



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 July 11 and August 8.

Local Events

July 20 – HRRC Fun Fly

Aug 17 – HRRC National Model Aviation Day

Aug 24 – CVA National Model Aviation Day

Sad News

Bob Felberg passed away on June 24. Bob was 87 and had been a member of CVA for almost the entire history of the club.

National Model Aviation Day

The National Model Aviation Day has been our biggest event for several years. Bob Juncosa has agreed to head up the event this year. We will be discussing this at the July and August meeting. This is a large undertaking and requires many members to be involved. If you cannot attend the meetings, please contact Bob directly at bob.juncosa@gmail.com. Please put August 24th on your calendar now to save the date.

Field Maintenance

We need additional volunteers to help with the grass cutting and weed eating. There are a small number of volunteers currently doing the work. This becomes a real problem when the regular guys go on vacation. If you can help, even occasionally, please contact Bill Talbot (billtalbot2@verizon.net). You do not need to cut the grass at the same time as the other people. We can get you a key to the shed and you can cut whenever it is convenient.

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 – June 13, 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 May 2019 meeting notes.

John announced that member Bob Felberg was having some health issues and asked that the club keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Secretary's note - Since the meeting, John Backes announced that Bob Felberg had passed away. The CVA would like to express their heartfelt sympathies and condolences to his family and friends. We are sure that Bob is flying with the angels.

Treasure's Report – Jon Persons

Income – two new members and one renewal

Expenditures –A donation was made to the Williamsburg Christian Church, United Services for porta potty, and lease payment to Tomahund Plantation.

Bob, Bill, Ed, and Tex were reimbursed for items bought for the club.

The operating fund and the mower totals were reported.

Site Improvements – Bill Talbot

The fencing areas have been improved. It was discussed that the use of the orange mesh was acceptable to use since it has already been bought and paid for.

Jon and his wife cleaned up the second mower and it runs fine.

Jon Pearson had bills for fixing the blower, in lieu of reimbursement he offered to exchange the bill for the old lawn mower which needed to have the old ignition system replaced. There was general approval for this.

Activities

Since there was left over food from the Something Different event, there will be an informal free fly with a cook out on the 4th of July.

1. June 22 - Hampton Roads Fun Fly
2. August 24 – National Model Aviation Day

Some members of the CVA will put on a flight demonstration at the Lavender Festival June 29th.

Safety – Cliff Casey

Steve Kolet discussed an incident that occurred at Joe Nall. An individual had a plane go to full throttle while he was taxiing in from flying. It was suspected that he turned off his transmitter too early and had his fail-safe set up backwards. This shows the importance of making sure to set these things up correctly with your equipment.

Training – Alan Fry

Be careful when flying into the sun.

The use of a spotter was discussed. The job of a spotter is to watch all things around the plane he is spotting. He should watch for conflicts and tell the pilot how to avoid trouble.

Be sure to communicate clearly at the flight line. Get a response when you are flying.

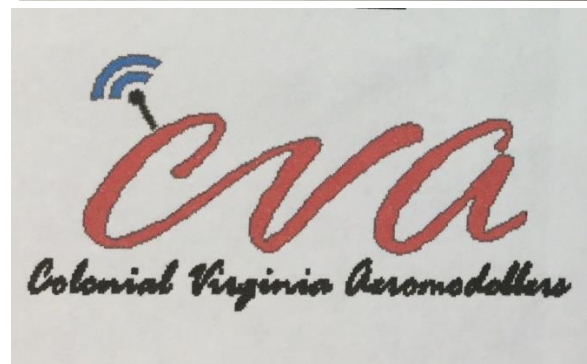
There was a discussion that if you get into trouble to use the “safety maneuver” – if in trouble pull back on the elevator.

Old Business

Steve Kolet has numerous extra items for planes, engines, building etc. If you need an item, before you buy it you might want to check with him first.

There was a discussion on updating the club logos. There may even be several different logos for the club that can be used for different items – newsletters, flyers, hats, shirts etc.

