure.

22 Dec 08: Podcast Update:

Brian/Frank,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by four WV pilots and one OH pilot. All five pilots belong to the Hill Hoppers Flyers. We actually had 2 more pilots from that club signed up to fly, but unfortunately, they were out of town when the WAA-08 plane passed through their area. A short summary of their time with the plane is below.

Fred Snively pilot #82 picked the plane up from pilot #77 Scott Baldrige on a rainy blustery day in Washington, PA. On Tuesday morning 16 Dec, it was around 24 degrees. It had snowed overnight leaving 2 inches of fresh snow on the ground. Fortunately, it was calm and clear outside. Pilot #78 Don Villanova, Pilot #79 Marty Churilla, Pilot #82 Fred Snively and member John Green all met at the Hill Hoppers flying field and unloaded and the plane. The plane did not want to track to well in the snow so we decided to hand launch it and that was successful. After all had taken a turn at flying the plane a few circuits around the field to check out how it handled

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which all agreed that it had plenty of power handled well even in the few gusts of wind that was starting to pick up. Don Villanova then landed the plane very smoothly. All agreed that in the 27 degree weather all hands were pretty well frozen so we decided to dry the snow off the skies and put the plane away and call it a success.

The plane was then passed on to Pilot #83 Steve Guinn who successfully flown the plane. Steve then passed on the plane to pilot #84, Chuck Westfall of Gandeeville, WV. The plane currently resides with Chuck as he patiently waits for the weather to cooperate. It looks like the WAA-08 plane will be spending Christmas with Chuck this year. I hope Santa can find the WAA-08 plane in WV and brings it a nice present.

That's the news for now.

Thanks!

Frank

20 Dec 08: Pilot #83 (Steve G) transfers the plane to Pilot #84 (Chuck W).

18 Dec 08: Pilot #83 (Steve G) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. Temps were at 43 degrees with little to no wind.

17 Dec 08: Pilot #83 (Steve G) drives to Waynesburg, PA to meet with Pilot # 82 (Fred S) to pick up the WAA-08 plane. Steve says he is going to try and fly the plane tomorrow.

16 Dec 08: Three out of the five Hill Hopper Flyers successfully flew the WAA-08 plane. The two were out of town.

15 Dec 08: Podcast Update:

Brian/Frank/Mike,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by four PA pilots. Three pilots flew in Wexford, PA; pilots 74-76, Dave Walker, Ataç Turkyay and his 8 year old son Aydin, and Terry Wisnieski. The plane flew well in the low 20 temps albeit the LiPos didn't like the cold so much. There is an interesting back story to the park where the WAA-08 plane was flown at. Before it became a park, it was a farm. The owner of the farm was a lawyer, who let one his clients use the farm. That client was Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the Polio vaccine while he was at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Salk used the farm to house the animals he used in his research. In a way, this land had touched the lives of millions of people. Interestingly, one of our pilots, Dave, had interviewed Dr. Salk years ago for a video production. The plane was then transferred to pilot #77, Scott Baldridge who flew the plane in a balmy 42 degrees. Scott quickly passed the plane along to

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pilot #82, Fred Snively of Bellaire, OH where it currently resides. Five pilots who belong to the Hill Hoppers Flyers will fly the plane in WV as soon as the weather breaks.

The WAA-08 plane is continuing its trek south and I'm sure it is looking forward to some moderate weather.

That's the news for now.

Thanks!

Frank

15 Dec 08: Pilot #77 (Scott B) has transferred the plane to pilot #82 (Fred S). Fred is going to coordinate flying the plane with pilots 78-82 since they all are members of the same club, the Hill Hoppers Flyers.

14 Dec 08: Pilot #77 (Scott B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. He states the snow was too sticky and wet for a ROS (Roll Off Snow?) but a hand launch worked just fine. The winds were gusty but it was nothing Scott and the SQUIRT couldn't handle. Fortunately, the temps were a balmy 42 degrees out.

14 Dec 08: Pilot #77 (Scott B) picked up the WAA-08 plane from pilot #76 (Terry W).

13 Dec 08: Pilot 74, (Dave W), pilot 75, (Atac T & son Aydin), and pilot 76 (Terry W) successfully fly the plane today. Windy and cold again today, but the at least the sun was shining.

