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Presidents Column: John Backes

2016 Meeting Schedule

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2016 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be 14 January and 11 February 2016.

FAA Registration

By now you should have seen a lot of information about the requirement to register with the FAA. This applies to any Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) weighing more than 8.8 ounces. All of our airplanes are classified as UASs. If you have given AMA your email address, you should be getting updates by email. Here is a link to information from the AMA:

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2015/12/17/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-drone-registration-process/>

The current rules are an "Interim Final Rule" which may be changed based on comments received. The AMA is requesting that you submit comments (see link above). The deadline for submitting comments is January 15th.

The AMA suggest members hold on registering with the FAA until advised by the AMA or until the FAA's legal deadline on February 19. Modelers are given a 60-day grace period for their existing model aircraft and must register by February 19, 2016. New models acquired after December 21st must be registered before they can be flown.

CVA events

We are working on the 2016 calendar. If you are interested in holding an event, talk to Joe Musika or myself. The policy is that an event does not go on the calendar until someone has been identified to run the event. We will consider any event. The two criteria is that there is interest in the event and that people have volunteer to run it.

Swap Meets and Auctions

This is the time of year when local clubs hold Swap Meets and Auctions. This is a great opportunity to pick up some extra gear at discount prices. Newport News RC is sponsoring a Swap Meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church, 69 Saunders Road, Newport News on February 13 starting at 9AM. Admission is \$5.

Hanover RC club swap meet is normally in March but I have not received the information yet. They are also having an indoor Fun Fly immediately following. I will update next month.

Membership Renewal

A 2016 membership application may be downloaded from the web site at

<http://cvarc.homestead.com/ApplicationsForms.html> .

We can verify your AMA membership on the AMA website so a copy of your 2016 AMA membership card is not required. Take care of those things now so that you will be ready to fly when we get a good flying day.

Show and Tell

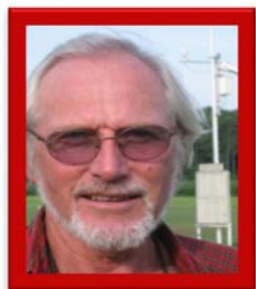
We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. Did you get anything neat for Christmas? Bring it and show us!

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Secretary's Report: Gary Clifford

CVA Meeting Minutes: 12/10/15

The December 10, 2015 meeting was held as the clubs annual Christmas Dinner. This year's celebration returned to the Peeking Mongolian Restaurant on Waller Mill Road in Williamsburg Virginia with 45 members and guests enjoying the food and camaraderie.

After dinner, President John Backes announced another great year for the club with several very successful events and a continued increase in membership. He then went on to recognized both John and Norman Hofmeyer for their family's continued involvement and support of our flying club and all those members that generously donate their time and talents to maintain our field in a condition everyone has grown to expect.

At this point John turned the floor over to Winston Shepherd for presentation of the Broken Prop Award. Winston spoke about the difficulty choosing a recipient this year mostly due to the tall corn that prevented observation of any deserving activity. Then thinking back he realized that a lot, no a real lot, of that activity had been taking place away from the flight line, back under the shelter. To that end he proudly presented the award to both John Backes and Tex Harrison for their unending persistence in making Tex's Doak platform achieve stabilized and controllable flight. In looking through past winners it seems that John has won twice and this makes four times for Tex.

At this point Tom Treese presented John with a recognition plaque for all his years of dedicated service to CVA and the entire area R.C flying community.

Tom then took receipt of money and food donations that he will deliver to FISH.



Activities: Joe Musika

Our yearly Christmas party was well attended and it looked like everyone enjoyed dinner. This year's "BROKEN PROP" award went to two people for the very first time. Mr. Tex Harrison and our beloved leader John Backes! The evening was quite enjoyable.

Next came our yearly "New Year's" picnic! The weather held, attendance was approx. 30 or more folks. Some brave souls even flew! Mario brought his quarter-scale P51. Everyone was impressed with the way it looked while in the air.

Our schedule for 2016 is still open. In April we will have an "electric event"; date still pending! In the fall, there will be a "Cubs and Cousins". More will be added to these two dates later. Don't be shy, if you have any good ideas for events: SPEAK UP! See any board member or the activities director! If you are interested in running an event: SPEAK UP!!!! The Board members will give you all the help and info that you'll need.

