



## Frequent Flyers Ultralight Club

### May 2003 Newsletter

USUA Club 162

The May meeting was held on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> and the weather was perfect for flying. Tim Wall arrived and was in the air before 7:00am and flew over Tim Pierce's house for a wake up call. Pierce arrived about 7:30 and the two flew around Hillsboro for a while, enjoying the cool spring air. The highlight of the day was when new member Dennis Dobe showed up to put his new trike together. Dennis has been taking lessons and was ready to solo. After the preflight and runup he took off from runway 2. A few times around the pattern and a couple landings later he pulled up to the hangar to accept the congratulations of his fellow ultralight pilots. After doing some hangar flying we discussed several items of business including fund raisers, logo shirts, hats and other gear.



**Dennis Dobe pushes his trike back into the hangar after his first solo**

#### Meet The Member

##### Dennis Dobe

After dreams of flying ultralights for most of his adult life, new FFUC member Dennis Dobe passed a major milestone when he soloed his ultralight trike for 30 minutes on the morning of May 4<sup>th</sup>. The skies were clear and bright, the air was calm, and trusted friends and experienced ultralight pilots Tim Pierce and Tim Hall were watching on. With four years in hang gliders and ultralight trike instruction from as far north as Waterville, Maine, and as far south as Cape May, New Jersey, the time was right to fly! And fly he did. After a brisk takeoff and steep climb, he practiced circuits, turns on a point, climbs, descents, low passes, and touch and goes. Feeling satisfied in his accomplishment (and perhaps feeling fortunate to still be alive), he settled his trike to a gentle roll and taxi to the HFAP hangar where he was greeted and congratulated by the Tims and FFUC member Warren Hurd. Our May FFUC meeting started shortly thereafter. What a day!

Dennis lives with his wife and three active children in Contoocook, USA. When he is not flying, Dennis is an elementary school principal who loves to sail, hike, and 'fling arrows'. He loves music, the warm sun, steak on the grill, and canned beer. He hopes to meet and fly with all of the members of the FFUC real soon.

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**Classified Ads**

**Helmet for Sale:** New Comtronics helmet with face shield and carry bag. Size: M Color:White. Contact Tim Pierce (603)464-5407 or e mail [tpierce@conknet.com](mailto:tpierce@conknet.com) Asking \$225.00

**Frequent Flyers Ultralight Club  
Web Site**

FFUC has a new web site designed by Warren Hurd. Click on the link below to access the site.

[www.ahyup.com/ffuc.htm](http://www.ahyup.com/ffuc.htm)

**NEW MEMBERS WANTED!!**

Frequent Flyers Ultralight Club is looking for new members. Anyone interested should contact:

Tim Pierce  
(603) 464-5407  
or  
Tim Wall  
(603) 428-7231

Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at Hawthorne Feather Airport (8B1) at 10:00am.