8 Dec 08: Podcast Update:

Brian/Frank/Mike,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by one Ohio pilot. Weather has really slowed our progress this week. As you might have suspected, weather around the Great Lakes is pretty bad this time of the year. Pilot #73, Jack Richardson of Mentor OH flew the WAA-08 plane on its coldest flight to date. Temps were at 21 degrees with winds blowing 12-13 MPH. He had told me he hated to slow things done because of the weather so he braved the freezing temps and got his flight in. What a way to prove the power system that is in the SQUIRT. Not to mention the willingness of our WAA-08 pilots to keep the plane moving. The plane has since been delivered to pilot #74, Dave Walker in Aliquippa, PA. I'm excited about heading south and into some warmer weather. It is also a nice treat for the pilots who thought they wouldn't see the plane for two years since we took the detour down south. Fortunately, we have also recruited a couple more pilots in our southern trek so the drive between pilots is not so long. I have to thank your podcast for that as one of the pilots mentioned hearing about the WAA-08 adventure on your show.

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That's the news for now.

Thanks!

Frank

6 Dec 08: Pilot #73 (Jack R) transfers the plane to pilot #74 (Dave W).

5 Dec 08: Pilot #73 (Jack R) flies the WAA-08 plane on its coldest flight to date. Temps were at 21 degrees with winds blowing 12-13 MPH. What a way to prove the power system that is in the SQuiRT. Not to mention the willingness of our WAA-08 pilots to keep the plane moving. Way to go Jack!

1 Dec 08: Podcast Update:

Brian/Frank/Mike,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by 6 New York pilots and one PA pilot. 7 pilots in seven days! She is moving along despite the wind, cold, and snow. The plane currently resides with pilot #73 Jack Richardson of Mentor, OH. We had a very successful week and got very lucky with a transfer from pilot #68 to pilot #71. It was a one way trip of 170 miles, but fortunately, pilot #68, Charles H was headed to Illinois for Thanksgiving which took his path right through pilot #71's town. I was very impressed by the determination of the NY pilots to fly the plane and help move it along so quickly despite the poor weather conditions.

The WAA-08 plane had another first yesterday. It was flown indoors in a golf dome. Pilot #72, Jack G, of North East, PA talked the manager of Family First golf dome in Erie PA into allowing him and three other guys to fly the plane inside the dome between events. The dome measures 80 yards long and 50 yards wide and is "plenty high" according to Jack. Kudos to him for making it "happen." What a great idea!

That's the news for now.

Thanks!

Frank

30 Nov 08: Pilot #72 (Jack G) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and transfers it to pilot #73 (Jack R). Another first for the WAA-08 plane. Jack flew the plane in a golf dome due to the weather being so bad. He states the golf dome is 80 yard long by 50 yard wide and "plenty high

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enough." 3 other guys in his club also flew the plane. Kudos to Jack for coming up with this idea and making it happen.

29 Nov 08: Pilot #71 (Charles S) gets a break in the weather and successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. Lots of snow on the ground but the plane flew fine. Charles has transferred the plane to pilot #72 (Jack G).

26 Nov 08: Pilot #66 (John T) has transferred the plane to pilot #71 (Charles S). Charles reports that the next few days are forecasted for snow.

25 Nov 08: Pilot #69 (Andres R) passes the plane to pilot # 66 (John T). A group of four pilots from the Finger Lakes Air Pirates (FLAPs); Pilot #65 (Pat M), Pilot #66 (John T), pilot #67 (John T), and pilot #68 (Charles H) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. Conditions weren't the best but the snow has melted and the wind was light enough to allow them to fly the plane. A very successful day for the adventure overall. John is travelling to Illinois for Thanksgiving and will drop the plane off with pilot #71 (Charles S) –a 170 mile one-way drive.

24 Nov 08: Podcast Update:

Brian/Frank/Mike,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by five New York pilots in one weekend. This had to be our coldest and certainly the snowiest flights to date. Our pilots have reported 6-8 inches of lake effect snows on the ground. Saturday was a very busy day for the SQuiRT. 4 registered pilots and the Hawks R/C Junior aviators flew the plane in Fulton, NY. I'm not sure on the total count from that day, but I know they have been keeping Don very busy pumping out flight certificates. It was great to see the enthusiasm of all the folks involved in the adventure in the Fulton area. It looks like they had a great time. Pictures will be posted on our web site shortly. Definitely a must see.

Pilot #69, Andres Rodriguez from Webster, NY flew the plane on Sunday. Living right on Lake Ontario's shore, he had plenty of snow to deal with. Andres states the plane flew just fine with the skis on.

