



# Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

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## **Presidents Column: John Backes**

### **2019 Meeting Schedule**

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2019 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be 10 January and 14 February 2019.

### **CVA events**

We are working on the 2019 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 are that there is interest in the event and that people have volunteer to run it.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Last month we held our Christmas Dinner at the James City – Bruton Volunteer Fire Building in Toano. The dinner was catered by Two Drummers with Pulled Pork, Chicken and Brisket. We had a large private room to ourselves and arrival and departure times were much more flexible. There was time to visit and talk before and after the dinner. I think that it was much better than recent years and am looking for your feedback.

### **Planes for sale (cheap)**

The club has had several planes donated. We want to get them back flying and it would be nice if the club made a little money from them. The “For Sale/Wanted” page on the website has some of the items. The T-34 Mentor will be sold using the guestbook to the highest bid before noon on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. That page also has a group of vintage kits listed. We would like to sell them within the club but since they are vintage, there is value in these kits and we will sell them on the internet if we do not soon get a reasonable offer. These kits were donated by the daughter of a former club member, Buck Rogers. There are also 4 assembled airplanes that were from the same collection. These airplanes and a brief description are listed at the end of this newsletter.

### **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 16 starting at 9AM. Admission is \$5. You can also rent a table for \$12, which includes one admission, if you would like to sell items. The tables sell out so you need to sign up before the event.

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

## Membership Renewal

A 2019 membership application may be downloaded from the CVA web site at:

<http://cvarc.homestead.com/ApplicationsForms.html>

We can verify your AMA membership on the AMA website so a copy of your 2019 AMA membership card is not required. Take care of those things now so that you will be ready to fly when we get a good flying day.

## Show and Tell

We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. Did you get anything neat for Christmas? Bring it and show us!

## Contact Me

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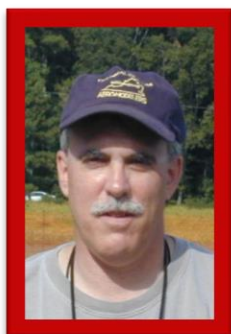
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### **Secretary's Report: Fred Hill**

The December meeting was our Christmas party. No meeting minutes were taken.



### **Training: Alan Fry**

#### **Website of the Month**

This month's website of the month is called **China Hobby Line (CNHL)**. CHNL's website states the following:

"We aim at providing high-quality Li-Po batteries and RC products to all hobby enthusiasts with excellent customer services and competitive prices. Promotional activities and giveaways are running from time to time, come and visit us regularly and follow our social media channels to get the latest deals and updates."

In the Training Column below, you will see how I found out about CNHL. Here is the link to their website:

<https://chinahobbyline.com/index.php?route=common/home>

**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- Changes for 2019**

In last month's training column I asked the following:

What brand of LiPo's do you like and where do you buy them?

Here are the responses that I got from a few of our club members:

Don Trump chimed in with the following:

*Alan, I like China Hobby Line for LiPos. I've had good results with their 5000mAh 55C 6S LiPo. Out of the box the cells were evenly matched and low in the 2-ohm value. They have a good selection of connectors on the battery selection too. I never see any negative comments about them on RC Groups - only positive ones. Here's their link:*

<https://chinahobbyline.com/index.php?route=common/home>

*They have a US warehouse so deliveries are quick and their prices are good. They have regular sales and you can get even better prices if you wait for the sales.*

Thanks, Don! That is some really good information.

In last month's newsletter I stated that John Backes recommended Glacier Batteries from Buddy RC. Since then I asked John why he liked Glacier Batteries. John stated:

*Glacier batteries have performed well in my past experience and that of others. They usually have more than the stated capacity and hold up for a long time. They usually do not have any problem with puffing.*

John also told me that Wade Saltzgiver from NNPRC really likes Glacier Batteries. For those who don't know Wade, Wade has an electronics background and works for a subcontractor for NASA. Therefore, when it comes to anything "electrical", you can take what Wade says to the bank.

Steve Kolet also uses Glacier batteries. Tom Treese told me he uses Admiral LiPos from Motion RC.

So, there you have it. That is what some of our club members are doing in regards to LiPo batteries. I'm sure there are many other brands of LiPo's being used within our club.

Next month I will introduce another topic that will be open for discussion. Let me know if you have any ideas or would like to see something in particular discussed.

See you at the field.

Alan Fry  
Training Coordinator



**ASTROHOG**



**CHARGER**



**CHEROKEE**



**CHIPMUNK**

There is a 36" rule on the floor to give a size estimate. The Chipmunk is foam and the other three are balsa. They would be an easy conversion to electric or they could be made glow powered. None have any servos.

The "Astrohog" is about 29" span and is very light. It was glow.

The Charger is about 46" span. It needs a firewall and some mating wood in the cowl to allow a dowel and magnet attachment. It was brushed electric and would be the easiest it has a semi symmetrical airfoil and the planform is similar to a Stick.

The Cherokee is about 50" span and just needs electric conversion or an appropriate glow engine, etc. It is the most robust construction.

The Chipmunk is about a 40" span and is foam. It was glow but would make an easy electric conversion.

Contact Steve Kolet if interested. Steve's email: [SKolet@msn.com](mailto:SKolet@msn.com)

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