



Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

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September 2015 Newsletter
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Presidents Column: John Backes

Meeting Schedule

All future meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2015 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be September 10 and October 8.

Directions to Williamsburg Christian Church

The building is at 200 John Tyler Lane. At the intersection of Route 199 and Route 5, turn the OPPOSITE direction that you would turn to go to the field. Go 50 yards and turn right (left is Strawberry Plains Rd.). You can't miss the Church; it is on the right just past the

Professional Park that can be seen from Route 199. Everyone needs to be warned that there is an additional fine of \$200 for going over 25 MPH and the cops are there a lot.

Something Different Event

We had 20 pilots with over 50 airplanes participate in the event. We did have a Flying Witch and Flying Lawnmower this year. We did have a wide variety with biplanes, twin engine, deltas, parasail, electric ducted fans jets, rocket launched and several other variations. Thanks to Tex for getting the food, Jon Persons and Steve Kolet for cooking and Joe Musika for helping with registration.

A bigger success!

We held the National Model Aviation Day Open House on August 29. The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of our club and hobby in the local area. There were people coming and going throughout the event so there were at least 350 people during the day. We had 32 pilots so it was the biggest event at CVA that I know of. Thanks to Alan Fry for organizing the event and to all the members that participated to make the event a success. This event is in its third year and is definitely increasing awareness of the club and also is helping to increase our membership.

Elections

The elections will be held during the September meeting. All current officers have agreed to continue if elected. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the election.

Budget

The budget must be submitted for approval at the October meeting. If you have any suggestions for changes in the budget please contact an officer after the election.

Christmas Dinner

It is time to start thinking about where we want to go. If you have any ideas, please do the preliminary research. We probably need to make a decision at the October meeting.

Cub Fly

The Cub Fly this September 12 will be our 23rd annual event. Get your planes ready!

Night Fly 2015 II

CVA will be holding its second Night Fly of the year on Friday, Sept. 18. This is another chance to get involved.

Float Fly

The FARM club Float Fly event at Lake Richie near Bealton is October 3. This is a beautiful lake and there is usually a very large turnout. You should plan to attend!

Why?

Last month, I asked you to send me an email or post on the guestbook about which planes you like to fly and what characteristics make them good. I only received one response. Alan Fry replied "I have been very happy with the Yak55 plane that I have built. The plans were free from RC Groups. The build was fast, easy, and cheap. I built mine from dollar tree foam, and plan to build another one from MPF. The plane flies great and is very aerobatic. The plane makes me look like a better pilot than I am. It can make flat turns easily, knife edges are a breeze, it has a super-fast roll rate, the capability to do very tight loops, and hovers are all well within the capabilities of the airplane. I guess the bottom line is that I have a lot of fun flying it. The yak55 is one of those planes that I highly recommend."

I will also answer why I like two aircraft. The first is the Armattan CF 355 quad. I like it because it is a new challenge. It is very different to fly it than the airplanes and takes learning new skills. It is also very easy to pack up and bring to the field. The second is the Alpha Jet that I built from downloaded internet plans using Model Plane Foam. It has a good combination of being very aerobatic but also easy to fly. Wind is definitely not a problem with this plane.

Anyone else want to share?

Show and Tell

We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. This only works if people take the time to prepare and bring something to the meeting.

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Secretary's Report: Gary Clifford

The August 13, 2015 meeting was held at the Williamsburg Christian Church and called to order by the president at 7:02pm with 15 members and 1 guest present. The President announced the minutes from the July meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer reported on the current operating & mower fund balances that included income from our recent Something Different event, new members Robert Lewis & Mariusz Ostasz and expenditures for mower repairs and toilet services.



Site Improvements:

Tom advised that everything had been mowed on Monday and that he would do the runway and pit areas Friday ahead of weekend flying activities. He also reminded all maintenance participants to utilize the "Reply to All" feature of their e-mail to help reduce duplication of effort.

Tom mentioned that the new assembly tables have had sufficient time for the wood to dry and are ready to be treated with a Woodlife product. Winston stepped forward and offered to supply the application equipment.

Activities:

Joe discussed and announced the following events:

Our recent Something Different event that although a bit windy, had good pilot participation along with numerous spectators. Jon Persons flying witch and Steve Kolet's flying lawnmower were certainly crowd pleasers.