I have not confirmed the transfer but the plane should be in Geneva, NY. We Are Finally Headed South!! I'm hoping we'll be in sunny Florida before New Years.

That's the news for now except we are still looking for pilots that wish to volunteer a little time. Please see our web site www.WAA-08.org for the states we need pilots in.

Thanks!

Frank

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23 Nov 08: On a cold and windy day, pilot #69 (Andres R) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. Andres reports that the plane flew great with the skis and made a wonderful landing on 6-8 inches of snow.

22 Nov 08: Very busy day for the WAA-08 plane. Pilots 61 (John H), 62 (Dennis R), 63 (Shane P), and 64 (Tim P) all flew the plane on a snowy and cold November day in Fulton, NY. The pilots installed the skis and made good use of them since there was plenty of snow on the ground. The Hawks R/C Junior Aviators also flew the WAA-08 using a buddy box. The WAA-08 plane was then passed on to pilot #69 (Andres R). (The route changed due to pilot #70 dropping out.)

17 Nov 08: Podcast update:

Brian/Frank/Mike,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by six New York pilots, to include Dave Mathewson, president of the AMA. The NY pilots have really turned up the heat when it came to flying and passing the plane. Looking back over my flight dates, it doesn't look like we have had so many pilots fly the plane in such a short amount of time. So a new fly and plane transfer record has been set by our NY pilots; 7 pilots and six flights in a week's time. Way to go! Unfortunately, fall weather has come to that part of the area. Tim Pease, pilot #64, explains the local weather:

"The big winter weather maker for us up here is Lake Ontario which keeps us overcast most of the winter and provides plenty of snow. Hopefully she will give a break for a few hours during the week but the weather for the last several weeks has been primarily overcast with winds, rain, and a few snow flakes here and there, which is typical."

Tim goes on to say, "We decided to put the plane on display at RedneckRC Hobby Shop (a WAA-08 Sponsor) in Fulton, NY until the weather let's the 4 of us (Pilots #61, 62, 63, 64) fly it. RedneckRC is just around the corner to our flying field and we thought having it on display at Marty's store would be better than having it cooped up in one of our houses."

A picture can be seen here:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=10953632&postcount=3846>

Marty at Redneck RC has donated a few items for the adventure to include replacing an ESC on short notice after the first one burnt up on pilot #5. The WAA-08 plane and custom travel box looks great sitting in his shop. What a great way to display the plane for all to see as it waits for a break in the weather. Thanks Marty!

That's the news for now except we are still looking for pilots that wish to volunteer a little time. Please see our web site www.WAA-08.org for the states we need pilots in.

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Thanks!

Frank

16 Nov 08: Marty at RedneckRC, one of our WAA-08 sponsors has proudly displayed the WAA-08 plane and travel box in his shop for all to see until it can be flown and passed on to the next group of pilots. It looks like it might be there for some time as the weather is not looking to good for the next 5 days.

15 Nov 08: Pilot #60 (Bob F) has transferred the plane to pilot #61 (John H).

14 Nov 08: Busy day for the WAA-08 plane! Pilot # 58 (Peter S) and pilot #59 (Dave M) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and transfers it Pilot #60 (Bob F) who took the plane to his home field. Bob successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and has made arrangements to transfer the plane in the morning.

12 Nov 08: Pilot #56 (Jim Q) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and has also transferred the plane to pilot #57 (Rick W). Rick W successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and transfers the plane to pilot # 58 (Peter S). A new record of flying and transferring the plane!

11 Nov 08: Pilot #55 (Sam B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. And then, our first USMC pilot on Veterans Day, transfers the plane to pilot #56 (Jim Q). Nice job Sam!

10 Nov 08: Podcast Update:

Brian/Frank/Mike,

Here is the latest on our adventure.

Since my last update, the WAA-08 plane has been flown by our last New England pilot, John Hannigan of Farmington, NH. John has transferred to the plane to Sam Briggs of Albany, NY. The New England pilots, which included one woman pilot (our first), sure made quick work of successfully flying the plane and passing it along to the next pilot. Even flying in freezing temps to make it happen. Kudos to those pilots up in New England. They are a hardier bunch for sure. The weather in Albany doesn't look that great this week, but hopefully Sam will get a chance to fly and pass the plane along. We have a total of 18 pilots in this leg of NY, but this part should go pretty quickly if the weather cooperates. Most of the guys will be flying together.

That's all for now and thanks again.