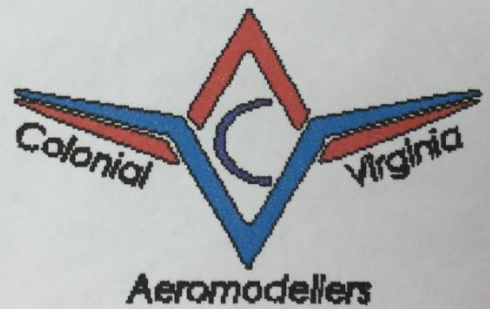
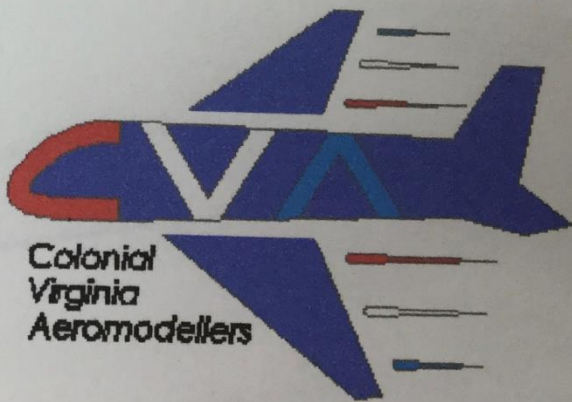
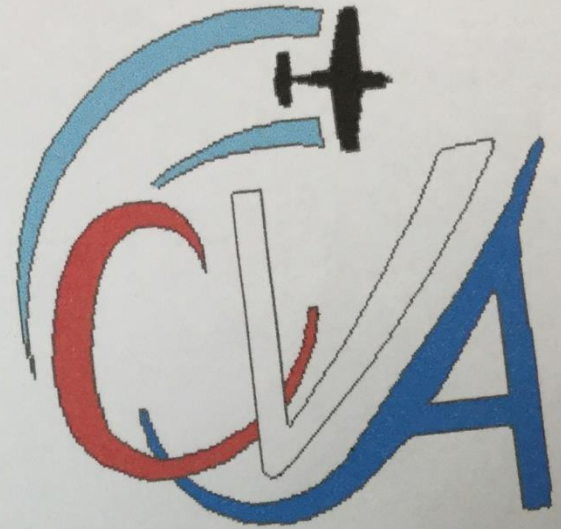
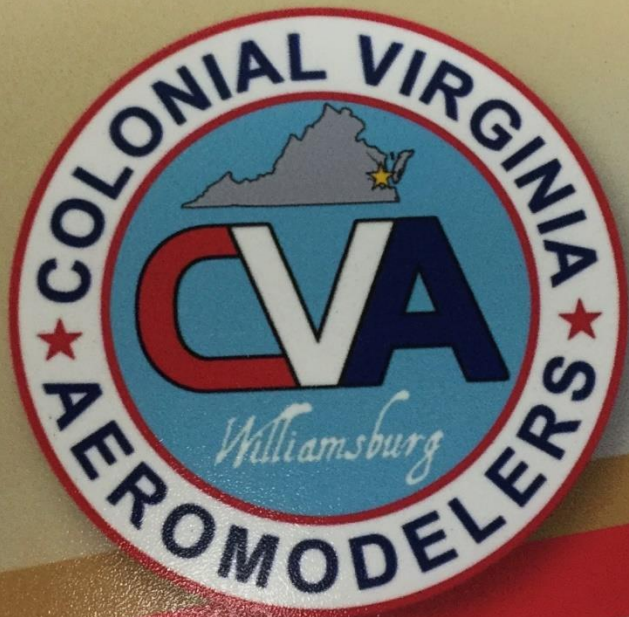
Below are a few suggestions:



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New Business

None

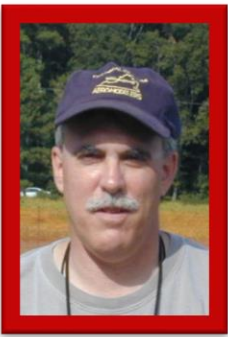
Show and Tell

Bill Talbot showed two jigs that he uses to set up his planes – one a string measuring device for being sure your plane is straight, the other was to help adjust the incidence of your flight surface.

Alan Hall showed his indoor foam biplane.

