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Training

Hello! My name is Steve Klute, CVA member for about two years now. I have volunteered (well...JB twisted my arm) to perform the role of Training Coordinator following the recent resignation of our friend, most able pilot, and general **great guy**, Dave Heape.

I want to start by thanking Dave, on behalf of the entire club, for his many, many hours of devoted work for the club and the most able assistance he lent to so many student pilots. I must say that I feel somewhat incompetent, compared to Dave, to handle this job, but as time passes, we should each take a turn, as Dave did, and contribute in some way to the club. That's why I...uh...volunteered. So thanks again, Dave Heape, for all that you have done for CVA!!! We still hope to see you often at the field.

I feel strongly that the training of new pilots and perspective club members is an extremely worthwhile and necessary function for the survival and growth of our club. I will thus do my best, with the help of you who are more experienced than I, to grow into this function. Remember that I am not at this time a Primary trainer, but simply the coordinator of the training function. I will be working closely with our training staff to assure each and every trainee is given the best care possible. I'll also help organize the training equipment and identify combinations, peculiarities and do's and don'ts.

I don't claim to be much of an instructor, or even a very experienced pilot compared to many of our members. I do however, think that I can help with the organization of the training function and perhaps also help in bringing focus to topics of benefit not only to student pilots, but also those who are more experienced. Even pilots who have significant experience and skills can learn more and improve their skills.

I have some ideas for topics that can be of interest to all of us, or most of us, but I certainly don't have a monopoly on ideas. I will thus, as time passes, ask all of our members for ideas of topics as well as content, which can benefit individual pilots or the training function in general. Please be forward and share your ideas with me. If I don't hear from you, I'll start asking!

We all know of members who have, over time left the club and / or the hobby. Each of us will also one day cease flying for one reason or another. This is why it is important that we recruit new members and give them the benefit of careful training so that they, like us, can enjoy the hobby and hopefully become productive members of our club. Please give this some thought and share your ideas and suggestions with me so we can include them in this column.

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