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Presidents Column

No report was submitted for this month.



Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting – May 13, 2023

On May 13th, 2023, the club picnic took place, serving as a gathering to celebrate the life of John Backes. Instead of the usual monthly meeting, club members, along with their families and friends, came together to honor John's memory. John's daughters, Jessica and Rebecca, and their families were also present.

During the event, club members, both past and present, shared stories about how John had positively impacted their lives. They highlighted his guidance, support, and words of encouragement. Jessica and Rebecca spoke about growing up around the club and emphasized its significance to their father. Attendees discussed the airplanes that John had motivated them to build and helped them fly, showcasing his profound love for the hobby and extensive knowledge in various areas.

Tex Harrison eloquently summarized John's character by stating, "He was a fine man and a better friend." While John's presence will be greatly missed, his memory will endure. It brings solace to know that he is now soaring among the angels, likely assisting them in improving their flying skills.



Training: Bob Juncosa

Editor's note: Bob asked me to post the following in this month's newsletter.

2023 National Model Aviation Day Planning

Greetings all CVA Members!

As you know, we will be having our National Model Aviation Day (NMAD) event on August 5th. Bob Juncosa and Fred Hill are managing the event. We are being a bit more ambitious than in recent years, in part, to increase the awareness of general public about what we do in hopes of attracting new members.

An event like this requires the support of the club membership. In order to have things run smoothly, we are trying to do as much planning ahead of time as possible. To that aim, below is a list of all the activities that we need to take care of. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of these items. Let us know where you can help out. There are also some questions that we have so if you know the answer, please provide those as well.

A couple of things to point out...

Media Day

Either the Thursday or Friday before the event, we will be inviting the television and print media to the field. The TV media love the opportunity to take their mobile equipment out and use it for several spots during their morning show. This will require very early activity at the field, probable starting around 6:30am. There will be interviews and a chance to publicize our event. We will demonstrate some flying and ideally, get the reporter on the buddy box. (I have done this in the past and it is a great hit.)

Here is a link to the coverage that the Rochester club had for their helicopter event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Re5lZimS05s&t=204s>

Drinks

As was mentioned, we will be having a food truck at the event this year. This will free us up to do the other things that need to be done. However, we can sell water and soft drinks to help raise a little money to offset some of our costs.

Buddy Box Flying

Another big hit at these events is to get the general public up on the buddy box. This flying will be done during the open flying portions of the day.

Questions:

- Do we have a PA system? If so, where is it?
- How many folding tables do we have?
- Do we have a generator available?

Pre-Event Planning

Publicity and Communications	Bob Juncosa
Food Truck Coordination	Bob Juncosa

Pre-Event

Grass cutting & field prep	
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Media Day

Media Day Management	Bob Juncosa
Buddy Box Flying	
Demo Flying	

Day Of

Setting up / taking down tables	
Putting up / taking down signage	
Managing trash containers	
Setting up PA system	
Pilot Registration	
Ice, coolers, drinks	

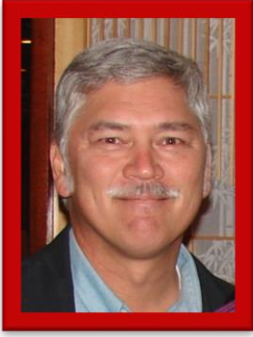
During the Event

MC	Bob Juncosa
Noontime Show Coordination	Bob Juncosa
Pilot Safety Briefing	
Flightline Management	
Parking Management	
Managing raffle / 50-50	
Managing donation jars	
Buddy Box Flying	

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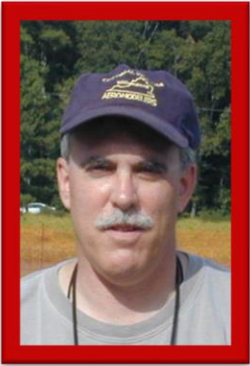
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Fly Safe, Be Safe



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