Training

This month I'd like to call attention to the <u>new</u> **"Pilot Training Program"** section of the CVA Website. Many have noticed the new section and taken a look already. As of this writing there have been 80 "hits" on the counter. Some may not have seen it however, or taken the opportunity to look at the content. So…let's take a look right now!

The first button on the page is labeled **"Training Overview".** In this section we give a short introduction to Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers' philosophy regarding the value of a good training program and the club's interest in helping new students learn to safely control their airplanes while minimizing the chance for damage to their plane. In this section we also discuss the prerequisites to flying at the CVA field, and have links to the AMA and CVA application for membership forms. Further we discuss how our instructors will provide guidance for preparation of the student's plane, and discuss briefly the advantages of the "Buddy-box" system of student instruction with a brief overview of how it works. Finally in this section, we maintain a listing of the CVA training instructors as well as the training coordinator along with contact information for each.

 If you push the **"Training Plan"** button, it will take you to the "CVA Pilot Training Plan" which has been moved to this section with very little change. It now contains a link to the CVA "Radio Controlled Model Airplane Flight Instruction Plan" which the student can print and use as his sign-off sheet.

The next section is called **"Guide to Training Plan and Safety Tips"** which has been moved to this section. The content has not been changed. Note that each of the tasks is discussed in some detail here so that a student can get a feel for "why" each task is included and the intended result of mastering that task. This section now contains a link to a printable version of the text. Also included in this part are the sixteen "Safety Tips" unchanged from before.

The **"Equipment"** button takes you to a page that talks to both the equipment supplied by CVA (including buddy boxes and cords as well as the storage and transportation of them) and the basic equipment needed to be obtained by the student pilot to get started. This list includes items needed to build, fly and repair most planes. Note that we will soon also include in this section a more comprehensive list of items suggested for the pilot who has become more advanced in the hobby.

If you press the **"Information for Student Pilots from Monthly Training Column"** button, you will come to a listing of each of the Training columns written for the "Pilot Talk" newsletter since October of 2007. We are working to include a brief summary of the topic of each column along with the date for easy reference. In these columns we try to touch on topics which will be helpful to students in particular, but also to other club members. Take a look and see if there is anything there that is helpful to you.

The final button in the training section of the website currently is the **"Pilot Accomplishment Program"**. This section has been moved here from its previous location because it speaks to the continuation of a pilot's training. The text of this section discusses the nature and purpose of the program. The program is totally voluntary. There are currently two levels of accomplishment, and more may be added in the future. Two buttons on this page lead to the tasks with notes for Level 1 and Level 2 respectively as well as the names of the "Achievers" who have completed the tasks and the

corresponding dates of accomplishment. The sign-off form for each level is also available for printing on these two pages.

In this new "Training Section" of the website, we hope we have added some useful information and better grouped the previously available club information. We will work to improve this material over time, and we welcome input and suggestions from all CVA members.

And, as always… remember to try something new each time you fly!

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