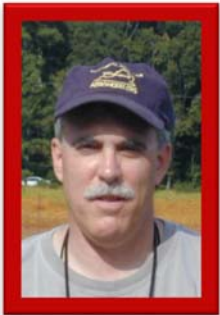
Have a Happy New Year and drive safe. See you at the field.



Safety Officer: Cliff Casey

Happy New Year everyone!
Let's start the year with the same friendly & helpful club that we are.
Fly Safe, Be safe.

Cliff Casey



Training: Alan Fry

I have an extra special website for this month's website of the month! It is called **Alan's RC Airplane Videos** ☺. I have set up a YouTube channel with videos that I have taken at the field. Current videos include Steve's Flying Lawnmower, Jon's maiden flight of the Flying Witch, and my personal favorite: NMAD 2015 Candy Drop, to name a few. For the Candy Drop video, the "action" picks up at the 2:15 mark of the video. Currently I have 7 videos uploaded to the YouTube channel with the hopes of uploading more videos over time.

Contact me if you would like me to shoot video of you or someone else flying for inclusion on the YouTube channel. Here is the link to Alan's RC Airplane Videos YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-at9KUveWPqCEEbF_sORYFb8TMRl8RSa

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:

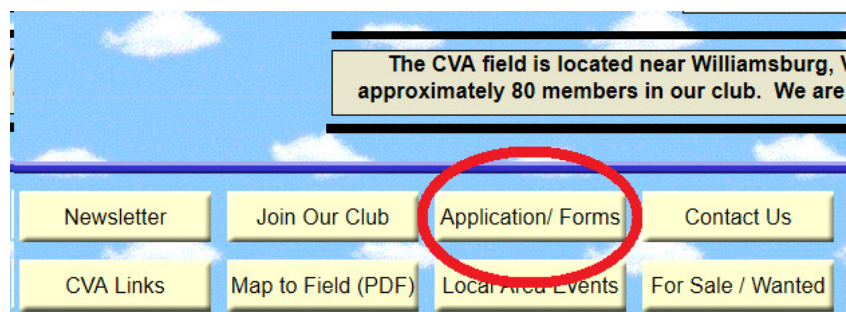
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CVA Website Changes

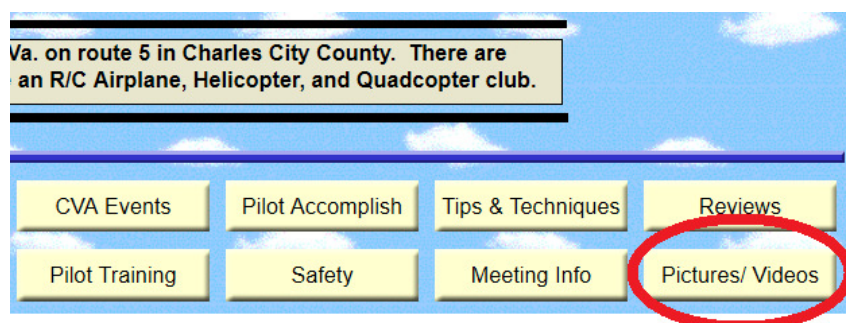
I have been making changes to our club's website recently, hopefully for the better. I decided to highlight the changes in this month's training column:



The "Join Our Club" button on the CVA home page no longer takes you to the page for downloading the CVA application. Instead, I have developed a new webpage geared towards new people considering taking up RC flying as a hobby. This new webpage is linked to the "Join Our Club" button.



To download a CVA application and other forms, click on the new button labelled "Applications/ Forms".



I have combined the CVA pictures webpage and the Videos & Slides webpage into one webpage. This webpage is accessed by clicking the button on the CVA home page labelled "Pictures/ Videos". Note that I have included a link to Alan's RC Airplane Videos on this webpage.



I have updated the CVA Links page with all of the website of the Months from the 2015 newsletters. I encourage you to take a moment to look at this page. There are a lot of good links on this page. I am sure you could find some good reading for those cold, wet, or windy days!

See you at the field.

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