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Presidents Column: John Backes

Meeting Schedule

All future 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 November 9 and December 14 (Christmas Dinner).

Direction to Williamsburg Christian Church – The building is at 200 John Tyler Lane. At the intersection of Route 199 and Route 5 turn the OPPOSITE direction that you would turn to go to the field. Go 50 yards and turn right (left is Strawberry Plains Rd). You can't miss the church; it is on the right just past the professional park that you can see from Route 199.

Everyone needs to be warned that there is an additional fine of \$200 for going over 25 MPH

and the cops are there a lot.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 14 at 7:00 PM 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 7. Write the number people and the category in the memo line. You may also pay at the November meeting but ONLY if you have cash in an envelope with your name and the number of people and category attending written on the outside or a check with the number of adults and children written in the memo area. If you pay your money and are not able to attend, we will make a refund.

Toys for Tots

HRRC is having their Toys for Tots event on Saturday Nov. 4 from 9:00 to 3:00. Entry fee is \$10 or an unwrapped toy.

CVA Events

We had a very successful year for our events. These events are only successful because of the efforts of the people involved in setting up and running the events. A couple of events had some weather issues but we were able to get them in. The National Model Aviation Day was another big success. The next scheduled CVA event is New Year's Day.

Variety

As I said in the last President's column, I definitely think that my flying enjoyment is increased by participating in many different aspects of flying. Three aspects that you might consider joining are Indoor Flying, Nutball Combat and Night Fly. Each of these can be joined relatively inexpensively. Two of the three aspects (Indoor and Nutball Combat) will take place during the Indoor Fly at Boo Williams Sportsplex on November 10 from 10:00 to 2:00. Even if you are not ready to fly, come out and join us and see what it is about. The Nutball Combat planes can be built for about \$30 including everything but the receiver and battery. Contact myself or Steve Kolet for information.

Show and Tell

We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. You are invited to bring a new plane, a neat gadget or to show an interesting building technique.

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Secretary's Report: By Richard Brown

CVA Meeting Minutes 10-12-17

The October 12, 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 September 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

Jon Person reviewed the financial status of the regular budget and the mower budget. He also presented the 2018 budget, which was seconded and approved by voice vote. There was one membership renewal – Bob Juncosta, and one new member.

Site Improvements:

Mr. Hoffmeyer will bushhog around the runway for the FPV race course.

Activities:

- October 14th – Warbirds Over Williamsburg (WOW)
- October 21st – Fall Picnic / FPV Races
- November 4th – Hampton Roads RC (HRRC) Toys For Tots (Landing Fee is one toy with a value of \$10.00 or more)
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The Cub fly in September was a great success. Sixty-seven bears were delivered to the State Police Post in West Point.

Safety: Cliff Casey

- Bill Tolbert wins this month's safety award. Bill was working on his electric Piper Cub, and with the power on and the propeller turning. He went to reach over the model to get a tool, but did not quite clear the prop arc. Several stitches and hours later Bill's arm was repaired. Lesson learned – Bench run electric motors without the prop or if it is necessary to have the prop on, mark the propeller tips so that the propeller arc is visible.
- A word of advise from Tom Trease, when using a chain saw to cut a branch, make sure that you helper's hands are well away from the point you are cutting. Before the cut is established, the chain saw could try to "walk" down the branch toward the helper's hands.

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None

Club Promotion:

- Indoor flying has resumed at the Boo Williams Complex in Hampton. The first day was Columbus Day and it should be available on other federal holidays.
- John Backes reported that Nutball Combat can be flown indoors. Nutball aircraft can be constructed from foam boards, available at the Dollar Tree for about \$30.00.
- John was also promoting night flying, noting you can get a one yard string of LEDs for just \$5.00.

Announcements:

None

Old Business:

After some discussion, the club has decided to hold the Christmas Party at the Peking Palace in the shopping center near K-Mart. Last year's price was \$17.00 per person, but no price has been set for this year.

New Business:

None

Show & Tell:

Fred Hill brought showed a RMRC Sky Hunter RTF (Ready To Fly). The air frame is made of foam, with an electric pusher propeller, located between twin booms supporting the empennage.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



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Website of the Month

This month's website of the month is a repeat and is called Heads Up Hobby. Heads Up RC is a family owned company located near Ocala, Florida. Many club members have purchased from them. Shipping is cheap and fast. Here is the link:

<http://www.headsuphobby.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

The following is a reprint from a previous training column written by Steve Klute:

In last month's column we began talking about **communication** and **field etiquette** as it applies to revving an engine and taxiing out to take off. Once we are airborne, the need for communication and etiquette continues.

At this time, we will not discuss any issues about how to use the airspace, or where to fly what kind of planes, etc. other than to say it is important to use common sense and courtesy at all times when in the air. What we want to discuss this time is how to communicate about landing.

One key factor that differentiates landing from taking off, is that you can't easily look around to see what the other pilots and planes are doing when you are flying your plane. In some cases you might take a quick glance, but you may either not see another plane when you glance, or you can get yourself into trouble in the short time you look away from your plane. This is the reason that talking to (communicating with) the other pilots is so important. Under normal circumstances it is a good idea to alert the other pilots that you are planning to land shortly before you actually commence your approach. You can simply say "going to go around once and land", or "getting ready to land" or even just "landing". As with the other communications, this should be said loudly so the other pilots are sure to hear it. The other pilots may then answer "OK" or they may object for some reason such as they are stopped on the field, or they have just encountered a "dead-stick" situation or some other unique situation has occurred. It is important for this response to also be loud and clear so as not to be missed. While it is helpful and desirable for the other pilots to answer, you can't really count on it as they may be concentrating, or may just not hear you. If you don't get an answer, and you know who is flying with you, you can call their name and say again that you are landing. This may get their attention and get you a positive response. At this point though, you can be pretty sure there are no objections and you are free to land.

Once you have landed, it is always helpful to let the other pilots know when you have actually cleared the runway and are out of the way on the taxiway. This way, if another pilot has to land quickly, at least he will know you are out of the way. One last thing to know about landing; always shut off your engine and stop your plane before you get to the opening in the first fence line from the runway. Never taxi back into the pit area!

Another "fine point" to add to this discussion is that when you are getting ready to land, you may want to also *listen* to see if any other pilots are starting their engines or actually starting to taxi out. Then if you have the option, you can delay your landing until they have taxied out and taken off. By doing this you may keep the other pilot from having to sit on the taxiway with his engine idling for an extended period of time while you land (or perhaps even have to go around for a second attempt). It may also take a little pressure off of your landing! Now that we have "talked this topic to death".....

Remember to try something new each time you fly!

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See you at the field.

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