Frank

On a side note, I have a thought. I don't know if you guys are always looking for guests, but I was thinking you could call some of more "interesting" pilots and discuss the WAA-08 adventure and RC in general if you wish. This came to mind as one of our pilots was the first RC pilot to fly across Lake Erie. It was a pretty interesting story that he shared with me. Just a thought as I'm sure there

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are lots of pilots out there with very interesting RC bios. If this sounds like a good idea, let me know and I could start getting some volunteers for you guys. As always, no pressure.

10 Nov 08: Pilot #47 (John H) transfers the WAA-08 plane to pilot #55 (Sam B). We are now in the trek across NY State in a race with Jack Frost as winter fast approaches before we head due south.

7 Nov 08: Pilot #47 (John H) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

5 Nov 08: R/C FlightCast.com has become the "Official Podcast of the WAA-08 adventure."

4 Nov 08: Pilot #52 (Paul D) transfers the plane to pilot #47 (John H). John had to be bypassed since he was out to sea. Fortunately, the plane's route was close enough that we could swing back down to NH to allow him a chance to fly the WAA-08 plane.

2 Nov 08: Pilot #52 (Paul D) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. Paul installed the second set of gear with the skis on the plane and reports it flew just fine. He didn't have snow, just frosty grass.

1 Nov 08: Pilot #51 (Joe G) transfers the plane to pilot #52 (Paul D). Paul is our only VT pilot.

31 Oct 08: Pilot #51 (Joe G) makes a successful flight on a cold 24 degree morning with no wind. Way to go Joe! That's a cold one for sure. Transfer to pilot #52 will be met halfway between each other which is approximately 100 miles.

30 Oct 08: The plane has been transferred to Pilot #51 (Joe G). A friend of Mike F drove the plane up to Joe since he was headed up that way.

29 Oct 08: The Fall edition of AMA's *Park Pilot* magazine has a devoted a full page editorial written by Dave Mathewson, AMA's president, discussing the WAA-08 adventure.

28 Oct 08: December's edition of *RC Reports* has a two page article on the WAA-08 adventure.

27 Oct 08: Brian, Frank, and Mike from www.rcflightcast.com called to discuss the WAA-08 adventure. They will be putting the interview on podcast.

27 Oct 08: Pilot #48 (Burt D) and Pilot #50 (Mike F) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. Mike F will make the transfer to Pilot #51 (Joe G).

25 Oct 08: January's issue of *Fly RC* has a full two page article on the WAA-08 adventure. The story details the project up to now as well as pictures of the CT pilots and provides a "mini-review" of the SQuiRT. It also mentions the unfortunate loss of SQuiRT #1 and how we as a group bounced back quickly to recover from it. Nice touch.

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24 Oct 08: November's issue of *Model Aviation* uses a full page of the clubs that are supporting the WAA-08 adventure. 177 clubs are listed in the article with more yet to get involved I'm sure.

22 Oct 08: Pilot #49 (Laird S) has transferred the plane to pilot #50 (Mike F).

21 Oct 08: Pilot #49 (Laird S) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

20 Oct 08: Pilot #46 (Dennis K) has transferred the plane to Pilot #49 (Laird S).

19 Oct 08: Pilot #46 (Dennis K) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane on a very gusty and cold day -35 degree temps. This has to be the coldest date yet for the WAA-08 plane to be flown in. (Although I do not suspect it will be the coldest when the adventure is all said and done.)

18 Oct 08: Pilot #45 (Rich B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. The Derry News was on hand to take photos and do a story about Rich and our adventure. Way to go Rich! –On both accounts. Rich also transferred the plane to pilot #46 (Dennis K)

13 Oct 08: Pilot #44 (Paul D) transfers the plane to Pilot #43 (Jeff L). Jeff L successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and Paul transfers it to pilot #45 (Rich B). The Rich's hometown newspaper, The Derry News, has made plans to contact Rich about doing a story on him and the WAA-08 plane.

12 Oct 08: Pilot #41 (Kenny S) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. Pilot #44 (Paul D) rents a Cessna and meets Ken at Orange Municipal Airport in Orange, MA. Paul flew the WAA-08 plane back home and successfully flies the plane at his field, Cape Ann RC Model Club.

10 Oct 08: Pilot #40 (Mark T) transfers the plane to Pilot #41 (Kenny S).

8 Oct 08: Pilot #39 has transfers the WAA-08 plane to Pilot #40 (Mark T). Mark successfully flies the WAA-08 plane on a cloudy and cool evening.

