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Presidents Column: John Backes

2017 Meeting Schedule

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2017 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 8 and July 14.

Local Events

June 3 – CVA Something Different

June 10 – Prop Bustas FPV Race at CVA

June 9-11 – NNPRC – Helicopters over Tidewater

FPV Racing

The Prop Bustas will be holding a race at CVA on June 10. They will be utilizing the helicopter area and the main runway up to the left taxiway. The right end of the runway will remain open for flying during the entire event. Each pilot will pay a \$10 fee that goes directly to CVA. There are current 24 pilots signed up to race. The pilots meeting will be at 9:00 and racing will be going on most of the day. Extra video goggles and monitors will be available so that you can receive the same video feed that the pilots are seeing.

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. Perform 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 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 Tom Treese (tmtreese@msn.com). Tom sends out emails to coordinate the grass cutting.

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Secretary's Report: By Richard Brown

CVA Meeting Minutes 05-11-17

The May 11th, 2017 meeting, held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:00pm with 16 members present. The President announced the minutes of the April meeting that were published in the corresponding newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded, a vote taken and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported on the clubs funds including expenditures for toilet facilities, sanction fees and shelter roof repair materials.

Site Improvements

Tom reported that the annual insurance payment on the tractor was due. There were questions about the current value of the tractor being far less than insured value, and that the insurance does not pay replacement value.

Jon reported on the progress of the shelter expansion project. An application for a building permit was submitted to Charles City County, but after two weeks there has been no word.

Activities

- May 20 – CVA: Electric Fly – Contact: Joe Musika
- June 3 – CVA: Something Different – Contact: John Backes
- June 10 – Prop Bustas: FPV Racing – Contact: John Backes
- Jun 9 – 11 – NNPRC: HOTS
- Aug 26 – CVA: National Model Aviation Day

Safety

No Report

Training

No Report

Club Promotion

Dick reported that CVA will put on a flight demonstration at the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport this year. The airport open house has been moved to September this year to coincide with the airport's anniversary. While the date is TBD, the anniversary date is September 30th.

Announcement

John announced that Winston had resigned his position as Club Secretary and polled the attendees for a volunteer. Richard Brown stepped forward and will assume the position beginning at the next scheduled meeting on May 11th.



Old Business

Richard Brown was confirmed as the new club secretary.

It was moved and seconded that Prop Bustas could hold their FPV Racing Day at the CVA field. CVA will be providing food and beverages at the field. Note that racing will be on the left end of the runway, leaving the right end free for flying.

New Business

In preparation for National Model Airplane Day in August, a sheet to order shirts and hats was passed around. Shirts cost \$12.00 and hats cost \$10.00.

Show & Tell

New Member: Fred Hill was introduced to the club. He is interested in FPV and Quadcopters.

John announced that Debbie's Hobby Shop is trying to reduce their inventory of model airplanes. They have a 50% discount on all model airplane kits.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 7.35 pm.



Activities: Joe Musika

We have survived the month of May and looking to June for some good flying weather. We had one event scheduled for May (Electric Fly In) and that was a wind out. We ended up just having a picnic. Hopefully we will get this month started right with our "Something Different" on June 3rd. This event is always lots of fun. "Something Different" is anything that is not a single fuselage with one conventional wing, propeller in front and conventional tail with elevator control. Examples include "Flying Lawnmower", a "V" tail, a Jet, let your imagination be your guide! Entry fee is \$10, and includes lunch! See you there!!!



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

For this month's website of the month, I decided to list a previous Website of the Month that is appropriate for our upcoming Something Different event. The website is called **HaddadRC**. HaddadRC is an entertaining website with plenty of pictures and videos that proves that anything with an outrunner motor and ESC can fly. Here is the link:

<http://www.haddadrc.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 came across this article in Model Aviation magazine that has to be one of the all-time best training articles that I have ever seen. The article is called “Airplane Setup Methodologies... Optimum setup rules of thumb for the way you fly”. **I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ARTICLE. HERE IS THE LINK:**

<http://modelaviation.com/airplane-setup-methodologies>

See you at the field.

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