Paddy thanked the club for welcoming him and helping him to get back into the hobby. He has already joined a club in Ireland - Royal County Flyers - and is looking forward to flying there. There was a general discussion to adopt his club as a sister club to our club

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

This month's website of the month is called RCRank.com. From the website: "[RC Rank](https://www.rcrank.com) is a blog devoted to remote control fans. If you are into airplanes, cars, drones, helicopters, boats, and trucks, you have landed at the right place. I test new remote control models and create comprehensive, unbiased buying guides. Since, a young boy, I have been passionate around the remote control industry. Be sure to join our Facebook page where we discuss the latest releases of new RC models." Here is the link:

<https://www.rcrank.com/about/>

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 Part 3 of a reprint of a previous training article written by Steve Klute:

Again, last month we discussed the benefits of using lists to assure that the many things needed to be brought to the field get brought, and the many things that need to be done related to flying actually get done. Remember also that we said we would not try to propose what your lists should include. Last month we showed one example of a fairly detailed list. All we will do this month is include two more examples of useful lists actually used by CVA members. Note again that the level of detail is strictly up to you, how you think, and how you like to work. Example 3 works for the user because many of the smaller items needed are grouped and always stored within the items actually on the list. Hopefully you can find benefit. Feel free to use any parts of these examples in your list(s), or, you may not like these lists at all and prefer to develop your own tailor- made-for-you lists. Try it...its really kinda' fun! And, I think you will find your lists will really be a great help to you. And, in case you've gotten bored with this topic, next month we will start on a totally new subject. In the meanwhile, ...

Remember to try something new each time you fly!

Steve Klute

Training Coordinator

Example 2

R/C Pre-flight Checklist

1. Assemble your plane in the staging area.
 - a. Hold fuselage nose up and shake. Listen for the fuel clunk.
 - b. Check your receiver voltage.
 - c. Make sure everything is secure and the aileron cables are connected.
 - d. Use fresh rubber bands or breakaway or regular bolts.
2. Take plane to pit area and **secure with a restraint** or **held by an assistant**.
3. **Place your frequency pin in the board**.
4. Range Check your radio.
 - a. **Turn Transmitter on 1st and Receiver 2nd**.
 - b. Check your Transmitter voltage.
 - c. **Make sure your transmitter is set to the CORRECT AIRCRAFT**.
 - d. Make sure controls move in the proper direction
 - e. Make sure the trim controls are centered. (except throttle)
 - f. Walk 100 feet away from your plane with the antenna down and pointing at the plane, control surfaces should be stable & responsive.
 - g. With an instructor (if in training) attach the buddy box and check for consistent movement.
5. Fuel your plane.
 - a. Catch overflow.
 - b. Reconnect fueling lines.
6. Open throttle and prime your engine. Close Throttle.
 - a. Turn prop over by hand 2 or 3 times to eliminate possible liquid lock.
7. Attach glow starter.
8. Make sure your plane is restrained by some means and prop-line is clear.
9. Hold the plane securely, clear of the prop, and start your engine. **Be Careful**
10. Move your field box and get behind the plane.
11. Advance your throttle to make sure the engine is running smoothly.
12. **Throttle back and remove glow starter**.
13. Cycle the throttle to make sure the engine is running properly.
14. Release your plane.
15. Extend your transmitter antenna.
16. Taxi to the taxi-way **with controlled speed**.
17. Go to the pilot box with your plane on the taxi-way. Set your Timer!
18. Announce to the other pilots that you are; **”Taking the field”**.
19. Taxi onto the runway. (if Clear)
20. Announce that you are; **“Taking off”**.
21. While flying make sure other pilots know your intentions.
 - a. **Fly with the pattern**.
 - b. Announce if you are going to do low level passes or touch and go’s.
22. Announce when you are going to land or are **“dead-stick”**.
23. After landing announce your intention of going on the field if you have to retrieve your aircraft.
24. Announce **“Clear”** when you are on the taxi-way to the pits.

25. Cut off your engine at end of taxi-way.
26. Turn off Receiver 1st and Transmitter 2nd.
27. Return to the pits and remove frequency pin from the board.
28. **Great Flight!!!!**

Example 3

List of Things to Take to the Field

- Bug Spray
- Cooler, drinks, water and wet rag
- Chair
- Plane or planes for the day
- Cell phone and club phone list
- Fuel
- Glasses and sunglasses
- Hat
- Parts Bag
- Jumper battery and appropriate charger(s) Starter Bag
- Tool Box
- Transmitter
- Tarp and Bungee Cords

Thanks, Steve for this informative information on checklists!

See you at the field.

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