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Presidents Column: John Backes

Meeting Schedule

December 13 – Christmas Dinner at James City Bruton Fire Dept.
January 10 – Williamsburg Christian Church

Christmas Dinner

We are hoping to have a much better experience this year since we will have a large private room to ourselves and arrival and departure times are much more flexible. Since it is being catered, we need an accurate count. Desert is not included in the catering but you can bring a desert to share but it is not required.

The Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 13 at 7:00 PM at the James City – Bruton Volunteer Fire Building at 3135 Forge Rd, Toano, VA 23168. The dinner will be catered by Two Drummers with Pulled Pork, Chicken and Brisket. There will also be salad, drinks and side dishes.

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 2018 is good until the first meeting of 2019. You should not fly after that until you have renewed your CVA membership for 2019. For current members the annual dues are \$85 whether you renew now or wait until later in the year. The CVA membership application is available on the CVA website under “Application/ Forms” or <http://cvarc.homestead.com/ApplicationsForms.html>. 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.

CVA Events

We are working on the 2019 calendar. If you are interested in holding an event, talk to me. 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 are that there is interest in the event and that people have volunteer to run it.

Show and Tell

We will not do Show and Tell this month.

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Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting Minutes November 8, 2018

The Meeting was called to order by John Backes at 7:00pm. Thirteen members were present. Since the October meeting had been canceled due to weather, the President asked if there were any correction or changes to the minutes for the September meeting. There were no corrections or additions. A motion was made to approve the September meeting notes published in the newsletter, it was seconded and approved.

Tex Harrison was presented with a special award by Bill Talbot. The award was presented for: The successful completion of a complete circumnavigation around a large celestial body. The award was delicious.

Treasurers Report

Jon Persons reported the following income – Cub fly - \$249, FPV- \$124, ICE \$120, Kolet/Freeman – donations - \$139, Alan Hall donations \$75, Charles - \$50.

The follow bills were paid – 2 months for porta potty, Bill Talbot for mower expenses, Parts, at James River, lease for the land, Tex for food. Event expenses for the last 3 events were paid.

The operating and mower fund totals were reported.

Two planes are listed on the website to be sold by bids. Bidding will close December 12, 2018 and the winners announced at the Club Christmas Dinner.

Site Improvement

Bill Talbot reported that the field had recently been cut. A discussion was made about the metal fence that needs to be repaired. There was general agreement to go through the winter and repair it in the spring.

Activities

December 13, 2018 - Christmas Dinner at James City Bruton Fire Department

November 12th – indoor fly at Boo Williams (There will be an indoor fly on Black Friday as well.)

WAROGG – Wednesday afternoon open fly. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please contact John.

Safety

Alan Hall discussed the importance of painting your propeller tips.

Training

For the Christmas dinner a donation will be taken for FISH. Tom Treese will be in charge of collecting the donations and taking it to FISH

New Business

Alan Fry will update the application to show the upcoming year, 2019.

The yearly budget was presented for the year 2018. There is a net loss of \$66 for the year.

The proposal for the 2019 budget was presented. The budget for 2019 was based off the past year's budget.

Only minor changes were made to any categories for the upcoming budget.

A motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and approved.

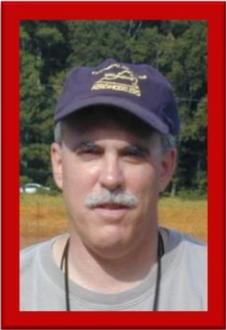
Show and Tell

Paddy Burke talked about the eBook “Beginners Guide to Flying RC Airplanes” by Pete Carpenter

Don Trump show his Scorpion backup guard. A back up 2 cell LiPo battery for receiver battery. He purchased it at Innov8tive designs.

Jon Person discussed the items he has for sale from the Buck Rogers Estate. He has various old-time kits available. If you are interested please contact him.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 7:55pm.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

A few weeks ago, I asked John Backes what LiPo battery brand does he recommend and where to buy them. John suggested Glacier batteries that are available from **Buddy RC**. Buddy RC also carries a good selection of propellers. I placed an order with Buddy RC and I got it in just a few days. The following is from their website:

At www.buddyrc.com, we share the same passion as you do for the RC industry, we strive to provide a better shopping experience for our customers. We are an online distributor and retailer mainly focusing on RC electric power systems and multicopters. Our warehouse is located in Columbus, Ohio.

I recommend that you check them out. Here is the link:

<https://www.buddyrc.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- Changes for 2019

I was thinking that it would be nice to change things up a little bit in regards to this training article. My idea is to use this space as a place to capture the experiences, preferences, ideas, etc. of our club members. Each month a topic can be introduced with the hopes that a few club members would chime in with their thoughts on the subject. We can discuss this further at the dinner table next week and/ or at the January meeting.

For now, let's do a trial run. From the website of the month above, I stated that John Backes likes Glacier batteries available from Buddy RC. John- Any particular reason that you like Glacier batteries?

On the subject of batteries, here is my 2 cents worth: Some time ago, Steve Kolet recommended that I change over to LiFe batteries for use as receiver batteries in glow fuel planes. I have done so and glad that I did. LiFe batteries do not suffer from memory effects that NiCad batteries do, they do not self-discharge like NiCad batteries, and I believe that they will last longer than NiCad batteries. The one possible downside of LiFe batteries is the need to balance charge them. However, I'm thinking that balance charging them is not completely necessary, or maybe just on a rare occasion, when used in a relatively low discharge application such as a receiver battery.

So now I ask you: What brand of LiPo's do you like and where do you buy them? Any other words of wisdom that you would like to share with your fellow club members in regards to batteries? If so, just throw down a few words in an email and send it to me (My email address is given above in the website of the month section). I will compile and post your responses in January's newsletter.

Let me know if you have any other thoughts/ ideas in regards to the training article. Thanks!

See you at the field.

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