5 Oct 08: Pilot #38 (Alby K) transfers the plane to pilot #39 (Ed R) who makes a successful flight on a cloudy but calm morning.

4 Oct 08: Pilot #38 (Alby K) meets Sherilyn P and Bob R (#35 & 36) at their field and they all fly the WAA-08 plane today. Sherilyn has Bob Proulx take photos for them and he also snaps some in-flight photos of the WAA-08 plane that are the best seen to date. Alby K takes the plane with him to pass on to pilot #39 (Ed R). Today's flight was the last for the WAA-08 plane in RI as it moves on to MA.

3 Oct 08: Pilot #34 (Brian J) successfully flies the WA-08 plane and passes it on to pilots #35 and 36, (Sherilyn P and Bob R).

27 Sep 08: Pilot #33 (Rick B) transfers the WAA-08 plane to pilot #34 (Brian J)

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24 Sep 08: Pilot #33 (Rick B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

23 Sep 08: Pilot #32 (Roger K) transfers the plane to pilot #33 (Rick B).

17 Sep 08: Pilot #32 (Roger K) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

17 Sep 08: Pilot #31 (Jon C) could not make it to the field today. Jon generously sacrificed his position and let Pete C, a fellow club member fly the WAA-08 plane in his place.

16 Sep 08: Pilot #30 (Thayer S) has successfully flown the WAA-08 plane and handed it off to Pilot #32 (Roger K). Pilot #31 (Jon C) will fly with Roger at his field. Thayer says there will be an article in Fly RC magazine about the WAA-08 adventure that should be out in Nov.

13 Sep 08: Pilot #28 (Neil H) transfers the WAA-08 plane to Pilot #29 (Bob R). Bob R successfully flies the WAA-08 plane at NEAT Fair and transfers the plane to Pilot #30 (Thayer S).

13 Sep 08: The WAA-08 plane makes its debut at NEAT with Tom Hunt (organizer of NEAT) announcing the flight to all present. Bill Stevens worked his magic and convinced Tom to allow a demo flight to be made with him flying the WAA-08 plane! See photos on our www.WAA-08.org web site.

10 Sep 08: Pilot #28 (Neil H) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane. He also reports that he was interviewed by his local newspaper about the adventure.

5 Sep 08: Pilot #27 (Mike M) has transferred the plane to Pilot #28 (Neil H).

1 Sep 08: Pilot #27 (Mike M) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

31 Aug 08: NEAT organizers have turned down our request to fly the WAA-08 plane at one of the noon time demos. They cite there was not enough time to include the WAA-08 plane.

29 Aug 08: Pilot #26 (Glenn M) has transferred the plane to Pilot #27 (Mike M).

27 Aug 08: Pilot #26 (Glenn M) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

25 Aug 08: Pilot #25 (Bob N) has transferred the plane to pilot #26 (Glenn M).

24 Aug 08: Pilot #25 (Bob N) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

23 Aug 08: Pilot #24 (Mark L) has transferred the WAA-08 plane to Pilot #25 (Bob N).

22 Aug 08: Aero-Network News releases a news story about Wings Across America 2008. The link to the article is posted in our Press Release section.

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22 Aug 08: Pilots 22 (Joe S), 23 (Ed A), & 24 (Mark L) have successfully flown the plane at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, NY.

20 Aug 08: Pilot #21 (Mike F) has transferred the plane to Pilot #22 (Joe S).

18 Aug 08: Pilot #21 (Mike F) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

18 Aug 08: Pilot #20 (Stan B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and transfers it to Pilot #21 (Mike F).

16 Aug 08: Five WAA-08 pilots have notified me they will be attending NEAT; pilots number 24, 27, 28, 29 and Bill Stevens.

15 Aug 08: Mike M, pilot #27, has registered to fly the WAA-08 plane for noon-time demo flight at NEAT. Bill Stevens says he will be attending and will also like to fly the plane.

14 Aug 08: The WAA-08 plane has been transferred to Pilot #20 (Stan B).

13 Aug 08: Pilot #19 (Ron A) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

12 Aug 08: Bugs continue to plague the WAA-08 website but Walter is slowly making progress on figuring out what is wrong.

11 Aug 08: The WAA-08 plane has been transferred to Pilot #19 (Ron A).

10 Aug 08: Pilot #18 (Bill D) successfully flies the plane. It was windy and he flew "for about 30 seconds" but it was a flight nonetheless.

