



# 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 11 April and May 9.

### **Swap Meets and Auctions**

Hanover RC club swap meet is being planned as an outdoor event at their flying field on May 4 with a rain date of May 5. Vendor space (10 X 40) is \$5, general admission \$5 and fun fly \$5. 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

### **Vice President**

Tom Treese has decided to step down as Vice President. Thank you, Tom, for the 6 years of service to the club. We will be holding a special election at the April meeting. If you are interested in the position, please contact me.

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

Last month I asked you to take a minute to analyze why you fly. If you have not done that yet, then do it now. 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?

I got an additional response that was too late for the last newsletter from Paddy Burke.

“I came to Williamsburg a year ago, on a business assignment which comes to an end later this year (2019). I chanced upon the Club open day last year & saw a great opportunity to re-ignite an old hobby, get to know some new people and have some fun! Everyone at the Club & airfield have been very friendly & helpful, making the experience of flying (& crashing) enjoyable. I ‘fly’ for fun, gets me out in the fresh air & I enjoy meeting the members at the field, seeing different craft & skills. Knowing I am heading back to Ireland this summer, I’ve identified a local club which I intend to join and continue what I’ve learned with CVA & advance my skills. So between now and leaving, I need to get plenty of practice! “

## **CVA Event Schedule**

The Air Cover during the upcoming picnic is where we try to keep at least one airplane in the air at all times during a several hour time period. This is to mimic the Combat Air Patrol (CAP) flights that protect an aircraft carrier battle group when they are in potentially hostile areas. We will decide on the time period at the upcoming meeting.

4/13	Spring Picnic/Air Cover
6/8	Something Different (S)
8/24	National Model Aviation Day
9/21	Cub Fly (S)
10/5	I.C.E. Fly (S)
10/19	Warbirds Over Williamsburg
10/26	Fall Picnic

## **Time to Renew**

Good flying days will be coming more frequently now. If you have not renewed your AMA and club membership, do it now so that you will be ready when there is a good flying day.

## **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: Fred Hill**

### **CVA Meeting Minutes March 14, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Backes. A total of 18 members were present.

John Backes announced that Tom Treese would be stepping down as Vice-president. John thanked Tom for his service for the past six years. A special election will be held in April. Anyone interested the position should contact John.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the February meeting, the minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report – Jon Persons**

The following expenses were reported: Porta Potty – 2 months which included a winterization fee. The operating and the mower fund balances were reported. The PayPal account balance was announced. A reminder to use the Heads-Up RC link on the web page when buying items from them to help the club with additional income. There was a donation from Fran Kolet. There were 3 renewals and one new member.

## **Site Improvements – Bill Talbot**

Wet!!

A reminder that club members need to help with field upkeep. Bill's job is to coordinate the work schedule, not do all the work. Please contact him to help with the work. There was a discussion of projects that need to be done – tables worked on, flying boxes redone, Shelter eves repaired, check grill, etc.

## **Activities**

1. April 13th – Spring picnic/Air Cover
2. May 4<sup>th</sup> - Hanover Swap Meet and Fun Fly
3. May 18<sup>th</sup> – Hampton Roads Fun Fly

Sweethaven Lavender Farm on Jolly Pond Road is having a Festival on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The club has been invited to put on a demonstration and a display to promote CVA during the festival. Contact John if you would be available to help that day.

Members should start to plan any activities for the year that they 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 Bakes.

## **Safety – Cliff Casey**

No report

## **Training – Alan Fry**

No report

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Les's family has a new Tactic 625 and a Tactic 611 buddy box and two 624 receivers for sale for \$200

There were two new guests/members present at the meeting: Jeffery Richards, a retired Boeing Field Service Representative and Phillip Bowman, a retired auto design engineer.

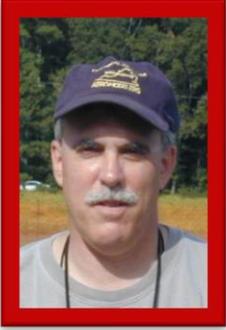
## **Show and Tell**

John Backes showed a video of his Flite Test Legacy airplane made from laser cut foam board and discussed the Flite Test web page.

John showed a video by Sam Shepherd showing his experimental un-stallable wing/airplane.

Don Trump showed his Tool Kit RC ma charger and demonstrated his EFlite Switch Air VTOL – a quad with wings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm



## **Training: Alan Fry**

### **Website of the Month**

This month's website of the month was submitted by Don Trump and is called **Race Day Quads**. This is the place where Don bought his latest charger. From their website: "RDQ was created to allow FPV Racers to buy everything they need at one online site which offers low prices and excellent customer service. Here at RDQ, we believe nobody does this quite like us." Here is the link to their website:

<https://www.racedayquads.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- Tying Up Loose Ends**

In last month's training column, we discussed chargers and power supplies. I asked the club "What brand of battery chargers and power supplies do you use? Do you have a recommendation on a good place to buy them?"

I missed John Backes email with a response to above questions. Here is what John had to say:

I use the Hitec X2 AC plus at home. It charges two batteries independently, is easy to set up, has several charging modes, discharging and Internal Resistance. It charges all of the batteries that I use including lead acid.

<https://hitecrcd.com/products/chargers/acdc-chargers/x2-ac-plus-2-port-acdc-multi-charger/product>.

Thanks John!!

### **HELP!! LOST AT THE FIELD**

I received an email requesting that I post the following in the newsletter:

Alan, please mention in the newsletter that I somehow may have left at the field a new Futaba T6K transmitter. Can you please post this as a lost item in the next newsletter? If anyone has it please call me at 757-254-6660. Thanks,

Jack Haverstick

Good luck Jack! I have my fingers crossed!

See you at the field.

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