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Presidents Column: John Backes

Meeting Schedule

December 8 – Christmas Dinner at Peking Mongolian, Williamsburg

January 12 – Williamsburg Christian Church

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 8 at the Peking Mongolian & Japanese Restaurant in Williamsburg. The website is www.peking-va.com. The cost will be adults - \$1700; children under 9 years old \$7.00; children 3-4 \$5.00. The address is 120 Waller Mill Road, Williamsburg. Directions – From Newport News – take I64 west – exit at 238 (Camp Perry), make left onto VA-143E, turn right onto VA-132 (second light), turn right onto US60/Bypass Road. Stay on Bypass Road, turn right at second light onto Waller Mill Road. Peking is in far corner of the Big Kmart Shopping Center. This year we will be collecting for the dinner in advance. Make your checks payable to CVA and mail to Jon Persons, 6339 Centerville Road, Williamsburg, Va. 23188 by December 4. Write the number people and the category in the memo line. If you pay your money and are not able to attend, we will make a refund.

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.

Membership Renewal

CVA membership for 2016 is good until the first meeting of 2017. You should not fly after that until you have renewed your CVA membership for 2017. For current members the annual dues is \$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”. AMA membership expires 12 (or 24) months from when you joined/renewed. Please make sure that you a valid AMA membership so that you can join us for the CVA New Year’s Day Fly-In.

Comfort Zones (recycled)

I wanted to talk about Comfort Zones for this month. Wikipedia says “The comfort zone is a behavioral state within which a person operates in an anxiety-neutral condition, using a limited set of behaviors to deliver a steady level of performance, usually without a sense of risk.” I suggest that you analyze what your comfort zones are. Can you comfortably take off, fly and then land comfortably? What about on a windy day? Are you comfortable doing aerobatics?

Once you have identified your existing comfort zones then it is time to develop new comfort zones. That takes stepping outside your comfort zone and working on developing new skills which eventually results in new comfort zones. It is important to have the right conditions when you decide to go this. Wait for a day that things are feeling right. If you are not comfortable landing, then bring out an easy to fly airplane and when the field is not busy, make repeated landings during one flight. If you are not comfortable flying in the wind, then gradually start flying in increasingly windy conditions. Start on days when the wind is nearly down the runway. If you are not comfortable doing aerobatics, then gradually work up to more complicated aerobatics. Start with simple maneuvers like loops, rolls and inverted flight and work your way up to more difficult things.

Do not limit yourself to flying activities. Evaluate your comfort zones in building. If you have only built an ARF then try building from a kit. Work up from doing minor repairs and then on to major repairs. Eventually you will have a much bigger skill set in many areas and a wide variety of comfort zones and probably much more enjoyment from the hobby.

Visiting other clubs

One other area to stretch you comfort zone is flying at fields other than CVA. Events are almost always better when we have more fliers. The best way to get other clubs to come visit us is to go and participate in their events. You might even make some new friends.

Show and Tell

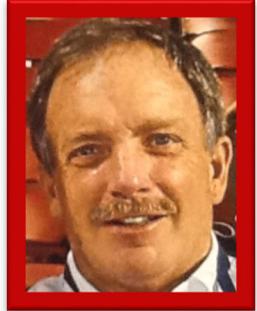
We will not do Show and Tell this month.

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Secretary's Report: Winston Shepherd Jr.

CVA Meeting Minutes 11-10-16

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The November 11th meeting, held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:00pm with 18 members and a potential new member present. The President announced the minutes of the October meeting that were published in the corresponding newsletter. A motion was made to correct the number of WOW events in 2017 to one event not two as published, the correction made and the motion was seconded, a vote taken and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jon persons

Income from WOW was reported of \$229 and considering the high winds considered successful. Expenses for fuel and porti-potty reported. New vinyl has been purchased to construct roadside signs stolen earlier in the season. Jon also reported that new checks have been purchased.

Site Improvements: Tom Treese

Table sealing has been completed. Oil changed in mowers, blades replaced, gas treatment added.

After short discussion of shelter improvements the general consensus is that we do not have a clear goal for an improvement path beyond that it should be a stick-built addition. Mr. Hofmeyer supports improvements. John praised the Hampton Roads shelter and added that some degree of enclosure would likely improve winter attendance. The discussion was shelved.

Activities: Joe Musika

Christmas party December 8th at Peking---remember the food drive

Annual New Year's fly weather permitting

The club picnic was well attended even with some members involved in other events promoting our club.

Safety: Cliff Casey

Word on the street that the Futaba 18 channel radio is having manufacturing issues.

Training: Alan Fry

Nothing to report.

Club Promotion:

Nothing to report

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Tom to collect food at Christmas dinner

Welcome our newest member Wilbur Jordan

Decision made to invite the farmer to our Christmas dinner

Show & Tell

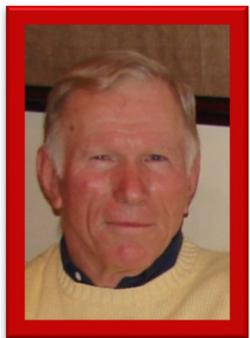
Tom discussed his use of a new flexible CA adhesive from Bob Smith Industries.

John has found a new source for his (#117B) rubber bands....Wal-Mart

Also for those of using prop-saver style hubs you can get the #12 or #67 O-rings from Home Depot

John showed his new Night-Fly airplane and Steve recalled Hilites of the Dawn Patrol event in Pungo and a very nice instrument panel kit.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

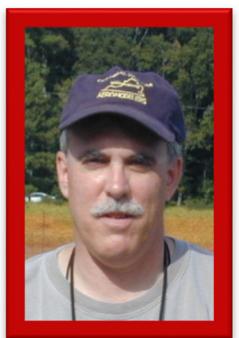
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Welcome December. Our only event in Nov. was Toys for Tots. Haven't received any report on "Toys for Tots Fly In held on Nov. 6th. Hoping they did well as it's for a good cause!

Our only event left is the Banquet. It will be held on Dec. 8th, at The Peking Mongolian and Japanese Restaurant. Check the President's column for directions to restaurant if needed. Hope to see you there!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

More next month.

**Training: Alan Fry****Website of the Month:**

This month's website of the month is called "[Storm the Castle.com](http://StormtheCastle.com)". The website is an eclectic collection of various hobbies and projects. Storm the Castle.com has an extensive write up on getting started in the hobby of RC Airplanes, and it includes more advanced topics on the subject. I'm sure you will find something interesting to read on the website and I highly recommend you take a look. Here is the link:

<http://www.stormthecastle.com/index.htm>

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 last 4 training columns were taken from CrashTestHobby.com and was used with permission by Lee Aston. Thanks Lee! In Lee's email that granted permission to me to reprint his article, he recommended to our club another webpage from CrashTestHobby.com. This webpage focus is on combat flying, but it also lists other types of activities that we may want to consider for use in one of our 2017 events. Here is the link:

<http://www.crashtesthobby.com/all-about-combat.html>

See you at the field.

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