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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 14 February and 14 March 2019.

Show and Tell

I moved this to the top of the column to highlight it. We had an awesome show and tell at the January meeting. Please take the time to think if there is anything that you could share at an upcoming meeting. I would like the show and tell at the end of each meeting to be a major part of each meeting.

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.

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

Since I retired last August, it has become an even more important part of my life. We resurrected the Wednesday afternoon flying group and have had good participation. A few of us meet at Burger King and then join several others at the field. If you want to be added to the email reminder list, let me know. We have only missed a couple of weeks in over 4 months although we had to shift to Tuesday or Thursday several times to get

better weather. I am doing a lot of FPV quad flying and am enjoying the challenge of developing new flying and building skills.

I would like to hear your answer and share it in the next newsletter if that is okay with you.

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Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting Minutes January 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Backes. A total of 17 members were present.

There were no additions or corrections to the November meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Jon Persons

The following expenses were reported: Porta Potty – 2 months @ \$99.40, Virginia Farm Bureau membership renewal \$40.00, Mark Motter – material for badges \$90.89. The Christmas dinner had a negative income of \$280.00.

The operating and the mower fund balances were reported.

The Heads-Up PayPal account income was \$234.15.

Site Improvements – Bill Talbot

New wind sock has been placed.

When the weather gets nicer a work day will be scheduled to do repairs and general maintenance.

Be careful when driving around the field, some areas are very soft and wet; stay away from the cone areas.

Activities

There was a discussion to the Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed the new site and format.

1. Indoor fly – January 21 – Boo Williams
2. NNPRC Swap meet – February 16
3. HHRC Chili fly – February 2

Members should start to plan any activities for the year that would like to do. John will be contacting people who ran events last year to see if they are interested in running them this year. Events for the year will be contingent upon members stepping up to plan and coordinate the event. If you want to do an event please contact John Backes.

Safety – Cliff Casey

No report

Training – Alan Fry

No report

Old business

The club is still selling planes on the website to raise money.

New Business

A general discussion of FAA license and reauthorization law ensued. Members will continue to monitor the new laws coming from Washington.

Cliff Casey inquired about laser cutting services. Many members are using Limey Bob Laser design services.

Show and Tell

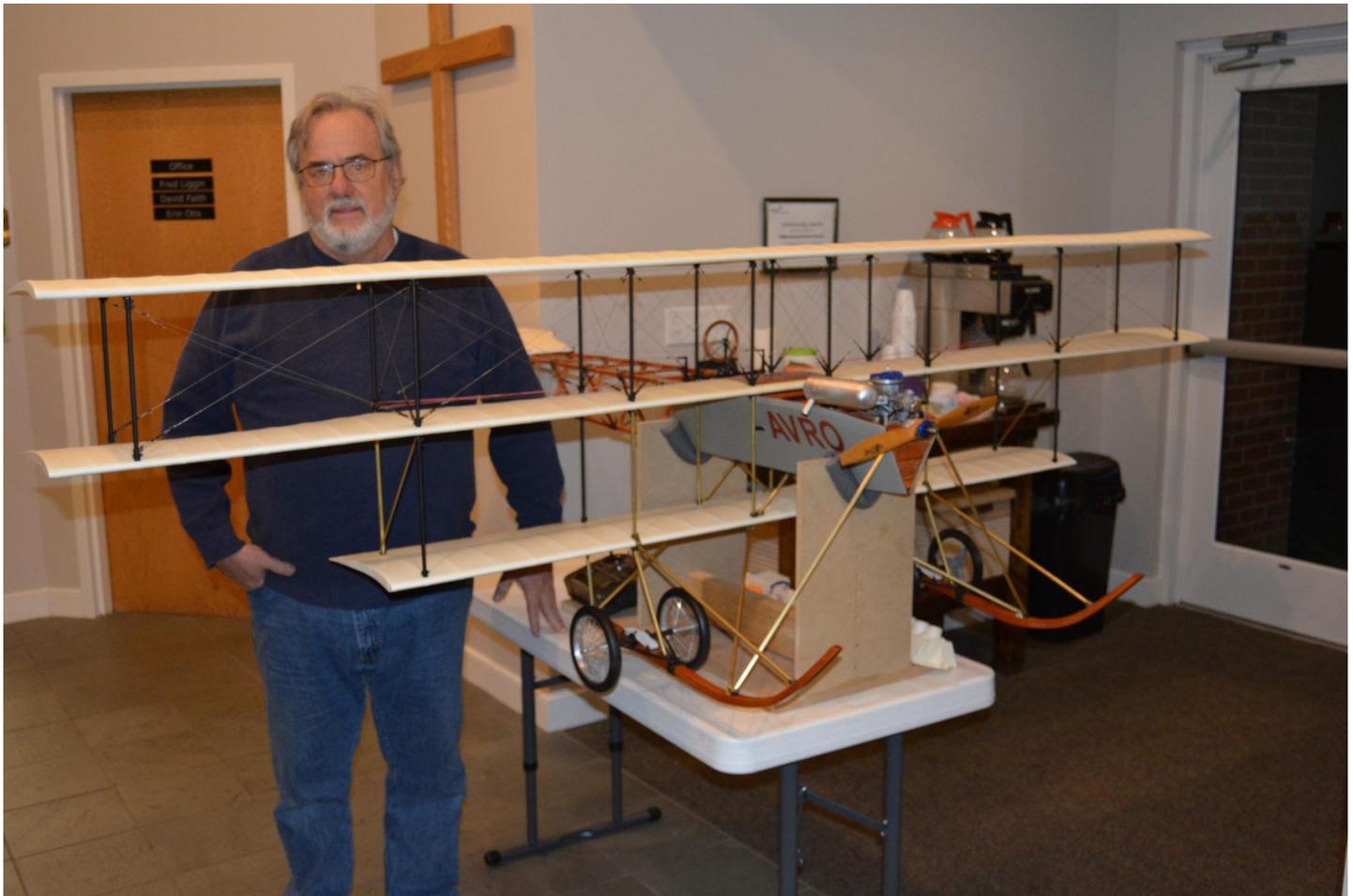
John Backes showed how he is using newsprint to cover his foam planes. He covers the plane with newsprint and Minmax polyurethane.

