



Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers

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Presidents Column: John Backes

2020 Meeting Schedule

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2020 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be 9 January and 13 February 2020.

CVA events

We are working on the 2020 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.

Christmas Dinner

Last month we held our Christmas Dinner at the James City – Bruton Volunteer Fire Building in Toano. The dinner was catered by Two Drummers with Pulled Pork, Brisket and Brunswick Stew. We had a large private room to ourselves and arrival and departure times were much more flexible. There was time to visit and talk before and after the dinner. I think that it was much better than recent years and am looking for your feedback.

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 15 starting at 9AM. Admission is \$5. You can also rent a table for \$12, which includes one admission, if you would like to sell items. The tables sell out so you need to sign up before the event.

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

Goals

Around this time of year, I start thinking about my goals for next year. I seldom accomplish all of my goals but am convinced that I get much more done by having set goals at the beginning of the year. Next month I will tell you my plans for this year. What are your goals? If anyone wants to share their goals, send them to me and I will include them in my column. Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Build a kit
- 2) Fly at least once every month of the year
- 3) Learn to use the rudder
- 4) Do 3 consecutive rolls without a pause in between
- 5) Complete a level of the CVA Pilot Accomplishment Program
- 6) Fly at a field other than CVA
- 7) Fly 200 flights during the year

Membership Renewal

A 2020 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 2020 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!

Contact Me

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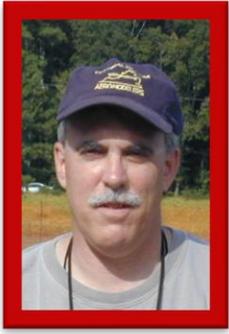
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Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

The December meeting was the Christmas Dinner. No meeting minutes were taken.



Training: Alan Fry

Website of the Month

Don Trump sent me the following email suggesting the following for the website of the month:

Alan, www.flycva.com is one of my favorite websites. There might be members unaware of it? The "VIEW ENTRIES" section of the "GUEST BOOK" is my real favorite. I always check it before going to the field. Can this be put in the next newsletter?

Don

Thanks for the suggestion, Don! Here is the link to the website:

<http://www.flycva.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

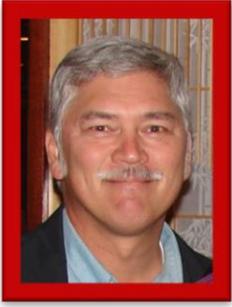
I thought I would start off 2020 with a reprint of the AMA safety code:

As an AMA member I agree:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First- Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flight line, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

See you at the field.

Alan Fry
Training Coordinator



Safety Officer: Cliff Casey

All's well when we think about what is safe. So, think first then do what is safe.
Happy New Year to all.

Fly Safe, Be Safe
Cliff Casey

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