



# Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

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## **Presidents Column: John Backes**

### **2018 Meeting Schedule**

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2018 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be 8 February and 8 March 2018.

### **CVA Secretary**

We are still looking for someone to fill this position.

### **CVA events**

We are working on the 2018 calendar. If you are interested in holding an event, talk to me. The policy is that an event does not go on the calendar until someone has been identified to run the event. We will consider any event. The two criteria is that there is interest in the event and that people have volunteer to run it. If it is a sanctioned event, it must be run by a Contest Coordinator or Event Manager. See Alan's training column for more information.

### **Swap Meets and Auctions**

This is the time of year when local clubs hold Swap Meets and Auctions. This is a great opportunity to pick up some extra gear at discount prices. Newport News RC is sponsoring a Swap Meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church, 69 Saunders Road, Newport News on February 10 starting at 9AM. Admission is \$5.

Hanover RC club swap meet is being planned as an outdoor event at their flying field probably in April.

### **Why do you do it?**

Take a minute to analyze why you fly. Is it that you like the comradery of the group? Is it seeing something that you built yourself take to the sky? Is it spending time outdoors? Is it learning new skills or honing current skills?

There are many reason to fly. All of the above and several others apply to me. Now that you have identified your list, determine how you can make it better. If it is comradery, then take the effort to coordinate with others when you are going flying. There used to be a group of retired guys that met every Wednesday that the weather was acceptable. I think that they usually did more lying then flying.

For each of the items on your list, make a plan to enhance your enjoyment!!

## **Show and Tell**

We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. I would like this to be a major part of each meeting.

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## **Secretary's Report: Minutes Taken By Tex Harrison**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 7:00 PM. Fifteen members were present. The Vice Present announced that the club secretary, Richard Brown, had resigned and that the club would need a volunteer too fill that position. Alan Fry asked if anyone knew the where the club notes that Gary Clifford had put together are located. It was explained that all the notes, minutes and official correspondence conducted by CVA is maintained by the Secretary and passed on the next secretary. Someone will contact Dick to get the files.

The Treasurer reported on the club's finances.

## **Site Improvement**

Bill Talbot reported that due to the bad weather there had been no maintenance done at the field. Bill said that when the weather gets better he plans to get all the equipment into good shape.

## **Activities**

The Vice President reminded the members that there would be an Indoor Fly on January 15 at the Boo Williams Sports Complex in Hampton from 10 am to 2 pm. Also, The NNRC would be holding a Swap Meet on February 10 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 69 Saunders Road, Newport News.

Bill Talbot described how Pattern Fly Events were held when he was participating the program. He showed the typical trophies that were given out. Discussed the types maneuvers, how they were performed and how they were scored. He talked about the A, B, & C categories and how flyers advanced in the categories.

John Backes asked how the members felt about having only one quad race this year and allowing the quad club have use the entire field. Regular flying would be suspended in the same matter it is when CVA has a special event at the field. The Treasurer mentioned that the club took in more money at the last quad race than any other event. The proposal was discussed. A motion was made to allow the Quad Club use the CVA Flying Field for one race during the year 2018. The motion was second, a vote taken and approved unanimously. John will coordinate with the Quad Club.

The Vice President said that there were not many events scheduled this year because no one wanted to run them. If you are interested in running an event bring it up at the next meeting.

Alan Fry announced that he would not be the CD for the National Model Aviation Day event this year. He said that he would be glad to help the next CD. This is the largest event the club puts on and Alan has done a great job making it that way. Thanks Alan!

## **Safety**

No Report

## **Training**

No Report

## **Club Promotion**

No Report

## **Old Business**

The Vice President reported the club had received a letter from FISH thanking the club for the donations we have made to their origination.

Bill Talbot presented the Broken Prop Award to Don Trump for having the most crashes during 2017. Bill could not make the presentation at the Christmas dinner because Don was unable to attend.

John Backes said he thought the low attendance at this years the Christmas dinner was because we needed a more private place to have the dinner. He suggested that next year the club consider renting a room from one of the local clubhouses and have the dinner catered. He felt the room could be rented for \$45.00 - \$50.00 an hour and the meal would depend on what the club wanted to pay. After the suggestion was discussed, John said he would look into the possibilities and get back to the club.

## **New Business**

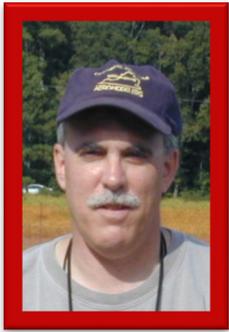
Jon Persons made a motion that the club makes a donation to The Williamsburg Christian Church of \$200.00 for allowing CVA to use their facility for our meetings. Tom Treese seconded the motion. It was discussed, a vote taken and approved unanimously.

## **Show and Tell**

John Backes showed the ISDT- 100 Smart Discharger for discharging Lithium-Polymer batteries, saying leaving these batteries charged when not in use is one of the best ways to destroy them. It will discharge a battery to the 3.8 recommended storage voltage. It can handle 2 to 6 cell batteries at .5 to 6 amps. The cost is \$40.00.

Steve Kolet showed his new Micro Quad that he purchased for \$30.00.

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



### **Training: Alan Fry**

### **Website of the Month**

As you may know, Newport News Park RC is having their annual swap meet on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The swap meet is a great way to save some money while adding to your airplane fleet and your parts drawer. Here is a link to NNPRC Facebook page that contains a flyer with more information on the swap meet:

<https://www.facebook.com/Newport-News-Park-Radio-Control-Club-125501124355/>

**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**

At the last few club meetings there has been discussion about CVA events for 2018. Tom announced that he is stepping down as the CD for the warbirds event, and I announced that I will not be the CD for the NMAD event (I will help with promoting NMAD). Therefore, we need other CVA members to step up to the plate and help out with running our events! To that end, I decided to reprint a previous article that I wrote on AMA's Event Manager and Contest Director. I encourage you to consider becoming an Event Manager. The effort required is minimal, it would be beneficial to CVA, and it is a great way to save some bucks on your AMA dues. Here is my previous article: 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, 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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**Safety Officer: Cliff Casey**



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