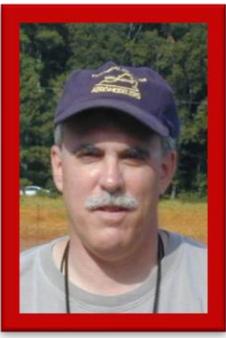
Bob Juncosa showed a video from a January 1 Freeze Fly-In from Rochester NY in 2013.

Steve Kolet showed a video of a friend's Icon A5 sea plane landing in his backyard.

Bill Talbot showed his newly repaired P-51.

Bob Juncosa showed his ¼ scale Avro Triplane that he has made his life's passion to make. He estimates he has 6-12 months left of work:





Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

I was going to make Progressive RC this month's website of the month. I thought they would be a good fit with the subject matter discussed in this month's training column. However, there website has been messed up for the last few days. I'm wondering if they might be out of business. Has anybody heard anything?

Editor's update: Progressive RC website is back up and running.

Since this past weekend was the Chili Fly at HRRC, that made me think of Eagle Hobby Shop that is right down the street from HRRC. As I have said many times before, if you have not been to Eagle Hobby Shop, then you should really make it a point to get by there. You will not be disappointed. Please note that they are closed on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Here is the link to their website:

<http://www.eaglehobbyshop.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- Chargers and Power Supplies

In last month's training column, we discussed LIPO batteries. I thought the logical next step would be to discuss battery chargers and power supplies.

I have been using the **ICharger 106B+** for some time now and have been completely happy with it. I can't think of anything negative to say about it. On the other hand, the power supply I have been using is a different story. It is an ElectricFly 12V 12 Amp power supply. For today's standards, 12 V 12 amp is on the modest side. But the thing that annoyed me was the noisy cooling fan caused by vibration of the fan with the power supply case.

I recently bought another power supply and you can tell it is better made than the ElectricFly. It is a **Junsi P350** with an output of 15V and 23 amps. Junsi are the same folks that make IChargers. I'm optimistic that I will be happy with this power supply. The one negative I have to say about it is the bottom of the unit was just bare metal- no "rubber feet". That was easily remedy by applying 4 self-adhesive rubber "dots" that I picked up from Ace Hardware.

For those who fly fuel airplanes, I can't recommend enough the charger I use for the lead acid starter battery. It is called **Battery Tender Plus**. It charges your battery at a very low rate so you won't risk cooking the battery. Many people who have collector cars that are not driven much keep a battery tender running on the battery 24 hours/ 7 days a week.

So now I ask you: What brand of battery chargers and power supplies do you use? Do you have a recommendation on a good place to buy them? Any other words of wisdom on the subject that you would like to share with your fellow club members? If so, just throw down a few words in an email and send it to me (My email address is given above in the website of the month section). I will compile and post your responses in the March newsletter.

See you at the field.

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