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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 June 13 and July 11.

Local Events

June 8 – CVA Something Different
June 22 – HRRC Fun Fly

Something Different

Something Different will be held on June 8. This event is open to any type airplane except a tractor engine monoplane with conventional tail. Biplanes, jets, pushers, deltas, T-tails, twin tails, twin engine, V-tail, canard, helicopters, parasails and other nearly normal planes are legal. What we are really looking for is the very different airplanes such as the Flying Stop Sign, Flying Lawnmower, Witch and RC Super Hero. This is a sanctioned event. Entry fee is \$10 which includes lunch.

Going Home to Ireland

Paddy Burke has been flying at CVA while he is working in the US. He sent me the following email.

“As you know I’ll soon be finishing up my contract here in Virginia & repatriating to my home country, Ireland (June 16th). I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you & all the members of the club that have been so welcoming and helpful to me during my pursuit of RC Flying! It’s been a real pleasure to have been a part of your group, however short it may have been. As much as I have enjoyed my time in Williamsburg, I’m very much looking forward to getting home to my family, my grandchildren & my friends.

Most especially I want to thank Bob Juncosa, my trainer, he has been a great tutor and I am indebted to him for re-kindling an old hobby for me, I’m hooked!

On my return to Ireland, I will be joining a club call ‘The Royal County Fliers’ (www.royalcountyflyers.com) & working to improve & enhance what I’ve learned here, I’m looking forward to my first flight at their airfield which is in the Offaly Bog, no less!

I hope to attend the Club meeting on June 13th & afterwards I would like to extend an invitation to the members to join me in Cogan's, Newtown for a 'farewell' drink!

Slan agus bannach!

Paddy Burke"

Show and Tell

I would like to have the Show and Tell be a major part of each meeting. Please spend some time thinking of what you might present. There is a TV that we can use for showing videos.

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Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting – May 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Backes. A total of 10 members were present. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the April meeting; the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jon Persons.

The following expenses were reported: Bill Talbot reimbursed for gas etc.\$43.51, Tex Harrison \$100.97 for food for picnic, John Backes \$100 sanction fee and drone structure, United Site Services \$110.04, purchase of lawn mower from James River Equipment.

The operating and the mower fund balances were reported. The PayPal account balance was announced. There were two new members – Patrick Peterson and Ron Hall.

The yearly donation to the church has still not been made.

Site Improvements – Bill Talbot

Lawn mowers are working great.

Two new windsocks will be put up

A new leaf blower is needed and will be purchased.

The bleacher cables need to be repaired/replaced; John B volunteered to repair these.

Activities

1. May 18- Hampton Roads Club Fun Fly
2. June 1 – Newport News LOUIE Luau Fun Fly
3. June 8 – CVA something different

Safety

John B. encouraged everyone to think about safety topics that can be discussed at each meeting.

There was a discussion that the club should have an annual safety presentation.

There was a general discussion of using the newer 2.4ghz radios with their built-in fail safe. If you reverse the throttle servo and fail to rebind it the engine will go to full power. When working on planes it is best practice to remove or loosen the prop. Make sure when starting your plane to be sure they are properly tethered.

There was a discussion on renewing and updating a new member packet. This should be given to all new members.

Training

Bob J. continues to train a couple of members (Tim Miller, Paddy) on the club trainer.

Old Business

The Wednesday afternoon fly event has been getting a good turnout.

Members are encouraged to use the guest book to let other members know when they will be out at the field and to try and get groups together to help each other out at the field.

New Business

The Quad play “structure” has been well received and is generating good feed back from the quad fliers.

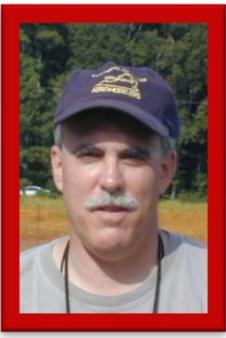
There was a general discussion of the current club logo and the possibility of updating it and perhaps getting new merchandise – hats, shirts etc. There was a general agreement to explore this further. The thought was to continue with the red, white and blue as the club colors.

