



# 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 Sept 14 and October 12.

### **Local Events**

Sept 9 – HRRC Scale Event  
Sept 16 – NNPRC Electrics Over Tidewater  
Sept 23 – CVA Cub Fly

### **Another big success!**

We held the National Model Aviation Day Open House on August 26. The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of our club and hobby in the local area. Thanks to Alan Fry for organizing the event and to all the members that participated to make the event a success. This event definitely increases awareness of the club and also is helping to increase our membership. I think that this was the best year in terms of the amount of flying and the variety of aircraft. Pictures and videos can be found here: <http://cvarc.homestead.com/CVAPicturesVideos.html>

### **Cub Fly**

The Cub Fly this September 23 will be our 26th annual event. Get your planes ready! The entry fee is a 10" or smaller stuffed teddy bear to be given to the State Police. Bears will be on sale at the event.

### **Giant Scale**

The Giant Scale event is on the schedule for October 7. Joe Musika was the event coordinator but he passed away in July. We need to judge the interest in holding this event. Please contact me with your feeling on holding or cancelling this event. A decision will be made at the September meeting.

### **Communication and cooperation**

We already fly many different types of aircraft at the field and it works because of communication and cooperation. Flying a giant scale warbird making low strafing passes does not work well when someone else is flying a very light weight electric that mainly stays over the runway. It can work when either we take turns flying or communicate to prevent problems. The same thing applies to the quadcopters, we either need to take turns flying or make sure to communicate if both are flying at the same time. People flying FPV quads should not set up gates on or near the runway when others are flying. Use the area to the far left past the steel fence.

## **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.

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## **Secretary's Report: By Richard Brown**

CVA Meeting Minutes 08-10-17

The August 10, 2017 meeting, was held at the Williamsburg Christian church, was called to order by the President at 7:00pm with 10 members present. The President announced the minutes of the July 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**

Jon Person reviewed the financial status of the regular budget and the mower budget. The major expense for this month was for a replacement weed wacker.

## **Site Improvements**

In preparation for National Model Aviation Day, (August 26, 2017), the field will be mowed on Thursday (8/24). Setup for the event will be the following day (8/25). Volunteers needed for both days and for National Model Airplane Day. Contact Alan Fry if you are interested.

## **Activities**

- August 26 – CVA: National Model Aviation Day
- September 2 – NNPRC: Prop Busters FPV
- September 16 – NNPRC: Electrics Over Tidewater
- September 23 – CVA: Cub Fly-In
- October 7 – CVA: Giant Scale
- October 14 – CVA: Warbirds Over Williamsburg
- October 21 – CVA: Fall Picnic and FPV Racing

## **National Model Aircraft Day Notes**

- No free standing tents in the area of the posts for hanging tarps.
- No free standing tents in front of the bleachers or between the iron fence sections
- Looking for tents for spectators. If you have any extra free standing tents, bring them along.



- The roads signs for advertising an event were lost with the death of Joe Musika. Steve Kolet found a shop in Gloucester that could replace the signs for a nominal cost.
- There will be candy drops performed by Steve Kolet and his Porter, as well as a Barbie paratrooper drop.
- There will be viewers and headsets available for spectators during the FPV Quadcopter and Flying Wing demonstration.
- We are not sure that the Chick-fil-A Cow will make an appearance.

### **Safety**

None

### **Training**

Dick Brown soloed for the second time on August 20, 2017 with a glow engine aircraft. The first time was in 1976.

### **Club Promotion**

CVA Demo at Williamsburg Jamestown Airport on September 16, 2017 (rain date 9/23) has been canceled due to schedule conflicts.

### **Announcement**

Congratulations to CVA members Fran Hurd and Steve Kolet for their recent marriage.

### **Old Business**

There was more discussion about flying FPV aircraft and standard R/C at the same time. Several club members are concerned about the FPV course overlapping the north end of the runway. Since flying both FPV and standard R/C result in a restricted field of view, there is potential for mid-air collisions. John Backes suggested that the two groups take turns flying.

### **New Business**

Next month is elections for club officers. "Tex" Harrison has volunteered to act as the nominating committee.

### **Show & Tell**

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



### **Training: Alan Fry**

### **Website of the Month**

This month's website of the month is called Flickr (pronounced flicker), more specifically AMA's page on Flickr. Flickr is an image hosting and video hosting website. AMA has over 85,000 photos on Flickr, including photos from CVA's 2017 NMAD. Here is the link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/modelaircraft/>

**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 following is a reprint from a previous training column on safety. Safety tips that I have picked up over the last few years:

## Safety Tips:

1. Painting of propeller tips: Have you ever notice that you cannot see the propeller with the engine running? Painting the outer 1 inch or so of the propeller tips with a light color such as white or yellow remedies this.
2. Pick up your transmitter with your left hand so that your thumb blocks the throttle gimbal in the idle position. This prevents the throttle gimbal from accidentally being moved off of idle. Continue to hold the transmitter in this manner until you are ready to taxi out to the runway.
3. Ensure the plane is secured before starting the engine. Use the ropes on the iron fence, the wood starting benches, or chocks fastened to the ground to secure the plane before starting the engine.
4. Keep loose clothing, jewelry, lanyards, neck straps, eyeglasses worn around your neck, etc. away from those spinning propellers!
5. Ensure your plane is in good mechanical condition. Check all screws, bolts and nuts for tightness. Ensure that all wood and wood joints are structurally sound. Check for loose wire connections.
6. Ensure all control surfaces are working properly. Run through all stick movements to verify correct control surface response.
7. Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. Communicate your intentions with your fellow pilots.
8. Ensure your batteries are fully charged and are in good condition. Test them frequently to ensure that they are holding their charge.
9. The tips listed above are potentially flesh saving and easy to do. Unfortunately, accidents can still happen. If needed, there is a first aid kit located in our shelter. Take a moment to find its exact location and to familiarize yourself with its contents.

See you at the field.

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