



# Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

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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 July 13 and August 10.

### **Local Events**

Aug 12 – NNPRC and HRRC - National Model Aviation Day

Aug 19 – TRC - Wings Over Wildhorse Scale Event

Aug 26 – CVA - National Model Aviation Day

### **Field Maintenance**

Special thanks to Tom Treese. After 11 years as the Field Maintenance Coordinator, Tom is stepping down and Bill Talbot has agreed to take over. Please thank Tom when you see him.

**Urgent Need!** We need additional volunteers to help with the grass cutting and weed eating. There are a small number of volunteers currently doing the work. This becomes a real problem when the regular guys go on vacation. If you can help, even occasionally, please contact Bill Talbot ([billtalbot2@verizon.net](mailto:billtalbot2@verizon.net)). Bill sends out emails to coordinate the grass cutting. You do not need to cut the grass at the same time as the other people. We can get you a key to the shed and you can cut whenever it is convenient.

### **Sad News**

Joe Musika passed away on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The following is a post on the CVA Facebook page from his stepson Jeff Belton:

“My stepdad, Joe Musika, passed away this morning. He was 76 years old. Come to find he was having a tough time the last few months, and true to form, didn't tell a soul.

Joe served as a paratrooper in the Army, and retired from the phone company. He was an Type-A tennis player, runner and bicyclist, and when his knees finally balked at these (and Mom refused to become a 2-time golf widow) he became an equally Type-A RC Flyer, building and flying radio controlled model planes and filling active roles in the Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers flyers club (AMA Chapter 1474).

As many of you may know, Joe was also a history buff--especially the Revolutionary & Colonial eras and World War II. He has box after box of books on history on the shelves. Of course, his retirement job was working as a colonist at

Colonial Williamsburg. In his realistic costumes hand sewn by my sister and his attention to detail, Joe frequently was featured on the cover of the CW magazine. He approached that job as he approached life, with an attitude of W.E.T.S.U. (We Eat This-ahem-"Stuff" Up).

Somehow fittingly, when it was his time to go, Joe passed on the 4th of July, the same date that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson passed in 1826, 50 years after they signed the Declaration of Independence. And, of course, it wasn't the only coincidence in his life. He and his younger brother were born in the same calendar year. Joe was also born on the same day as my Mom, two years apart.

Though Joe's remains are at the Bucktrout Funeral Home, his final wishes were to be cremated without service or ceremony.”

### **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.

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### **Secretary's Report: By Richard Brown**

CVA Meeting Minutes 06-08-17

The June 8th, 2017 meeting, was held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:00pm with 13 members present. The President announced the minutes of the May 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 events fees and shelter roof repair materials.

### **Site Improvements**

Jon reported on the progress of the shelter expansion project. While we now have a building permit, the assessed value of the structure was estimated at \$9800. The amount is based on this amount nearly doubles the limit on assessed value (\$10,000) allowed in our site lease. The source of this problem is that Charles City County considered our shelter extension to be a carport, so it required there to be increased building requirements and assessed value. A decision was made to delay the addition to the shelter indefinitely.

### **Activities**

- June 10 – Prop Bustas: FPV Racing – Contact: John Backes
- June 9 – 11 – NNPRC: HOTS (Helicopters Over Tidewater)
- August 26 – CVA: National Model Aviation Day
- September 17 – CVA Cub Fly-In



## **Safety**

Tom Treese reported on how he sustained a prop cut to his finger. Lesson learned was to be careful when working on an aircraft in one of the portable stands. Tom was reaching to adjust an engine when he contacted the stand and his hand rebounded into the prop.

## **Training**

No Report

## **Club Promotion**

None

## **Announcement**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

A discussion was held to start planning for National Model Aircraft Day (NMAD). The top priority is get advertising ready for the event. Events for the day will include the flying witch, First Person Video (FPV), and large scale R/C aircraft. There will be no rocket demonstration during the event. The event will be September 17, 2017 from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

We have a request for use of the field for Flying Wing Spec Racing for a weekend in September. These are FPV vehicles that are in the form of a flying wing carrying a video camera. They are airplanes and are larger than quadcopters and may have to be integrated into flying with conventional R/C aircraft.

John Backes made a proposal for a permanent FPV area at the field. Suggested areas were near port-a-potty, where the FPV event was held, and across the access road from the parking lot. There was some concern about the first possibility since it would result in possible interference between FPVs and fixed wing aircraft on approach to the runway

## **Show & Tell**

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

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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

John Backes sent me an email with his recommendation of a FPV simulator if you are thinking of getting into quadcopters. Here is what John sent:

If you have just gotten an FPV quad or are thinking about getting one, I highly recommend practicing on a simulator. The one below is what I would recommend to start. There are several ways to interface to the computer. I use a dongle that plugs into the USB port. It is for Spektrum and costs about \$15. The simulators need a fairly good video card. I think that this software has the lowest requirement.

Go here to get the software. There is a free demo.

<https://fpv-freerider.itch.io/fpv-freerider>

Here is the first of a series on learning to fly using Freerider. There are almost 20 videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=391D5dX7LKg>

See you at the field.

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