9 Aug 08: Gordon Banks, publisher of RCReports states that an article about the WAA-08 adventure will appear in the "Reader's Write" section of the magazine in the Oct issue. He also mentions that he will put the full story on the Nov issue.

6 Aug 08: The WAA-08 adventure gets a new website URL. It is now <http://WAA-08.org>.

6 Aug 08: Pilot #16 (Dick S) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane and transfers it to Pilot #18 (Bill D).

3 Aug 08: The WAA-08 plane has been transferred to Pilot #16 (Dick S).

30 Jul 08: Pilot #17 (Ron L) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

29 July 08: The WAA-08 plane has been transferred to pilot #17 (Ron L). It is now in NJ and has been in 5 states now. Ron reports that Alan did not get a chance to fly the plane. Weather and chores kept him too busy to fly.

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26 July 08: Allan finally contacts me by email and says weather and work has kept him too busy to fly and email. Pilot #14 is asked to stand down. He promises to fly and move the plane on to pilot #17 since pilot #16 is out of town. Fortunately, pilot #16 and 17 live in the same town.

25 Jul 08: And another day goes by with no word from Allan. His friend had made contact with him yesterday, gave him my phone number (again) and yet no call or email. Arrangements have been made for pilot #14 to pick up the plane and take it to pilot #17 since pilot #16 is out of town for another week.

24 Jul 08: Another day goes by without word from pilot #15. Coordination is being made to retrieve the plane from him. Threads closed on RCGroups and WattFlyer to avoid public stoning.

23 Jul 08: No word back from Pilot #15 (Allan D) yet. His home phone number is unlisted and the number provided for registration is not a working number. Anxiety continues to build.

22 Jul 08: Pilot #15 (Allan D) is MIA. No return emails or phone calls. I have not heard from him since 19 July when he said his wife had him too busy with chores to fly the plane.

18 Jul 08: Pilot #14 (Ron B) transfers the plane to Pilot #15 (Allan D).

16 Jul 08: Pilot #14 (Ron B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

15 Jul 08: Pilot #13 has transferred the WAA-08 plane to Pilot #14 (Ron B).

14 Jul 08: The WAA-08 adventure has registered 300 pilots to participate in the project.

14 Jul 08: Pilot #13's son, age 8, (Collin B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

14 Jul 08: The WAA-08 plane has been transferred to Pilot #13 (Tom B).

12 July 08: Allan Duffin from *Air&Space/Smithsonian* magazine contacts Frank for an interview for the magazine to feature WAA-08 in the Oct/Nov issue.

11 Jul 08: Pilot #12 (Tobey H) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane in perfect weather.

4 Jul 08: Pilot #11 (Brad D) has transferred the plane to pilot #12 (Tobey H).

4 Jul 08: The WAA-08 pilots were on hand to watch the maiden flight of WAA-08 #2. Pilot #1 (Frank G), Pilot #8, (Marsh D) and Pilot #9 (Harry L) visited Pilot #11's (Brad D) home field to support him and watch the flight. Brad's flight went off without a hitch. The plane did not even require any trim adjustments. Bruce did an excellent job and the plane looked great. All four pilots in attendance flew the plane with any issues. WAA-08 is officially underway once again.

3 Jul 08: The DX6i arrives safely at Brad's house. Kick-off #2 is on for 4 July along with Brad's flight at his field.

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2 Jul 08: WAA-08 arrives in Frederick, MD, one day early. The Tx has not made it yet.

30 Jun 08: As a precaution, SQuiRT #3 has been generously donated by a person that shall remain anonymous known only as PrkFlyrRic. The plane along with motor, motor mounts and assorted gear is being dropped shipped from Stevens AeroModel.

30 Jun 08: The travel box has been transferred to Pilot #11 (Brad D). Brad noted that Greg had made his log entry but did not sign the box. Greg's Mom, Sybil, signed it for him.

30 Jun 08: Bruce flies the WAA-08 plane #2 and gets her all trimmed out and ready for shipment. Bruce has also added a fantastic coloring scheme to the WAA-08 #2. Expected delivery is Thursday 3 July in MD.

29 Jun 08: Bruce A completes the build on the WAA-08 plane #2 and successfully maidens it although some more work is needed like removing some washout, adjusting the rear wheel wire and adding wheel collars. Winds were too strong for a decent trim check so another flight is scheduled for tomorrow.

