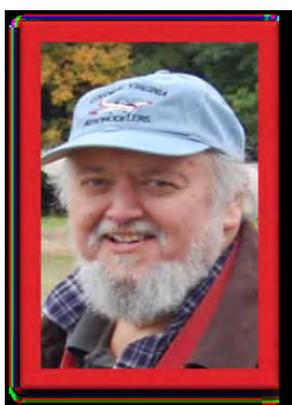




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Presidents Column: John Backes

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 June 9 and July 14.

Upcoming events

June 25 (26) – CVA Show at Williamsburg Jamestown Airport

June 25 – FARM Float Fly

August 6 – Something Different

Williamsburg Jamestown Airport Show

We are scheduled to have a show at the airport on June 25 from 10:00 until 2:00 with June 26 as the rain date. For many years, we did a Mall Show at the Lightfoot Mall to reach out to the public. I view the upcoming show at the airport as the replacement for the Mall Show with the added benefit that we will be able to fly foamies. We will need to have a lot of participation from the club to make this effort a success. We need to have flying demonstrations, display airplanes, handouts with club information and people to interact with the public.

We will have a signup sheet at the meeting for people to indicate what planes/displays they will be bringing. If you cannot attend the meeting but will be supporting the event, please send an email to Brandon Dilks (dilksy86@cox.net) who is coordinating the displays.

Night Fly

We will have a few more Night Flies during this flying season. Instead of putting them on the schedule months in advance, we have decided that it is better to hold them when we have a forecast of good conditions. Therefore, they will be held with only a few days' notice. Start getting your planes set up so that you are ready when the next event happens. With the new technology it is easy to affordably fly at night. Light strips with LEDs every inch or so are readily available and can be powered off the flight battery in electric planes. Glow/gas planes will need an extra battery to power the lights. Do your first practice flights at dusk so that you can still see the airplane even if the lights are not as visible as you planned. Start preparing now!

Grass Cutting

We need additional volunteers to help with the grass cutting. There is 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 is a couple of the regular guys go on vacation. If you can help, even occasionally, please contact Tom Treese (tmtreese@msn.com). Tom sends out emails to coordinate the grass cutting.

Show and Tell

We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. I would like to have Show and Tell be a significant part of each meeting.

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Secretary's Report: Gary Clifford

Editor's note: Tex Harrison filled in for Gary for the 5/12/16 meeting.

CVA Meeting Minutes 5/12/16

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Nineteen members were present. President asked if there were any changes or addition to the minutes of the April meeting that were published in the newsletter. Steve Kolet made a motion that the minutes of the April meeting as published in the newsletter be accepted. The motion was second by Joe Musika, a vote taken and approved unanimously. The treasurer reported on the club's finances.

Site Improvements

Tom Treese reported that at last the rain had let up long enough to mow the field. The grass had gotten very high, but the entire field had been mowed. The two of the small windsocks have been replaced and when we get a bucket truck the large windsock will be replaced. The CVA sign had been placed on Route 5 between the two entrances into Branscome. The mowers need an oil change and some maintenance work.

Activities

Joe Musika reported that although the field was not in the best of conditions the Electric Fly was held on May 7 and went off well. There were 12 pilots and everyone had a good time. Joe thanked Steve for bring a very good pot of chili. Coming events include: May 14 - HRRC Spring Fly-in, May 21 – CVA Warbirds Over Williamsburg. June 25 – Farm Float Fly. Tom Treese said that he plans on setting up for WOW on the afternoon of May 20th. He would like to get the tents put up, speaker wires run and the field mowed. He will need volunteers to get this done. He will also need a 12-volt battery – Les Britt said that he had a battery he could bring. Tom would also like some different music of the WWII era, the Glenn Miller he has been using all these years is getting old.

Safety

No report

Training

No report

Club Promotion

WALT Program – Steve Kolet said that there were seven people signed up for the class session and three attended. The session went well with interest shown in the model aviation program. Three people attended the flight session on Saturday and that went very good. There was flying with the buddy-box all afternoon. Each person flew several times. Steve felt at the model aviation program would get at least two new members.

