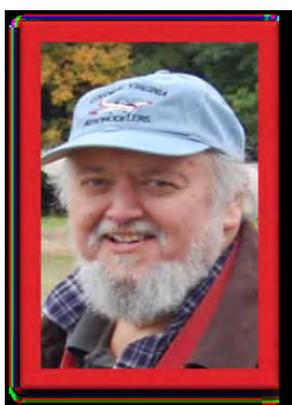




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Presidents Column: John Backes

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 12 May and June 9.

Upcoming events

May 7 – CVA Electric Fly

May 14 – HRRC Spring Fly-In

May 21 – CVA Warbirds Over Williamsburg (WOW)

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

June 25 – FARM Float Fly

CVA Fun Fly

Last month I asked “Is there any interest in having a Fun Fly?” I only got one response indicating interest. Therefore, I will not plan anything.

“Good Junk”

In March, I talked about “Good Junk” in my column. Because the meeting was running long because of other business, we did not talk about this. Please re-read March’s column in preparation for the talk at the meeting this month.

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 probably 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. Please take some time to think about what can be done to make this a success. We will talk about it at the meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting but will be able to help on the day of the event or have ideas on how to involve the public, send me an email.

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

CVA Meeting Minutes 4/14/16

The April 14, 2016 meeting, held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:00pm with 24 members and 2 guests present. The President announced the minutes of the March 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 operating and mower fund balances that included dues from new member Bill Fredericks.

Site Improvements

Tom reported that he and Bill Talbot had mowed and rolled the runway and half way through the parking lot today. Tom also reminded everyone that uses the aircraft security ropes attached to the iron fence, to please loop them back over the fence when you're finished with them in an effort to make mowing along the fence line easier. He also once again requested that the club trash cans not be used to discard daily lunch trash from flyers. Take your trash home with you. Steve Kolet has emptied them in preparation for this weekend's picnic activities. Alan stated that items of concern, such as these, may be a good topic for a training article for the newsletter so as to reach members not in attendance.

It was mentioned again that the gable ends of the shelter will need to have the plywood replaced this year.

Winston will make arrangements for a bucket truck for replacement of the large wind sock and removal of the weather station.

Tom briefly discussed the typical mowing schedule.

Activities

John spoke about the CVA Spring picnic and Freeman Post Annual Egg Drop contest scheduled for 4/16/16.

The CVA Electric Fly on May 7th and indicated Joe will need some volunteers.

HHRC's Spring Fly scheduled for May 14th.

And WOW XI on May 21st. Tom passed around a volunteer signup sheet and asked for suggestions on the raffle prize plane.

Safety

Reading of the AMA Safety Code was again postponed until next month.

John discussed proper arming of new radio and or flight electronics by removing the propeller first. He also indicated that his new radio has a throttle lock incorporated into the design.

Training

Alan indicated there was no new training information to report.

Club Promotion

Steve Kolet gave some background on W.A.L.T. and a brief description of the classroom and hands on field event schedule he has put together for April 27th and 30th respectively.

John spoke again about the static aircraft display at the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport on June 25th with a rain date of June 26th. It remains uncertain at this time but flying of some small electric aircraft may be possible. Winston and Brandon volunteered to help organize the activities at the airport and possible follow up at the CVA field afterward. Winston congratulated Alan for all the “behind the scenes” work he has been doing to keep our club website access, content and ease of use up to date not only for club members but for those searching the web.

Old Business

The topic of drone access at CVA was discussed and John recapped some of the proposals by the different groups. John read his list of conditional rules and proposed a trial period to observe any possible interference with normal flying activities.

After a very detailed presentation, by new club member Bill Fredericks, of his particular intentions and a long list of pros & cons presented by several club members a motion was made and seconded to limit the CVA field to Hobby and Recreational Use. Private ballots were cast and counted and the motion to limit the CVA field to Hobby and Recreational Use was approved 20 for and 2 against.

New Business

Gary indicated it was time to make our annual contribution to the church. Les made a motion we continue as we have in the past. The motion was approved.

Placement of the new road sign was discussed. Winston will coordinate and oversee the location and installation.

Show & Tell

Steve Kolet displayed a great looking MOJO with a Saito 82 and offered several older flying and modeling magazines he has acquired.

John showed a complete reconstruction of a previously destroyed NutBall and showed off his new 42” Mako XL from WMPF that he constructed from 9mm Depron foam and finished with Krylon 2X paint.

Jon advised everyone that he has taken possession of the entire collection from Gordon Taylor and will be bringing items to the field with him for those interested in purchasing.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.