Bob J. volunteered to put shelves and hooks on the flight stands out at the fields.

Show and Tell

Jon Pearson discussed how he was able to make a wireless buddy box using an old receiver hooked up to his Futaba radio. By using a ppm output to the master radio, by binding channels 3 and 4 and plugging into the master radio and binding the radio to the receiver.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

John Backes submitted the following information for inclusion into the newsletter for the website of the month. Thanks John! Here is John's information:

My overall favorite website is Flite Test. They have a lot of fun and are not afraid to do way out projects that sometimes fail.

<https://www.flitetest.com/>

I make sure to keep up to date on all of the YouTube videos. They do many unusual projects. They built a giant A-10 from foamboard and then made a tank to shoot at.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BBnYPuM2s0>

They said that when they reached 1 million viewers, that they would make the giant tank fly.

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

There is also a large section that has articles that document many of their projects as well as projects from many other people. You can get a lot of ideas and knowledge by going through the articles.

<https://www.flitetest.com/articles>

They also offer free plans as well as build videos for all of the planes that they have designed. There are currently about 70. I cannot find a consolidated link for the plans but if you select an airplane and then go down to "Resources" you can find the plans.

<https://store.flitetest.com/flite-test-ft-a10-warthog-electric-airplane-kit-1537mm-flt-1063/p873722>

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- The Use of Lists

The following is a reprint of a previous training article written by Steve Klute:

Last month we discussed the benefits of using lists to assure that the many things needed to be brought to the field, and the many things that need to be done related to flying actually get done. We also said that we would not try to propose what your lists should include. We will not even try to tell you what lists you should use. The content of the lists we make will vary depending on how we group our "stuff", what type of planes we fly, and even how detailed we each think we need to be. All we will do this month is include one example list. Next month we will include another one or two, and they are all actual lists used by CVA members. Hopefully you can find benefit. Feel free to use any parts of these examples in your list(s).

You will note in the examples that some prefer detailed lists and others prefer one-word reminders of certain things. "Whatever works...." ...And after you have cogitated on your lists....

Remember to try something new each time you fly!

Example 1

R/C PRE-FIELD CHECKLIST

Night before flight.

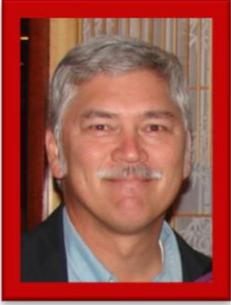
1. Charge Transmitter, Receiver, Glo-starter, and Field box Batteries.
2. Check Aircraft/ internals
 - a. Radio.
 1. Correct frequency??
 2. T/X & R/X the same and working together?
 3. Plugs and wires connected??
 4. Antenna wire ok?
 5. R/X and battery secure?
 - b. Motor-
 1. Fuel system lines all connected and intact?
 2. Propeller and spinner secured properly?
 3. All mounting and muffler bolts secure?
 4. Glow plug tight?
 5. Glo-starter is working?
 - c. Aircraft.
 1. Control surfaces & hinges ok?
 2. Wheels / axels/ tail-wheel ok?
 3. Wings, body, and tail stabs ok?
 4. Wing tie-downs ok?
 5. All servo screws, connections and rods ok?

Packing the Vehicle

1. PILOT.
 - a. Hat, Sun block, Bug repellent, Tarp, Chair, Drinks, & Attitude!
2. PLANE.
 - a. Fuselage & Wing (s). T/X & R/X turned off.
3. Equipment.
 - a. T/X, Fuel and pump.
4. Field Box.
 - a. Starter, Glo-starter, Basic tools, spare props & spinners, CA, Rubber bands & paper towels.
5. Toolbox with essentials for field repair and replacements.

See you at the field.

Safety Officer: Cliff Casey



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