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### **Presidents Column: John Backes**

# **2018 Meeting Schedule**

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2018 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 14 and July 12.

#### **Events**

I.C.E. Fly - The Internal Combustion Engine (I.C.E.) Fly is for any airplanes with glow or gasoline engines. We started the Electric Fly when there were only a small number of electric planes. Over the years, the now the fuel planes are in the minority so we

decided to have an event highlighting them. The event was rescheduled until October because of bad weather.

NNPRC - The Louie Laua Fun Fly (S) – Saturday June 9 – There is no landing fee for this event. Open flying most of the day. Food, raffle and 50/50. This is a fun fly. No hot and heavy competition. There might be a Limbo fly. How low can you go? Join us at the TIKE Cafe. There will be plenty of food. Donations will be graciously accepted.

There will be night flying and the Tiki torches will be burning. NNPRCC will raffle. Ultra Stick 10cc ARF 60" and you don't have to be present to win.

National Model Aviation Day is the next CVA event and is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will talk about this at the July and August meetings.

# **Grass Cutting**

We need additional volunteers to help with the grass cutting and weed eating. There are a small number of volunteers currently doing the work. During the summer, all of the grass is cut once a week and the runway and taxiways are cut twice a week. This becomes a real problem if a couple of the regular guys go on vacation. If you can help, even occasionally, please contact Bill Talbott.

#### **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 Minutes May 10, 2018**

The Meeting was called to order by John Backes at 7:05pm due to a weather delay. Ten members were present. The President asked if there were any correction or changes to the minutes for the April meeting. A motion was made to approve the April meeting notes published in the newsletter, it seconded and approved.

# **Treasurers Report**

Jon Pearson reported a slight income from Heads Up.

The following expenses were reported – Food for picnic, James River Equipment: new tractor and old tractor repair, VA Farm Bureau Bill.

The Operating Fund and Mower Fund balance were reported.

## **Site Improvement**

Bill Talbot reported on the repairs to the two mowers. The first tractor had a belt that was off.

The second mower just shut off when you put it in gear. They replaced a switch for the clutch. It also needed a belt replaced.

There was a general discussion as to the age and condition of the two mowers. There was a debate as to buying a new mower vs. finding a good used mower. A motion was made to authorize Jon Pearson to buy a good used mower at the James City County Auction up to a certain price. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Activities**

John Backes reported on the following upcoming activities
May19th CVA ICE Fly – Alan Fry needs help with ice and food preparation
June 2nd CVA – Something Different
NNPRC– Louie Lua Fun Fly June 9th
TRC = June 16th – all electric fly
NNPRC– National Model Aviation Day August 11
CVA – National Model Aviation Day August 25

## **Safety**

No report

#### **Training**

No new training news

#### **Old Business**

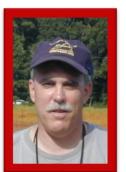
No old business

### **New Business**

No new business

#### **Show and Tell**

There was a discussion on the use of a thermal thermometer to help regulate the temperature of a heating iron when covering and patching an airplane.



## **Training: Alan Fry**

#### Website of the Month

This month's website of the month is called **QuadCopter Coach**. It is an affiliate website to **Heads Up RC**. The website is promoted as a website "Where you learn how to build & fly a drone. Here is the link:

https://www.quadcoptercoach.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- Adding to Your Squadron**

The following article was originally published in August, 2011

Want more planes but need to watch your budget? Have you considered buying used aircraft? I recently bought my fourth plane, 3 of which are second hand. My first plane, the Avistar, I found in the Trading Post. It may have been flown once, so it was like new. It came with accessories that I needed; starter, fuel pump, etc. Best of all, I saved roughly 50% over buying it new.

My second plane, the Apprentice, I bought from a club member. I saved roughly 33% on that one versus buying it new. I recently bought my fourth plane and I found it online at Craig's List (<a href="www.CraigsList.com">www.CraigsList.com</a>). There are always several RC airplanes listed in the Hampton Roads or Richmond Craig's List. Another online option, perhaps a little riskier, is EBay.

Several RC Airplane clubs in the area hold annual swap meets. The swap meets are another way of finding used airplanes and accessories, sometimes at bargain prices.

I have seen used airplanes for sale that have never been taken out of the box. Further, I have seen other planes for sale that have never been flown. Some used airplanes for sale still need assembling. Finally, you may find an ole classic airplane that is no longer available through the retail channels.

Do your homework before purchasing used airplanes. Check online for prices and other information. Download an owner's manual with a parts list and take the parts list with you to ensure nothing is missing. Thoroughly inspect the plane for possible damage. Finally, take into consideration that engines and electronics that can't be tested or demonstrated by the seller may not work once you get it home. However, I believe the risk is small.

See you at the field.

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