Activities: Joe Musika

It is now Monday, May 2nd and it looks like another wet month. But we lucked out last month when we had the club's spring picnic. At 11:30 there was only enough people for a checkers game, but by 12:00 there was a flock of folks, lots of fun and flying.

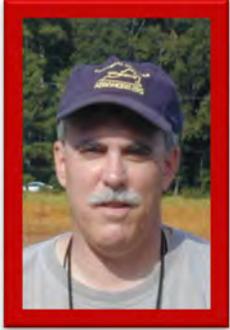
For May, we have three events on the books. First is the Electric Fly, to be held at our field on May 7th. The next event is the Spring Fly-in at Hampton Roads RC, in Suffolk. Then on May 21st is Warbirds over Williamsburg.

The last two events mentioned are very special. Hampton Roads has lots of great planes flying plus some swell folks to meet. Warbirds over Williamsburg is something you do not want to MISS. Last year we were visited by a former bomber pilot, who was shot down over Germany in WWII.

Last but not least, a quick talk regarding safety at the field. We should watch where we're walking on the field, make people aware that you are going onto the field, be aware of people preparing to start up engines and taking off. About 12 years ago a member, who was thought to be versed in safety, was starting an engine. He turned to borrow a starter since his wasn't working, flipped it a few times, it started and all hell broke loose! The motor mount broke causing the engine to slam into his forearm, bled profusely, and turning white. We began to work on him, fire department

called. He was slipping into shock. It took the fire dept. an hour and 40 minutes to arrive. This particular truck came from Toano. During the wait, he mentioned that the motor-mount was hard balsa wood. Using hard-balsa to build a motor-mount nearly cost him his life. So when working on planes and engines BE SAFE.

That's all till next month.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

Here is a previous Website of the Month that I felt was relevant with our upcoming Warbirds over Williamsburg event. It is called **RCWarbirds.com** and their slogan is “Your main source for RC warbird pictures, events, projects, videos, forums and more for 12 years!” Here is the link:

<http://www.rcwarbirds.com/index.html>

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 asked Tom Treese if he would put together a “primer” so to speak for various items related to our flying field. Tom did a great job addressing various field related topics. Here is Tom's write up, with a few tweaks here and there by me:

Dos and Don'ts at the Field

Starting Stands: The mower operators have to get off of the tractor to move the starting stands twice unless the stands are forward of the pit 4x4 posts. If you leave them forward of the posts we can mow inside the posts and then move them inside which requires only one move. Thank you.

Ropes at the fence: When you have finished flying please reattach the restraining ropes to the fence. Then the mower operators do not have to get off the tractor to re-tie them or worse... cut them up and get the rope tangled around the blade axle.

Trash Cans: The trash cans are primarily for picnics/ special events!!! We do not have trash pickup so someone (a volunteer) has to take trash home or to a dumpster. If you take a lunch or wreck a plane.....please take your trash home with you! Thank You!

Communication at the flight line: The biggest safety feature while flying is communication between the pilots. When taxiing to the runway announce your action and ask if it is O.K. to continue. This makes sure no one is about to land or has a problem. Announce your take-off and landings. Announce you intentions when you are going to do a low pass near the runway. Try to make the low passes just ease of the runway. If you have to go on or over the runway to retrieve a plane, announce that and again when you are CLEAR of the runway.

Flying direction or pattern: The flight pattern when there is more than one plane airborne is dictated by the wind direction. If you take off right to left then the flight pattern will be a clockwise circle. Everyone will fly from right to

left over the runway. This way everyone knows what to expect. If you are doing MOJO/3D maneuvers do so in the middle of the pattern circle or better yet refrain when there are FOUR aircraft in the air.

Parking / soft areas in the parking lot: When the parking lot is wet and soft your vehicle makes ruts which make mowing painful on the back! The center, the area between the bleachers and the picnic shelter, is much more firm than the North and South ends of the lot. So please drive and park in this center area when the field is wet (small puddles). If the field is very wet (large deep puddles) please park on the road.

Use a spotter and maintain visual contact with FPV. This is also a good idea for novice or maiden flights of any aircraft.

Use the Guestbook to let people know you will be flying. This lets other potential flyers know when you plan to fly. Also, an e-mail list of potential flyers is a great way to alert them that you plan to fly. I think more people check their e-mails than the guestbook. Post on both!

Work/setup tables: We now have ten setup tables so this problem rarely occurs. But if the field is crowded, please, don't make one of the tables your private hanger. Allow some room for someone else to set up a plane and share the table.

Anything safety related. STAY ALERT.....PROPELLORS BITE!!!!

See you at the field.

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