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Presidents Column: John Backes

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

June meeting – Saturday June 12 @ 1:00 Rain date Sunday @ 1:00.

July meeting – Saturday July 10 @ 1:00 Rain date Sunday @ 1:00.

We will still be holding the meetings at the field for the next couple of months.
Check the guestbook for scheduling of the meeting if there is a possibility of rain.

CVA Events

With the improving Covid situation, we will begin having events at the field.

July 3rd picnic – CVA will provide hotdog, hamburgers and drinks. You can bring a dessert or side dish but it is not required. We will need a few volunteers for this effort.

Cub Fly – September 25

Warbirds – October 16

Free/Cheap Planes and Equipment

In recent years, there has been a shift in what people are flying. There are many balsa airplanes, gliders and power systems that are going unused. We also have airplanes and equipment that were donated to the club by people that were leaving the hobby or by the family of pilots that passed away. There is also a large supply of balsa, monocoat and other building equipment. If you need something, put a note on the guestbook and see if things are available free or for minimal cost. You can also contact me directly and I will try to make a connection so that you can get what you are looking for.

Field Maintenance

The team that is cutting the grass has been doing a great job but it is always easier if we have more volunteers. It is especially helpful during the summer when people are going on vacation. If you can help, please contact Randy Rogers (rrogers72@cox.net) or Don Trump (hifinsword@yahoo.com).

Show and Tell

We are going to have a short show and tell at the end of each meeting. Bring it and show us!

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Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting – May 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by John Backes. A total of 21 members were present. The April 2021 meeting notes were approved.

Treasure's Report – Jon Persons

Income: 2 new members: Peter Brownell, Walt Silva

The following bills were paid:

United Site Services – 2 months payments one for \$161.02 and the second for \$164.49

Virginia Farm Bureau – insurance on mower -\$160.00

The operating fund, mower fund and PayPal account totals were reported

Site Improvements – Randy Rogers

The field has been cut multiple times. The weed eater needs the pull cord repaired.

Activities

1. We will hold a 4th of July Party, it will be held on Saturday July 3rd. Flying will be all day, the club will provide hot dogs, burgers and drinks at noon. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or desert.
2. At this time there will be no National Model Aviation Day or ICE fly.
3. The Cub Fly in September is tentative depending on Jon Pearson's health. If you can help run the event with Jon, please contact Jon or John. This is the event where the registration fee goes to the purchase of Teddy Bears that are donated to the police to help when they interact with small children.
4. The Warbirds Over Williamsburg will be held October 16th
5. A club fall picnic will be held around the time of the Warbirds Day

Safety – Cliff Casey

There was a general discussion on the importance of safety with electric motors. Be careful when binding, or changing the settings on your radio. Best practice is to remove the propeller. It is also a good idea to have either an arming plug or a 2-stage arming procedure.

Training – Bob Juncosa

There is need for a flight simulator that can work on a Mac. Bob is currently working with several members on training.

Old Business

A reminder that there are a lot of old model balsa and gas planes that members would be willing to give away (or sell for a reduced price). Place a note on the guestbook or contact John if you are looking for anything along these lines.

New Business

There was a discussion about the mining operation that is going on in the far end of the flying field. This should not affect our flying operations. It is hoped that it will be finished by the end of the year. Be aware that it is going on and be careful flying toward that end of the field.

Show and Tell

Bob Juncosa introduced Will Bischoff to the club. Will, now 95 years old, was a past member of CVA and gave a riveting talk about his 44-year career at Grumman on Long Island, NY, that started in 1948. As a structural engineer and eventual executive, he worked on all the major projects for the company during that period, the most interesting and satisfying being the Apollo Lunar Module.

During his time at Grumman, he would pass one of the last F8F Bearcats ever produced. N700A had a special paint scheme and was used for PR and VIP flights. In the 60s the plane went to the Cornell as a research plane before going into private hands. It is now at the Palm Springs Air Museum in California.

Will's fascination with the plane led him to building an R/C model in the early 2000's. The plane flew just a few times before going into storage. Now, at 95, Will decided that it was time to part with his special model. He generously gifted it to Bob Juncosa with the condition that he could see it fly again. Bob went over the plane and found it to be in excellent condition, requiring very little to get it into flying condition.

When the meeting concluded, Bob and Will took the Bearcat out to the flight line for its first of two test flights. The first flight was just few circuits around the field to get used to the plane and then back down again. It wasn't a perfect landing but good enough.

After a few adjustments it was time for another flight. This time with pilot and plane more used to each other, a few rolls, loops, and even a split-S were in the flight plan that culminated in a near perfect landing.

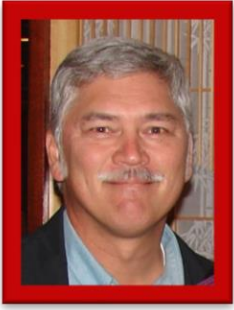


The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm.



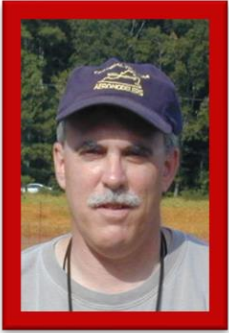
Training: Bob Juncosa

No training article was submitted for this month's newsletter.



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