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Presidents Column: John Backes

2017 Meeting Schedule

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2017 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be 12 January and 9 February 2017.

Raising CVA dues to \$300

If we did not have all of the volunteer effort in CVA, I estimate that we would have to raise dues to at least \$300. It would be nice if we could all just come to the field and set around and fly and have somebody else do all of the work. I don't think that anyone want to raise

the dues to have paid workers do all of the field maintenance and event work. Therefore, we need volunteers. Somebody has to cut the grass. Somebody has to organize the events. Somebody has to buy the food and somebody else has to cook it. There are lots of "somebodies" needed and you could be "somebody" for one or two tasks. We have historically got the volunteers during the monthly meeting but that is only a small portion of the membership. We have to also face the facts that the average age of the membership continues to increase and we need to share the load more. We will be doing more calls for volunteers outside of the meetings. We currently need people to step up and volunteer to organize the spring and fall picnics. Please contact myself or Joe Musika if you are willing to organize one of the events.

CVA events

We are working on the 2017 calendar. If you are interested in holding an event, talk to Joe Musika or myself. 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 is that there is interest in the event and that people have volunteer to run it.

Swap Meets and Auctions

This is the time of year when local clubs hold Swap Meets and Auctions. This is a great opportunity to pick up some extra gear at discount prices. Newport News RC is sponsoring a Swap Meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church, 69 Saunders Road, Newport News on February 11 starting at 9AM. Admission is \$5.

Hanover RC club swap meet is being planned as an outdoor event at their flying field in April.

Membership Renewal

A 2017 membership application may be downloaded from the web site at <http://cvarc.homestead.com/ApplicationsForms.html> . We can verify your AMA membership on the AMA website so a copy of your 2017 AMA membership card is not required. Take care of those things now so that you will be ready to fly when we get a good flying day.

Show and Tell

We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. Did you get anything neat for Christmas? Bring it and show us!

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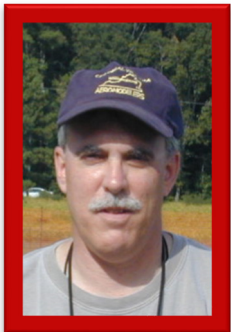
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Activities: Joe Musika

The New Year is upon us for better or worse, hopefully for the better. Our banquet in Dec., it was very nice, the food was great and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. On Jan. 1st we had our New Year's Day gathering. The club kicked in for donuts and coffee, deliver by Tex. Both Avery and Steve brought chili, and it was GOOD!!! Everyone enjoyed themselves, lots of flying, good conversation enjoyed by everyone.

Our new schedule is in the works. A swap meet will be held by Newport News Club in early February. Directions can be found in next month's newsletter.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month:

This month's website of the month was submitted by John Backes and is called Airfield Models. This website was created by Paul K. Johnson and the slogan of the website is "Airfield Models is my personal website for model builders and those who appreciate the art of model building." There is a lot of good information on this website. Here is the link:

<http://www.airfieldmodels.com/index.html>

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

During our New Year's Day event, a pilot commented that his plane was difficult to see. That reminded me of a training column that I wrote years ago on airplane colors and visibility. The training article that I wrote referenced a website that has a good discussion on the subject. Here is the link to that website:

<http://www.angelfire.com/indie/aerostuff/colors1.htm>

See you at the field.

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