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Presidents Column: John Backes

2019 Meeting Schedule

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2019 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be May 9 and June 13.

Local Events

June 1 – NNPRC The Louie Laua Fun Fly

June 8 – CVA Something Different

Something Different

Something Different will be held on June 8. This event is open to any type airplane except a tractor engine monoplane with conventional tail. Biplanes, jets, pushers, deltas, T-tails, twin tails, twin engine, V-tail, canard, helicopters, parasails and other nearly normal planes are legal. What we are really looking for is the very different airplanes such as the Flying Stop Sign, Flying Lawnmower, Witch and RC Super Hero. This is a sanctioned event. Entry fee is \$10 which includes lunch.

Grass Cutting

We need additional volunteers to help with the grass cutting and weed eating. There are a small number of volunteers currently doing the work. During the summer, all of the grass is cut once a week and the runway and taxiways are cut twice a week. This becomes a real problem if a couple of the regular guys go on vacation. If you can help, even occasionally, please contact Bill Talbot (billtalbot2@gmail.com).

Show and Tell

I would like to have the Show and Tell be a major part of each meeting. Please spend some time thinking of what you might present. There is a TV that we can use for showing videos.

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Vice President's Report: Randy Rogers

Summer looks like it is here, so activity at the field is stepping up.

Still we need to maintain some of the structures on our field that help keep us safe and others that help make assembly and starting of our aircraft easier and safer...

We have a list of items to renovate or improve:

- Safety fence and barriers need to be repaired.
- Starting stands could use some work like replacing padding on the uprights, add something to hold a radio, and fix damage from the weather.
- Assembly tables could use some renovation and lifting to make mowing easier.
- The posts that we have to support a tarp; some need to be replaced.
- The metal fence could use some posts replaced and the fence needs to be repaired/ painted.
- Our shelter and picnic tables need some work.

Any suggestions, input or ideas would be appreciated. If you see something that you think needs attention please let us know. I don't know if we will get to everything this season. We do need to get started. If you would like to get involved, we can always use the help.

Thanks,

Randy

Fly safe!



Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting – April 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Backes. A total of 14 members were present.

A correction to the minutes from the March meeting was entered: The seller of the two radio's is not Les Brits family. The two radios are still for sale. The minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report – Jon Persons.

Two renewals.

The following expenses were reported: Porta Potty – 1 month which included a winterization fee. Bill Talbot was reimbursed for mower maintenance. John Backes for charter renewal. Farm Bureau for insurance on the lawn mowers. Jon will check on what exactly the policy covers.

The operating and the mower fund balances were reported. The PayPal account balance was reported.

Site Improvements – Bill Talbot

There was a general discussion on the condition of the two current mowers. There general hours used, condition and future prospect. A motion was made by Randy Rogers to purchase a 2018 John Deere 390 54” deck lawn mower. The motion was seconded. A discussion ensued about the needs of a lawn mower – deck size, hydraulic deck, 4-wheel steering etc. There was a discussion of a new vs. a used mower. The motion was passed unanimously.

There was a discussion as to what to do with the old mower. Bill T. will check on our best options.

Bill reported that the blower does not seem to be working. Jon P. will check on it.

Activities

The spring picnic was moved two weeks to April 27th due to inclement weather forecast for April 13th

1. May 4th - Hanover swap meet and fun fly
2. May 18th – Hampton Roads Fun Fly

Safety – Cliff Casey

No report

Training – Alan Fry

Bob J. has been working with Paddy and says that he is making great progress.

Old Business

Randy Rogers volunteered for the open Vice-president position. There were no other volunteers. Randy was approved unanimously.

New Business

There was a discussion on getting the roster list working on the web site. Alan will work on making that happen.

There was a discussion on improving the quad area of the field to have newer and more current “features” to help attract more quad pilots to the field. The thought is that this may help to increase club membership. Bob J. made a motion to authorize \$75 for John B. to get more features for quad fliers. The motion passed unanimously.

Members were encouraged to respond to the AMA email about the FAA regulations.

Show and Tell

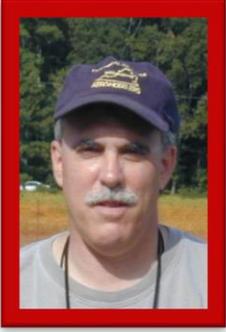
Bill T. showed his new Valley View fuel tank.