Both NNPRC and HRRC will celebrate NMAD on 8/15/15

CVA will celebrate NMAD on 8/29/15

HRRC will host a scale fly in on 9/5/15

CVA will have our 23rd Annual Cub Fly 9/12/15

Tom announced plans for a Night Fly on 9/18/15 and possibly 10/17/15

Alan provided everyone with a comprehensive schedule and volunteer signup sheet for activities at this year's NMAD event scheduled for August 29th. He has placed advertisements in Next Door Neighbor magazine and on the Williamsburg Families web-site as well as on Facebook.

Steve & Fran suggested using the "Last Word" feature of the Gazette to get information into that media.

Bob Felberg will provide aerial video documentation of the event with his new Quadcopter as well as a static display.

Safety:

Downed aircraft procedures will be discussed at the NMAD Pilots Meeting to prevent any corn related disorientation problems.

Training:

Jim Hartselle has donated his Real Flight R/C simulator to the club to use for new pilot training.

Club Promotion:**Old Business:**

Jon indicated he was still on hold for purchasing the new club sign to be installed on Route 5, due to a lack of a decision on the final design.

New Business:

Tex again agreed to head the Nominating Committee for next month's annual Club Officer Elections.

Show & Tell:

During this month's Show & Tell, John showed new Eneloop and Twicell batteries he purchased from Radical R/C. Winston indicated he was actively investigating several possible locations that may support a CVA Float Fly event and then spoke at length about several AS3 stabilization programming issues that must be satisfied before initial flight and that can only be done after downloading a specific programming application.

Steve Kolet offered to those in attendance, numerous extra building and motor parts & hardware he has accumulated.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.



Activities: Joe Musika

Last month our first event was The Something Different. The weather was not exactly what we wanted. About 20 flyers had to brave the wind. John Person's Flying Witch (after launch) actually flew nose into the wind, while actually moving backwards. There also was a Flying Lawnmower, plus a Canard, and other different planes. Everyone had a good time, despite the wind.

Aug. 15th Newport News held their NMAD. Some members of our club attended and said the food was great and they had a good time.

Suffolk chose this same date to hold their NMAD. We received no feed-back on it.

Our club chose Aug. 29th for our NMAD. Not to brag, but it was GREAT!! There were 32 pilots, lots of info passed around about AMA and modeling in general. Over 300 visitors, coming and going all day, the parking lot was packed. At 4: 30 when I left to pick-up our signs, there were still a handful of flyers and visitors. Like I said, a GREAT day. And thanks to all the members who helped it to be a success, especially the Ramrod who put it all together, Alan Fry!!

Sept. 5th, HRRC is holding a scale event.

Sept. 26-27 Newport News has "Electrics Over Tidewater"

Oct. 10 is our Giant Scale fly-in.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

For NMAD 2015, Winston was able to obtain 4 \$25 coupons from Tower Hobbies that we used in our raffle. Further, I saw last week that Tower Hobbies liked our CVA Facebook page. Therefore, it seemed appropriate that I make Tower Hobbies the website of the month. Here is the link:

<http://www.towerhobbies.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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LiPo Battery Charging and Balancing

John Backes shared with me an excellent video on LiPo battery charging and balancing. The video explains how balance chargers work. Further, you can also learn a little about soldering. Here is the link:

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

See you at the field.

Alan Fry
Training Coordinator



**Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers
23rd Annual CUB Fly-in
Saturday, September 12, 2015
Free Admission – Spectators Welcome**

CVA Club Field – Route 5 West in Charles City County
Cross over Chickahominy River Bridge going toward Charles City, field is
1.5 miles on left at cement tower.

GPS = Lat: 37.263964N / Long: 76.897414W

Any size CUB: J-2, J-3, J-5, NE-1, L-4
or any high wing, fabric covered, light aircraft, gas, glow or electric.

Landing Fee: 10" or smaller Teddy Bear for VA State Police Bear
Program. CVA Bears will be available at registration table.

Flying from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cub raffle drawing at 3:00 pm

Food and drinks available at field.

Contact Joe Musika at jailmus@verizon.net or 757-564-8957
for additional details or questions.

Check out our Club Website at www.FlyCVA.com



COLONIAL VIRGINIA AEROMODELERS

2nd - 2015 NIGHT FLY-IN

FRIDAY September 18th at 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION FEE \$5.00 (Includes Food)

FOOD SERVED AT 6:00

OPEN FLYING FROM 5:00 PM TILL DARK (~7:00PM.)

NIGHT FLYING BEGINS AT DARK!!!



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