28 Jun 08: Tragically, Greg Stephenson passes away from respiratory failure in his sleep early this morning. His family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made the MDA/ALS research foundation. The link can be found on the front page of our website.

27 Jun 08: Due to health reasons, our treasurer and pilot #10, Greg S, had to resign from his position. The new treasurer for WAA-08 will be Don J, currently pilot #91.

24 Jun 08: AMA's *Model Aviation* has a half-page article in the July edition about WAA-08.

20 June 08: Warren from Grumpy Monkey Design Studios has WAA-08 T-shirts and stickers for sale now. T-shirts are \$12, which you can choose to have the WAA-08 logo on the front or the back, and he has WAA-08 stickers for \$5.

19 Jun 08: Bruce A receives WAA-08 (#2) from Stevens Aero along with a new Rx (AR 6200) and servo (HS-55) purchased Pilot #9 (Harry L). "The next step begins..."

19 Jun 08: The Doings (Darien, IL) prints a story about the WAA-08 adventure.

16 Jun 08: Bruce A has volunteered to build SQuiRT number 2 for the WAA-08 adventure. Spare parts have been coordinated and have been sent to Bruce in CO to be assembled with the plane. Bill Stevens has agreed to cut some new WAA-08 graphics for us so Bruce can apply them to the new plane. The new SQuiRT kit has been purchased and should be on its way to Bruce shortly.

15 June 08: A classified ad has been placed in the local paper with a reward of \$100 for finding the lost WAA-08 plane.

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15 Jun 08: Signal loss between the DX6i and the AR6100 Rx causes the WAA-08 plane to fly away into the wild blue yonder. Pilot #10 (Greg S) was coming in on final when the plane suddenly increased to full throttle and started to climb. Nothing could be done to stop its ascent and the plane flew out of sight. Coordination on getting a new plane is in work.

15 Jun 08: Pilot #9 (Harry L) successfully flies the WAA-08 Plane and transfer it to Pilot #10 (Greg S).

14 Jun 08: Pilot #8 (Marsh D) has transferred the plane to Pilot #9 (Harry L).

14 Jun 08: Pilot #8 (Marsh D) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

13 Jun 08: Pilot #7 (Tim B) has transferred the WAA-08 plane to Pilot #8 (Marsh D). Hobby Hangar in Chantilly, VA donates a Hitec HS-55 Servo and a spare servo gear set to the project. Thank You Hobby Hangar!

8 June 08: Pilot #7 (Tim B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

8 Jun 08: Pilot #6 (Tom B) has transferred the WAA-08 plane to Pilot #7 (Tim B).

7 Jun 08: Pilot #6 (Tom B) successfully flies the WAA-08 plane.

7 Jun 08: Pilot #5 (Dave B) purchased a replacement ESC for the WAA-08 plane and all systems are go. Dave B successfully flies the plane and passes it to pilot #6.

5 Jun 08: Marty at RedneckRC has sent a replacement Castle Creations Pixie 20P ESC to pilot #10 (Greg S) as a spare.

2 Jun 08: The August issue of *FlyRC* magazine features the WAA-08 adventure on page 20!

1 Jun 08: Our WAA-08 plane has our first system failure. The CC Pixie 20P let out the magic smoke. Dave will be picking up one from his LHS tomorrow. Needless to say, no flight for him today.

31 May 08: Pilot #5 (Dave B) has taken possession of the WAA-08 plane at Gary's field.

29 May 08: The WAA-08 adventure is first published by a local newspaper; the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal.

28 May 08: Pilot #4 (Gary S) flies the WAA-08 plane on a gusty day. The control horn dislodges from the elevator but the plane was saved by a gust of wind. Only damage was a broken prop.

27 May 08: Pilot #3 (Greg B) flies the WAA-08 plane after waiting patiently for the winds to calm down. Plane has been passed to Pilot #4.

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25 May 08: Pilot #2 (Paul B) has successfully flown the WAA-08 plane and has transferred it to pilot #3 (Greg B).

24 May 08: First flight of the WAA-08 adventure is complete! Flight occurred at 1710 hours in mostly sunny skies with a variable winds gusting to 6 MPH. Complete success and no issues or problems to report.

23 May 08: Deans are soldered on batteries and charged. CG checked. Plane is ready for first flight.

21 May 08: The WAA-08 plane has arrived from ID.

19 May 08: 272 pilots have registered to participate in WAA-08.

17 May 08: We have our first registered Canadian pilot. He is willing to pick up the plane and take back, fly it and then return it.

