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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 August 10 and September 14.

Local Events

Aug 12 – NNPRC and HRRC - National Model Aviation Day

Aug 19 – TRC - Wings Over Wildhorse Scale Event

Aug 19 – NNPRC – Prop Bustas MultiGP FPV race

Aug 26 – CVA - National Model Aviation Day

Sep 16 – NNPRC – Electrics Over Tidewater

Sep 23 – CVA – Cub Fly

Nutball Combat

During the upcoming National Model Aviation Day on August 26, we will be having Nutball Combat. This is a low pressure, low cost event and is definitely more fun when we have more participants. It is also something that the spectators enjoy. We put streamers on the planes but midairs are also common. These planes are a 20” diameter circle and can be made in a few hours using Dollar Tree Foam Board. The motor and ESC each cost about \$10 and the two servos are about \$3 each. Consider building one and joining in the fun. We also fly these during the indoor flying sessions over the winter and that is great fun. Contact myself or Steve Kolet on information to build one.

Communication

I hear this often at the field and read it in the guestbook. “I came to the field and was the only one here!” Flying is much more fun and safer when you have other people there. You cannot expect people to know when you are going to the field unless you tell them. Put a notice in the guestbook and do it enough in advance so that people can arrange their schedules and charge their batteries. It is also good to form a group and send each other an email when you plan on going flying. The fall flying season when there are many good flying days is not far off.

Event Manager

AMA has developed a new position to run sanctioned events. This is somewhat easier to get than the Contest Director. Please see Alan’s training column for more information.

FPV Racing

The Prop Bustas held a race at CVA on June 10. They utilized the helicopter area and the main runway up to the left taxiway. The right end of the runway remained open for flying during the entire event. There were 20 pilots. Several pilots flew airplanes and felt comfortable flying at the same time the racing was going on. I think that the event went very well. At the last meeting, it was decided to invite them to hold another event on October 21.

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Secretary's Report: By Richard Brown

CVA Meeting Minutes 07-13-17

The July 13, 2017 meeting, was held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:00pm with 10 members present. The President announced the minutes of the June 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.

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of Joe Musika on July 4, 2017. Joe had been one of the leading members of the club for many years. We express our condolences to Joe's family.

Treasurer's Report

None

Site Improvements

Bill Talbot will be replacing Tom Treese as the Site Improvement Coordinator. Tom has been serving as Site Coordinator for 11 years, and has done an outstanding job maintaining the field.

Activities:

- July 29 – TRC: Electrics Over Wildhorse
- August 26 – CVA: National Model Aviation Day
- September 17 – CVA: Cub Fly-In
- October 7 - CVA: Giant Scale
- October 14 – CVA : Warbirds Over Williamsburg
- October 21 – CVA: Fall Picnic

Joe Musika was the Activities Coordinator for the club and the CD for the Giant Scale meet on October 14. With Joe's passing we need a volunteer for the Activities Coordinator position. Of more immediate need is a CD for the Giant Scale meet, where paperwork for the meet needs to be completed soon.

Safety

Dick Brown received a chemical burn on his thumb due to cyanoacrylate glue, also known as “super glue”. He was attempting to glue ribs to a wing spar and using a filler called “micro-balloons” to fill the gaps. Micro-balloons are small plastic beads, like talcum powder, that harden to solid mass when hit with CA glue. When they solidify they give off a lot of heat, while gluing themselves to your skin. Lesson learned: Have a bottle of acetone on your work bench to act as a debonder for CA.

Training

Fred Hill was looking for an instructor to help him getting back into flying and was put in contact with Tom Treese.

Club Promotion

None

Announcement

A sad day for modelers in Hampton Roads, Debbie's Hobby Shop will be closing on August 31st after being in business for 23 years. Currently all items are on sale at a 10 percent discount. Discounts may increase as their closing approaches, but supplies will be decreasing.

Old Business

A correction on last month's announcement about National Model Air Aircraft Day (NMAD). It is scheduled for August 26, 2017 from 11:00 to 4:00pm. September 17th is the CVA Cub Fly. Sorry, any confusion.

New Business

The club's string trimmer is beyond repair, and needs to be replaced. Sears has a Husqvarna 28cc 2-Cycle 128Cd 17-in Curved Shaft Gas String Trimmer on sale. This purchase was approved by the club along with additional string.

John Backes forwarded a request from First Person Vision (FPV) groups in Hampton Roads to use the CVA field for racing on a continuing basis. The racing eventss would be conducted on a non-interference with regular flying and will be in the same part of the field as before. The field would be used every other month by being rotated through other fields in the area..

Show & Tell

Due to the lack of things to show, John Backes filled in with stories of FPV flying.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

See the Training Column section below for this month's recommended website.

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- AMA Contest Director vs Event Manager

I recently discovered that AMA has created a new position for members that desire to run AMA sanctioned events. It is called "AMA Event Manager". From the AMA website:

AMA EVENT MANAGER

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Event manager can sanction **non-rule book** Model Aviation events. Learn more by viewing the [Event Manager Guide](#). If you want to sanction rule-book events you will need to be an AMA

Contest Director. Responsibilities include sanctioning, verifying AMA membership, and creating a safe experience following AMA's safety code.

ELIGIBILITY: Adult AMA members with minimum of 1 consecutive year of membership.

BENEFITS: Benefits include 50% off membership when following the guidelines.

COST \$25 (One-time fee)

Note: Limited to non-rule book events (Fun Flies, Fly-Ins and Demonstrations). All of the events that we have at CVA are non-rule book events that an Event Manager would be qualified to run.

HOW DO I BECOME AN EVENT MANAGER?

1. Pass the on-line, open book, test.
2. Provide 3 AMA Members as references.
3. Once you pass the on-line course your request will be reviewed by your district VP.
4. Once your request is approved you will be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$25.
5. After your fee is received your membership record will be updated with your new Event Manager credentials.
6. You will receive a new membership card and certificate in the mail.
7. After you run your second event as Event Manager and turn in your paperwork you will receive credit towards your membership dues.
8. You are required to run one event per year to continue to receive the membership dues credit.

So, consider becoming an AMA Event Manager. It is a great way to help out CVA with its yearly events, and you get to save some money with your yearly AMA dues. For more information:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/credentials.aspx>

See you at the field.

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