CVA Demo at WJ Airport June 25 (rain date June 26) – John Backes was asked by an official of the Williamsburg – James City County Airport if CVA would be interested in putting on a demonstration of model aircraft at the airport on June 25 from 10:00 until 2:00. John explained that the demonstration would be similar to the ones the club put on at the mall, except it would be outside under tents and we would be able to fly some light airplanes. Demonstrations would include: Airplane types, from giant scale to foamies – Power types, from jets to gliders – Construction types, from built up balsa to foam and building materials. Also a demo of how the aircraft controls and the radio works. John pointed out that if the club decides to put on the demo that we would need tents, tables and chairs, some advertising, and handouts. We would also need an air boss to interface with the airport and a flight director to interface with the air boss and the pilots. The proposal was discussed. The President asked if the club wanted to put on the demonstration. By a show of hands the proposal was accepted unanimously. Funding for the demonstration was discussed. Jon Persons made a motion that \$300.00 be made available for the project. Second by Joe Musika, a vote taken and approved unanimously. John will coordinate with the airport.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Show and Tell

Fran showed a rubber band powered airplane that she made out of foam plates. Fran plans on using the A/C in a Postal free flight contest. She explained how the contest worked.

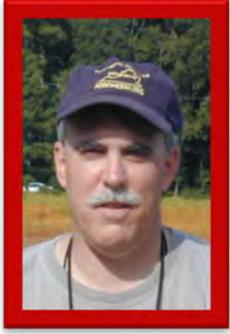
John Backes showed how he paints foam airplane by covering the A/C with news print type paper. John also showed plans for his next something different airplane. John plans to build a single delta wing shaped aircraft out of three separate delta wing aircraft so that when it flies it appears to be three delta wings flying in formation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Activities: Joe Musika

Well, the weather played havoc with the schedule again this month. Warbirds over Williamsburg was cancelled. Hopefully it can be re-scheduled in the fall. Our next scheduled event is in August, and we'll talk more next month about it. In the meantime, Winston Shephard went out on his own, found a lake, tracked down the owner, got him to agree that we could use his lake for a fly-in. It's scheduled for June 8th, between 10:30am to 2:00PM. The best way to get there is taking 64 west, towards Richmond, get off at Bottoms Bridge exit, go east approx. a quarter of a mile to the lake. It is very visible from the road. Hope to see you there. Happy Flying. We'll talk more next month.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

With the upcoming CVA Airshow at Williamsburg Jamestown Airport, I thought I would feature Williamsburg Jamestown Airport as this month's website of the month. There are plenty of nice ground and aerial photos of the facility on their website. Further, there is a very nice write up on the history of the airport. Here is the link:

<http://williamsburgairport.com/>

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

I saw on the CVA Guestbook an entry made by Winston that the May flies have arrived. Sure enough, my first visit to the field after that post I was being attacked by May flies no more than 5 minutes after stepping out of my car. Fortunately, I also saw on the guestbook a post by John saying that dryer sheets tucked in the hat were the best weapon against May flies. After sticking a dryer sheet on the back of my hat and in my shirt pocket, I did not have any problems with May flies for the remainder of my visit to the field. Dryer sheets work!

I wonder with all of this rain if it is only a matter of time before the mosquitos are out in full force? Thinking about that possibility made me recall that I previously wrote a training article about mosquito repellent. Digging through the archives I found the article and have re- posted it below. On a side note, I also discovered that I have been doing these training articles coming up on 6 years! Here is my previous article on Mosquito repellent:

I remembered that John recently posted in the guestbook that the mosquitoes are the worst that he has ever seen at the CVA field. So this month's "Training" column will be on mosquito repellent. More specifically, I found an article on the web titled "Are you a Mosquito Magnet?" The article discusses what attracts mosquitoes (genetics?!), the diseases mosquitoes transmit, and the different types of repellent. I found the article interesting and informative, and you may too. Since the article is copyrighted, you will have to click the link below if you would like to read it.

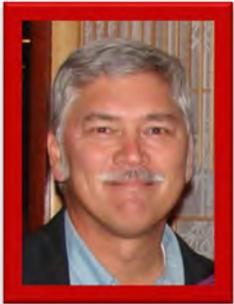
<http://www.webmd.com/allergies/features/are-you-mosquito-magnet>

See you at the field.

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