13 May 08: WAA-08 has its own official web site thanks to Walter G!

12 May 08: Thayer S from *FlyRC* contacts Frank for info on WAA-08. An article is expected to appear in August's issue of *FlyRC*.

11 May 08: 258 pilots have registered to participate in WAA-08.

9 May 08: Marc B assumes the duties of WAA-08 official movie director. He will compile pilot's photos and videos and make a movie and/or slide show of the WAA-08 adventure and burn it to a DVD for all of the pilots at the end of the project.

8 May 08: The first 10 pilots have been emailed to make contact with each other and arrange the details of the WAA-08 plane swap.

7 May 08: Ashley R from *AMA's Model Aviation* contacts Frank and asks for info about the WAA-08 project. She is writing a story on WAA-08 to be featured in July's edition.

7 May 08: Greg S assumes the duties as the Pilot's Emergency Fund Manager.

6 May 08: The WAA-08 plane and custom travel box is shipped from ID to VA. Expected delivery is 6-10 days.

4 May 08: Steve finishes the custom travel box and snaps a few photos for all to see. Dimensions of the box are 42.00" L x 16.50" W x 9.50" H.

4 May 08: 258 pilots have registered to participate in WAA-08.

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29 Apr 08: The WAA-08 plane and goodies arrives at Steve's place in ID to get fitted for its custom travel box. Steve comments that everything arrived safely since the contents were expertly packed.

28 Apr 08: The LiPoSack is received thanks to Al's Hobby Supply.

27 Apr 08: 225 pilots have registered to participate in WAA-08.

27 Apr 08: Warren finalizes the Logo design for WAA-08 adventure.

25 Apr 08: Pilot #1 flies his practice SQuiRT without any fatal crashes.

22 Apr 08: Bill Stevens gives us our first look at the color scheme on the WAA-08 plane and lets us know that the RTF plane will have a brand new DX6i transmitter.

21 Apr 08: Warren posts a poll in RCG asking for T-shirt sizes and if pilots want hats.

20 Apr 08: 205 pilots have registered to participate in WAA-08.

14 Apr 08: WAA-08 reaches its first major milestone; all 48 CONUS states have at least one registered pilot.

14 Apr 08: Email troubles plague the WAA-08 effort. Many pilots' email servers are blocking emails being sent to them. Cause was too many names on the distro list resulting in breaking down the distro lists with approximately 35 names in each list.

14 Apr 08: Over 1,000 emails have been sent to date to clubs, hobby shops, AMA DAVP's and Park Pilot members in an effort to recruit pilots to help in the WAA-08 project.

14 Apr 08: 165 pilots have now registered for WAA-08.

10 Apr 08: Warren from Grumpy Monkey Designs develops a prototype logo for WAA-08 and also suggests he can do T-shirts and ball caps with the logo for all pilots.

5 Apr 08: 123 registered pilots; two weeks into it from the conception of the adventure.

2 Apr 08: Ed Anderson (aeajr) posts in RCU and RCHangout asking for volunteers

1 Apr 08: Jeff (Tram) from Common Sense RC has offered to donate two LiPo batteries and a charger to the effort.

31 Mar 08: The name Wings Across America 2008 (WAA-08) is officially adopted for this adventure.

28 Mar 08: Bill Sorrell develops a pilot's location map on Google Maps. There are 67 pilot balloons.

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28 Mar 08: A poll is posted on RCG to help decide a catchy name for the ARCSC08.

26 Mar 08: 55 pilots have already signed up to participate in one week's time.

26 Mar 08: Bill Stevens from Stevens AeroModel generously offers to donate a RTF SQuiRT for the project. He offers the plane with a spare motor, props and DX6 transmitter.

25 Mar 08: Team leaders have been selected and recruited; Bruce Aldridge, Ed Anderson, Steve Griffin, and Bill Sorrell.

23 Mar 08: All AMA District Vice Presidents were emailed in an effort to get the word out about ARCSC08 and to help recruit pilots.

22 Mar 08: Dave Mathewson, President of AMA, registers as a pilot.

21 Mar 08: A call for all interested pilots to join the ARCSC08 was posted on the internet in two RC forums; RCGroups and WattFlyer.

20 Mar 08: The idea of sending a plane across the USA flown by a bunch of RC pilots in all 48 continental United States is born. It is named Air Radio Control Summer Challenge 2008 (ARCSC08).