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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 9 March and 13 April.

CVA events – No Picnics?

The policy is that an event does not go on the calendar until someone has been identified to run the event. We have developed the preliminary schedule for the year but so far no one has agreed to run the picnics. The picnics are the easiest events to run. The steps are:

- 1) Determine the menu – this is needed for the next steps.
- 2) Inventory supplies (plates, bowls, etc.) that are available in the storage container.
- 3) Arrange for someone to buy the food, drinks, ice and supplies.
- 4) Find a volunteer to cook.
- 5) Manage the leftovers.
- 6) Clean up after the event.
- 7) Arrange for someone to empty the trash cans.

If you have questions or are interested in running the event, please contact me.

Swap Meets and Auctions

Hanover RC club swap meet is being planned as an outdoor event at their flying field on April 1. Vendor lanes are \$10 each and include 1 admission to the Fun Fly. The lane size is 10' by 40' and you will need to provide tables. General admission for shoppers is \$5. Fun Fly admission is \$5 and it starts at 2:15PM. Find directions at www.hanoverrc.org. Fun Fly is just referring to open flying.

Fun Fly

NNPRC is holding their annual Frost Bite Fun Fly on 11 March with pilot registration beginning at 0130 and contest starts at 100. The events are 1) 3 loops/bomb drop, 2) Touch and Go/bomb drop and 3) Combat Reload. You will need a plane that can taxi and a way to attach a nut with ribbon to top of airplane. Usually a 3-4" dowel to slip nut over. \$5.00 Landing Fee includes lunch.

FPV Race

River City Racers are holding a MultiGP FPV race on March 11 at Hanover RC.

9am Pilot Check-in, 10am Pilots meeting, 10ish till 11 will be open practice, 11am Racing starts. FunFly to follow. I am planning on attending.

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Secretary's Report: Winston Shepherd Jr.

CVA Meeting Minutes 02-09-17

Winston Shepherd Jr.: Notes via Gary Clifford

The November 11th meeting, held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:02pm with 13 members present. The President announced the minutes of the January meeting that were published in the corresponding newsletter. Motion to accept minutes as published passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jon Persons

Operating budget and mower fund numbers reported.

Site Improvements: Tom Treese

Tom rolled deer prints out of runway. Mowers started as expected. No rodent issues.

Activities: Joe Musika

1. Hanover Swap Meet will be April 1st and be outdoors this year. April 2nd rain date
2. NNPRC Frost Bite Fun Fly – March 11th
3. International Drone Day May 6th at Williamsburg airport

CVA Events Schedule

April 15th – Spring Picnic No one to run this event

May 20th – Electric Fly Joe M.

June 3rd – Something Different John B.

NMAD – 8-26 Alan F.

Cub Fly- 9-23 John P.

Giant Scale – Oct. 10th Joe Musika

Warbirds – October 17th Tom T.

October 24- Fall Picnic No one to run this event

Safety: Cliff Casey

Fly from Pilot Boxes only! Not from the iron fence or shelter.

Training: Alan Fry

Nothing to report.

Club Promotion:

Alan suggested opening CVA field for private companies to have their picnics, such as Newport News Shipbuilding. Open discussion ensued and agreed that there needs to be more discussion such as trash disposal. Bill Talbot asked about having a Mall Show. Steve and Fran will again host W.A.L.T this year

Old Business:

Jon handed out a proposal on shelter improvements (thank you Jon). Basically the proposal suggests a 12' extension on each end of the existing shelter. Projected cost to be \$3,884. This proposal is open to suggestions. Jon made a motion to drop a dime and vote via e-mail. Alan second. Motion to put before membership PASSED. Details are available in the actual proposal.

New Business:

Church donation moved ahead and after motion was PASSED. Gary made interesting proposal to recognize long time club members with possible reduction in dues. Will re-visit this proposal at the March meeting.

Show & Tell

John showed photos of shelter @ Suffolk opening further discussion.

Joe asked about solar charging station

John had new Nutball made of model airplane foam and drywall tape on leading edges and seams.

Motion made and passed to conclude meeting at 8:11pm

**Activities: Joe Musika**

Now that we're into March, we've had a few days to fly, not like ole Jan. and Feb! Let's hope we'll have more good days this month, as I'm sure everyone is anxious to FLY!!!

Newport News is putting on the "The Frost Bite Fun Fly" on Mar. 11. This usually is one FUN event, so don't miss it.

Our first event is the spring picnic and Egg Drop. Always fun.

Next month in Richmond area there is a swap meet; check President's column for details.

More next month.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month:

I got an email requesting that I add AMAIN Performance Hobbies to our website Favorite Links Page. AMAIN Performance Hobbies is an online Hobby Shop located in California. Here is the link:

<https://www.amainhobbies.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

As you know, quadcopters have really grown in popularity over recent years. John Backes shared some YouTube video links with me of quadcopter racing over in Chesapeake. Take a look at the videos; you may decide to give it a try! Perhaps we should set up a course at CVA? Here are the links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfP8Nf2bthk&t=215s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab2MvJq6Gfg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ANhJLGJ7NM>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJGCKsW_giQ

See you at the field.

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