



# Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

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## **Presidents Column: Randy Rogers**

### **Up Coming Meeting Schedule:**

Saturday Aug 12 @ 1:00 PM- Rain date Sunday Aug 13

Saturday Sept 16 @ 1:00 PM- Rain date Sunday Sept 17

### **Upcoming Event**

Aug.5 National Model Aviation Day

This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate to the local community what model aviation has to offer. We have a great program planned. Hope all will attend.

On that note: Model aviation is experiencing a downturn in interest. YouTube has a video that explains issues that may be causing this downturn. Here is the link:

[\(370\) 15 Things KILLING The RC Hobby - YouTube](#)

Hopefully it will help us understand what's happening and give us the opportunity to try and turn it around.

### **Show and Tell**

Let's keep bringing items for show and tell.

### **Contact Me**

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### **Secretary's Report: Fred Hill**

CVA Meeting – Jul 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Randy Rogers. The meeting was held at the Field. A total of 16 members were present. The June 2023 meeting notes were approved.

### **Treasure's Report – Jon Persons**

No new members or renewals

The following bills were paid:

Tex Harrison reimbursed \$159.45 and \$123.72- food for picnics.

Tomahund Corporation \$2040.00- lease

SB Cox \$106.00- porta potty

Randy Rogers \$75.48- gas for the lawn mowers etc.

The operating fund, Mower Fund totals were reported.

### **Site Improvements – Randy Rogers**

No new site improvements

### **Activities**

The follow activities are scheduled:

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 National Model Aviation Day – general discussion on the plans for the event

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Cub Fly

October 7<sup>th</sup> Warbirds over Williamsburg

The following events were scheduled for CVA:

October 28<sup>th</sup> – Fall picnic

### **Safety**

No report

### **Training**

No report

### **Old Business**

There was a discussion about improving the fence. A motion was made to keep the old fence and have a contractor repair, and repaint the old fence; A total of \$6500.00 was approved for this project.

It was decided to repair the bleachers by a group of club members; Randy Rogers, Kevin Perry, Bill Talbot and Cliff Casey volunteered to replace the bleacher boards.

### **New Business**

John Zeigler reported on the FAA FRIA module rule change that is taking place on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Club Field will be a FAA recognized ID area. No FAA module will be needed to fly at this area. If you fly at another location your plane will need to have a FAA module.

Members are encouraged to go to the AMA website under advocacy so that a letter will be sent to our senators and representatives to approve the modifications to the AMA side of the authorizations. It will increase our operating height from 400' to 700' and will help put the FRIA jurisdiction under AMA and not the FAA.

### **Show and Tell**

Bill Talbot talked about RAM Models Incorporated for Glow plugs and LED lighting systems for airplanes.



**Training: Bob Juncosa**

## **2023 National Model Aviation Day**

*It's here!*

It's pretty obvious by now that a lot of work is has done in preparation for our Model Aviation Day event and the rest of our event season. There are many improvements that will benefit our field experience for a long time, not the least of which are the bleacher and fence repair. Randy and the rest of the field maintenance team has put the field in tip top shape. We all should be sure to thank those that have sore backs and rear ends from the many hours it takes to regularly cut and groom our field.

We are pretty much where we need to be as far as the planning for NMAD goes. Just a few details remain to be finalized. It looks to be a very well attended event by other clubs as well as "civilians" from the community. All of the major staffing positions are covered by volunteers. On the day of the event, it will help things to run smoothly if there are a few "utility players" available, a few people willing to pitch in with small tasks that come up. If you are willing, please see me at the event and I'll let you know if we need some extra assistance.

That said, it is also important that we have a good showing from our own membership. Please do not hesitate to show up and fly whatever and as often as you are comfortable. The event is intended to celebrate all aspects of the hobby, from out-of-the box bind and fly aircraft to the incredible turbine-powered jets. There is a place for every interest in this hobby. Be sure to come out, have a good time, and fly.

Happy Landings.

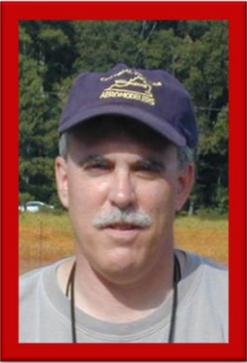
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Fly Safe, Be Safe



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