



# Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

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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 May 11 and June 8.

### **CVA events – Picnics**

The CVA Spring Picnic was in danger of being cancelled. Steve Auburn stepped up and we have a very nice picnic on April 22. We still need someone for the Fall Picnic.

### **Local Events**

- May 20 – CVA Electric Fly
- June 3 – CVA Something Different
- June 10 – Prop Bustas FPV Race at CVA
- June 9-11 – NNPRC – Helicopters over Tidewater

### **FPV Racing**

The main group organizing the FPV Races is MultiGP. They are an AMA Special Interest Group (SIG). You are probably familiar with the International Miniature Aircraft Association (IMAA) that was the SIG for Giant Scale airplanes. MultiGP is an international organization that was founded in 2015 and they already have over 1000 chapter of which 300 are outside of the US. I checked a few weeks ago and they have added 5 new chapters in the last two weeks.

The other group that you are probably familiar with is the Bay Area Giant Scalers (BAGS) which was the local chapter of the IMAA. MultiGP has two local chapters the Prop Bustas in Norfolk and the River City Racers in Richmond. The River City Racers have Hanover RC as their home field for racing (see last month's column). The Prop Bustas will be holding a race at CVA on June 10 as approved at the last meeting. They will be utilizing the helicopter area and the main runway up to the left taxiway. The right end of the runway will remain open for flying during the entire event. Each pilot will pay a \$10 fee that goes directly to CVA. They initially opened the race to 20 pilots. The race was announced at 11PM and by 2:30 the next day, all of the slots were full. Because of the great response, the field will be expanded with the possibility of 30 total pilots. CVA should make at least \$200 and likely \$300 from this event.

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## **Secretary's Report: By Gary Clifford**

CVA Meeting Minutes 04-13-17

The April 13th, 2017 meeting, held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:00pm with 15 members present. The President announced the minutes of the March meeting that were published in the corresponding newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded, a vote taken and approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer reported on the clubs funds including expenditures for toilet facilities, sanction fees and shelter roof repair materials.

### **Site Improvements:**

Tom reported that mowing has returned to its once a week schedule and that he has done some backfilling repairs around the drainage pipe at the South end of the runway along with some minor tractor tire maintenance. Jon explained the extent of the shelter roof repairs so far and thanked all those that helped make it possible. Jon also reported on the progress of the shelter expansion project including a recent meeting with Charles City Building Department to start the Building Permit process.

### **Activities:**

Joe stated that Steve Auburn has volunteered to run the CVA Spring Picnic on April 22nd. This date fit his schedule and had the benefit of avoiding any conflict with members Easter plans.

There will be a Drone demonstration at the Williamsburg Jamestown Airport on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Joe will run the annual CVA Electric Fly on May 20th.

John will run Something Different on June 3rd.

### **Safety:**

Richard Brown advised that one of the PVC pilot box enclosures has been damaged and asked about material availability for repairs.

Gary asked Avery and John to explain how, during our last event at Boo Williams, an improper binding procedure by another pilot, resulted in two different planes being bound to one radio simultaneously.

### **Training:**

Nothing to report.

### **Club Promotion:**

There is another CVA flying demonstration scheduled to take place at the Williamsburg - Jamestown Airport but to date no one has volunteered to run the event. Richard Brown Said he would do it again this year. Final date T.B.D.

### **Announcement:**

John announced that Winston had resigned his position as Club Secretary and polled the attendees for a volunteer. Richard Brown stepped forward and will assume the position beginning at the next scheduled meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

Joe announced that the club's two event road signs that were assumed to have been stolen, have mysteriously reappeared in his attic.

Steve Kolet offered a clean, plastic, 55 gallon drum to be used for either trash or a recycle bin at the field. Jon graciously accepted the offer and will first use it for a water container during shelter expansion construction.

### **New Business:**

John and Randy have become very involved with FPV Drone Racing and have received an offer from Prop Bustas, to use the CVA field for a demonstration race on June 10th. The general consensus of the attendees was very positive. Cliff made a motion to accept the offer with a second by Randy. In preparation for this event the race group will be at CVA on Sunday 4/30/17 for some trial flights if anyone wants to observe.

Steve & Fran are moving forward with scheduling for this year's W.A.L.T. event and requested another trainer aircraft.

### **Show & Tell:**

Richard Brown displayed a very nice Pitts S2-C that he has electrified and done a custom covering job on. We look forward to seeing it fly.

Fran passed around some new pilot busts she received from Iron Aces that will be installed in her Taube aircraft. Steve gave away some unused Dremel batteries.

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

After adjournment John connected his new laptop computer to the widescreen TV and ran his FPV racing simulator programs for the group to see and gave anyone interested the opportunity to fly around the course.



### **Activities: Joe Musika**

April started out bad as we had no one to run the Spring Picnic until Steve Auburn volunteered to run it on Apr. 22. Good turnout plus good food helped to make it a success.

May will be busy with our first sanctioned event for the year. "Electrics over Williamsburg" on May 20th. Hoping the weather will cooperate.

On June the 9th and 10th, the Newport News RC club is putting on a helicopter event, at their field.

More updates next month.



### **Training: Alan Fry**

### **Website of the Month**

This month's website of the month is AMA's Model Aviation Day Club Resources Page. The CD's in the club may especially find something of interest on this site. Further, below I included the link that describes this year's tee shirts and hats for Model Aviation Day. Remember, all **Tee Shirt and Hat** orders must be placed by the end of CVA's May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Here are the links:

<http://nationalmodelaviationday.org/club-resources/>

<http://nationalmodelaviationday.org/club-resources/club-merchandise/>

**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**

It came to my attention that the **link** last month's training article did not work. Since I can't recommend enough for you to visit the website of the link, I repeated last month's training article below, but hopefully this time the link will work!!

I got the idea for this month's training column from B & H Photo Video (See *last* month's Website of the Month). B & H posted an article on their website called "**24 Tips on How to Photograph Air Shows**". All I can say is WOW!!! The article contains plenty of wonderful photos (a lot of them of the Blue Angels) and some really good photography tips. I highly recommend you take a look. Here is the link:

[24 Tips on How to Photograph Air Shows](#)

See you at the field.

Alan Fry

Training Coordinator

### **Treasurer: Jon Persons**

Jon sent me an email and asked the following update on the Shelter Expansion be included in this month's newsletter:

"Update on what's happening (or not!) on the Shelter Expansion. Gary Clifford and I have been working on the application for the building permit. After two meetings with Dallas Johnson of the Charles City County planning commission and code compliance to find out exactly what we needed to do to conform with the Virginia Universal Building Code, Gary has drawn up plans and we've gotten the needed paperwork from the Owners (John and Norman Hofmeyer). I submitted the application and expect an answer back from them shortly on whether or not it's been approved."

### **Vice President: Tom Treese**



### **Safety Officer: Cliff Casey**



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