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Presidents Column: John Backes

Meeting Schedule

December 12 – Christmas Dinner at James City Bruton Fire Dept.
January 9 – Williamsburg Christian Church

Christmas Dinner

Last year we held our Christmas Dinner at the James City – Bruton Volunteer Fire Building in Toano. 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 this made for a much better experience than other recent years. Desert is not included in the catering but you can bring a desert to share but it is not required.

The Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 12 at 7:00 PM at the James City – Bruton Volunteer Fire Building at 3135 Forge Rd, Toano, VA 23168. The dinner will be catered by Two Drummers with Pulled Pork, Brisket and Brunswick Stew. There will also be drinks and side dishes.

At the November meeting, it was decided that we support FISH for our charitable cause. Donations of food or money should be brought to the dinner but keep it in your car until after the dinner and we will collect them in the parking lot.

New Year's Day

We will hold an event on New Year's Day as long as it is safe to drive. We started this in 2000 (Y2K) so this will be our 21st event.

Membership Renewal

CVA membership for 2019 is good until the first meeting of 2020. You should not fly after that until you have renewed your CVA membership for 2020. For current members the annual dues are \$85 whether you renew now or wait until later in the year. The CVA membership application is available on the CVA website under "Join Our Club" or <http://cvarc.homestead.com/ApplicationsForms.html>. AMA membership expires 12 (or 24) months from when you joined/renewed. Please make sure that you have a valid AMA membership so that you can join us for the CVA New Year's Day Fly-In.

CVA Events

We are working on the 2020 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 volunteered to run it.

Show and Tell

We will not do Show and Tell this month.

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**Secretary's Report: Fred Hill**

CVA Meeting – November 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Brakes. A total of 12 members were present. There were no additions or corrections to the October 10 2019 meeting notes, the minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report – Jon Persons

The following bills were paid. United Site Services – 2 months paid \$120.57.

Tex Harrison for food for the last three events \$194.61. Bill Talbot - \$21.20 for gas for field maintenance.

Income – One new member – Steven Flores

WOW event - \$230; ICE event \$186

The operating fund, mower fund and PayPal account total were reported

Site Improvements – Bill Talbot

Grass cutting has slowed down as the weather gets cooler. We still need to have a day to work on the fences.

Activities

1. January 1 2020 – First Fly
2. Unofficial Night fly – weather permitting, will be announced as far in advance as possible
3. Indoor Fly- Black Friday

Safety – Cliff Casey

No report

Training – Alan Fry

No report

Old Business

Discussed the Christmas Party. Need to pay one week prior to event. Cost \$30.00 per person. Bring a desert if you like. December 12, 2019 7pm at Toano Fire Hall.

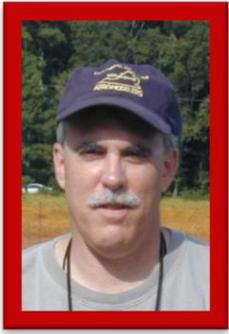
New Business

FISH was chosen as the charity for the Christmas dinner. Randy Rogers volunteered for coordinate the collection and to bring it down to the FISH offices.

Show and Tell

There was a general discussion about the care and maintenance of gas engines

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

This month's website of the month was submitted by Don Trump and is called **Flightaware**. Don stated in his email to me: "Alan, I don't know if this is a common webpage most people know about, but I found it useful for checking on flights, even if it's not my flight. I only use it on my computer, but I'm sure there's a phone app, too. It shows you where a plane is over the earth and the details of the flight and aircraft."

I looked on **FlightAware's** website and found the following: "FlightAware is a digital aviation company and operates the world's largest flight tracking and data platform. With global connectivity to every segment of aviation, FlightAware provides over 10,000 aircraft operators and service providers as well as over 13,000,000 passengers with global flight tracking solutions, predictive technology, analytics, and decision-making tools." Here is the link to their website:

<https://flightaware.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

This month I would like to share some information from AMA:

1. AMA has created a community on Facebook called "I Fly AMA". AMA describes the Facebook group as follows:
"Model aviation is fun! And it's even more fun when shared! I Fly AMA is a Facebook community created to bring AMA members together to share projects, building tips and tricks, and modeling stories with like-minded people. Whether you fly airplanes, helicopters, or drones, prefer Free Flight, Control Line, or RC—this place is for you. Because at the heart of each discipline, we all share one thing in common: a passion for flight!"
2. AMA is making changes in regards to sanctioned events. This is what AMA stated:

If you read Model Aviation magazine and have a habit of checking out the "Sanctioned Event Calendar" in the back of the magazine, you might notice that the event listings in the February 2020 issue are more brief. All Sanctioned Event listings printed in the magazine will be pared down to only dates, title, location, and contact information.

In addition to changing the length of the listings, the frequency and prices have changed. The events will be published in two issues of the magazine instead of three. The cost for black and white event advertisements will now be \$50, while an optional full-color ad can be purchased for \$75. To list a non-flying event, the cost is now \$20.

Additional information about supplemental ads can be found at www.modelaircraft.org/events/competition-resources/supplemental-ad-information.

You can easily find a current list of events in your area at www.modelaircraft.org/event-calendar.

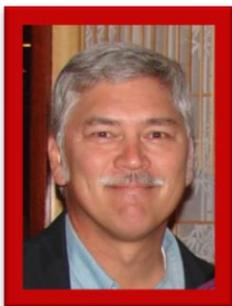
Contest Directors (CDs) and Event Managers (EMs) should note that the prices to sanction events have changed. The sanctioning fee is now \$35, which includes listing the event in the “Sanctioned Event Calendar” and on AMA’s website in the AMA Event Calendar.

To sanction an event online, CDs or EMs need to visit www.modelaircraft.org/events/sanctions and log in.

If you have additional questions, AMA’s Competition department can be reached at (800) 435-9262, ext. 252.

See you at the field.

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Safety Officer: Cliff Casey

Fly Safe, Be Safe
Cliff Casey

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