Jon P. showed his solution for his battery charger and making it mounted and more mobile by mounting it on a butcher block

Steve K. showed his repaired Moana Saulnier WW1 plane.
He also took an old hard drive and converted it to look like a radial engine.

Bob J. researched different flight stands and came up with a designed that incorporated design features. He commented that our current flight stands will need to be replaced.
He also showed his Stream Snyder Sport 60 RC airplane.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

Mr. Jon Persons submitted the following for inclusion in this month's newsletter. Thanks Jon!!

When it comes to my R/C hobby, my two favorite sites are R/C Universe (RCU) and R/C Groups (RCG)!

I consider RCU the best site to obtain information on just about any R/C subject you can think of. I've been subscribed to several threads for years that might interest you. For example, "Knowledge Quiz for Warbird Wiz"! Herein the idea is that someone throws out clues about a warbird (any year/nationality) and you get to guess what it is. No big prize for the winner, but it's a lot of fun searching the net using the clues posted and see if you can identify it. You'll learn a lot about aircraft and the men that manned/designed/manufactured/ them along the way too. Another good thread is "Club Saito". Anything you ever wanted to know about any (single cylinder) Saito is in there. There's a thread devoted to the Saito FG-60 radials that I've been talking with engine nuts all over the world about. There's information on just about any R/C subject you can think of, just get on there, hit search and away you go!

I don't use RCG so much for information as for buying and selling. I like their format for posting stuff for sale, it's simple and easy to use and seems to have the best "exposure" to the R/C community. If you're in the market for just about anything this is the place to be. For example, I recently bought several high end Hitec servos, some new, some used for about half the price of new ones. (A word of caution though. Make sure you're dealing with reputable sellers by checking their feedback from other buyers and sellers. Knock on wood, I've never had a problem). I've had several club members ask about buying kits... this is the place to buy kits. If you're looking for something you also have the option to post a wanted ad. Here are the links to RCU and RCG:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/index.php>

<http://www.rcuniverse.com/articles/>

Do you have a favorite website? If so, let me know and I will put it in the newsletter. Favorite online store, how to build, how to fly, etc.- send me the link! My email address:

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Training Column- The Use of Lists

The following is a reprint of a previous training article written by Steve Klute:

Lists: checklists, punch lists, shopping lists, "to-do" lists... just the thought of a list makes some of us cringe. We think of using a list as a boring, regimented activity. But, deep down, I think we all know that using a list is the "professional" way of doing some things. It is one way of being certain that all necessary items are considered, or done, or included or used or...well, you can fill in many more reasons for using a list or lists. Think of all the lists we've heard about that NASA uses for the Shuttle missions!

The building, maintaining, repairing, preparing, and many other activities related to our RC aircraft are no different. The safest way to be sure everything gets done is through the use of a list. The exact make-up and content of the list is something that can vary and is dependent in some cases on how we are organized, how our tools and other items are grouped and when we prefer to do or check the various items the list(s) will cover. There is no single perfect list, and any list that helps you to consider the necessary items is generally preferable to having no list! Remember too, that making, saving and changing or updating lists is really easy on the PC.

Also you can “double space” your list when you print it so you can add items with a pen or pencil as you think of them and then update your file later.

In this column we will not propose to tell you exactly what your list(s) should include, but will suggest certain items to consider by including some examples, and we will suggest some of the types of lists you may want to consider.

If you currently use lists for some of your functions, take a few minutes to review them to see if they are up to date. If you don’t currently use lists, get a pencil and paper, or sit at the PC and take a few minutes and see what you can come up with. Try making a list of “Things to Do the Night Before Going Flying”. Or, make a list of “Things to Take to the Field”. What other lists might be useful to you specifically?

Use the above as a little “homework assignment” and we will compare notes in next month’s training column. Remember the last time you got to the field and had forgotten your Tx? Or, maybe you forgot your cooler with the drink (soda) you now want so badly. Uh-oh, did you really forget to charge the receiver battery? Would a list have helped prevent that oversight? What about the loose clevis you forgot to check?

More thoughts on lists and some examples next month, and until then...

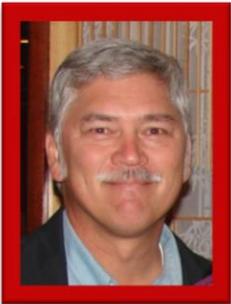
Remember to try something new each time you fly!

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See you at the field.

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Safety Officer: Cliff Casey



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