



PILOT TALK



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President's Column

2009 Meeting Schedule

All meetings (except for the Christmas Dinner) in 2009 will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Church on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7 PM. The next meetings will be 13 August 09 and 10 September 09.

Directions 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 can be seen 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.

MEETING LOCATION

Williamsburg Christian Church

200 John Tyler Lane

7PM Thursday

13 August 2009

Something Different

The CVA will be hosting a sanctioned event called "Something Different" on Saturday, August 15. The purpose of the event is to encourage flying planes that are different from the majority of planes that are normally flown. Any plane except a single engine tractor (propeller in front)

monoplane with conventional tail is legal. The field will be closed to normal planes from about 11AM to 3PM. There is no entry fee. Hot dogs and drinks will be available. Bring your normal airplanes as the field will be open for general flying before and after the event. A partial list of the planes that are legal:

- Biplane
- Twin Engine
- Delta
- Flying Wing
- Pusher
- V-tail
- T-tail
- Dog House
- Flying Lawn Mower
- Witch
- Glider

Try Something Different

The reason that I started the event several years ago was to get people thinking about trying “something different”. It does not have to be one of the radical designs like the Witch or the Flying Lawn Mower. I have learned a lot and had much enjoyment by trying different types of planes. Something as simple as trying a plane with a different airfoil can make a difference. I have found that I tend to like planes with a thick airfoil with a rounded leading edge. I get a lot of enjoyment out of experimenting. For the Shoot for a Cure, I made tow targets to pull behind my Bingo 60. The first design was an X wing with a diamond profile. It did not work well and appears aerodynamically unstable, flitting back and forth. At least the peanut gallery had a good laugh. The second design was an X wing with a delta profile. That one was a winner. It tracked very stably and was easy to tow. I made a construction mistake on that target and did not remove the plastic from one side of the foam. One of the X wings was loose after the flight and we removed it and decided to test with just the 3 wings. The plane now looked like a giant paper airplane. It also flew great and is much easier to build. The bottom line was that I had a lot of fun designing and testing the targets. I ended up with 3 variants and 2 worked well. The one that did not fly well also was a learning opportunity and I am currently thinking about how to modify it.

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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Minutes

C.V.A MINUTES July 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7pm at the Williamsburg Christian Church. 25 members were present. The President announced the minutes of the June 11th meeting as published in the last newsletter. A motion was made to correct the date of the “Something Different” fun fly from the reported date of Sept 15th to the correct date of Aug 15th. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported on the club finances.

Site Improvement: Tom Treese commented on having recently cut the grass and picking up new ramps for the tractors. Tom also commented on the thefts of toilet paper from the porta-potty.

Activities: Joe Musika spoke about upcoming events. John Backes gave info on the Air Cover event and asked for volunteers for various duties. Carl Rannigan talked about the next event, “Shoot for a cure”. Carl was also in need of volunteers for various duties too. This event is a charity fund raiser for St.Judes Children Hospital and The Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters. The Swamp, a paintball company from Gloucester, Va will again this year be bringing out paintball equipment for rental use.

Safety: Cliff Casey commented on how the members of the club are safety conscious.

Training: Tom Treese commented on some of the ongoing training with current students. A new member, Earl Barlow introduced himself at the meeting.

Old Business: Jerry Limber has posted all of the Warbirds over Williamsburg 09’ pictures on the web page, including some pics of Bill Denner’s Skyraider which he was able to land after having a damaged rudder during flight. There was also some discussion about the new security feature on the club bulletin board, now requires the use of a typed in code before anyone can post a message. John Backes said this new step is from the web page hosting provider.

New Business: Ken Howard Sr. asked about possibilities of replacing the club storage shed due to concerns of theft. Information on cost and availability will be gathered and additional discussion will be held at the August meeting. President John Backes mentioned being contacted by a company in Poquoson Va, Foam Creations Inc. (www.foamcreationsofva.com). The company has a CNC hotwire cutter and the owner has expressed an interest in possibly cutting wing cores.

Show and Tell: President John Backes showed a 36” extension for servos that he uses to setup wing servos without having to install the wing on the fuselage. Carl Rannigan showed his new and improved plane for the paintball event. Carl has added several changes to make his plane near “bullet-proof”. Joe Musika showed a tool he calls a “Blier” to make gluing jobs easier. John Backes showed videos that Buck Morning made of the Memorial Day Electric fly-in held at the Boo Williams Sports Complex and the 2008 shoot for a Cure event.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Buck Morning

Secretary

Activities

On July 11th we had an Air Cover Show from 10am to 5pm. Buck Morning orchestrated it, and did an outstanding job. There was a lot of work involved trying to keep at least one aircraft in the air for 7 hrs. or 420 minutes. All together over 20 planes participated, with only 2 crashes. Everyone had a great time, and a cheer for all who participated. Tex Harrison and Jack Haverstick took care of the cooking and did a great job. All in all, a fun day was provided by willing workers, eager pilots, and a GRRRREAT director!!!!

Aug. 1st is Shoot for the Cure.

Aug. 15 is Something Different. This is one of the most fun events. Pilots galore with some very imaginable planes ranging from a simple T- tail to a Witch and a Flying Lawnmower. Let's see what your imagination can come up with.

Sept. 12th 15th Annual Cub Fly. The Cub Fly will be the last flying event of the year. It's for our support of the Virginia State Police's program. Bears for kids in crisis situations. The entry fee is one stuffed bear, or money towards the purchase of a bear. This is such an important cause, please, please everybody come out. We've got some members and visitors with some nice cubs to see and watch.

Happy flying!

Joe Musika

Activities Coordinator

Safety

SUMMER TIME HEAT

DATES TO REMEMBER

15 August 09
Something Different

12 September 09
15th Annual Cub Fly

The hot summer sun is back, and even though we have had some light winds to cool us, it's still hot. Put on lots of sun screen, dress properly and drink lot of fluids. Have a great time out there but keep cool.

FLY SAFE, BE AWARE

Cliff Casey
Safety Officer

Training Corner

A word to the wise....

We all **say** we know the value of the advice given by other, more experienced people, but we somehow, sometimes, think we know better. Or, that advice doesn't suit our situation. Or, we are just cocky enough to go ahead and do it our way anyhow! Or we just flat don't listen! I remember vividly, Bill Van Cleave telling me not to be **too quick** to jump from a trainer plane to something more-racy. I remember he and others talking about keeping a trainer airplane around and learning much more from it as time goes by. I remember thinking "yeah, but I really want to fly this Warbird, and I really like my Funtana.....and I'm doing pretty well with them so heck.....bye-bye trainer airplane!

Well, I'm sorry to say that even in my advancing years, I can still do some pretty dumb things. Shoulda' kept it! Shoulda' listened to Bill.

Little did I think then that I would become so involved in other things that I would not fly for a period of many months. Little did I think that I might just really wish I had that trainer plane back again to refresh my rusty flying skills.

Well, you get the drift...keep your trainer around...keep on using it...but, if you do decide to spin one off...please let me know!! We can make a deal! I'd love a SIG Cadet!!

Remember to try something new each time you fly!

Steve Klute
Training Coordinator

Misc.

Input of interest from Bill Denner

"I'm conducting a survey to determine interest in forming a local chapter of "The Profile Brotherhood (PRO-BRO)". The purpose is to promote profile type planes and possibly a "profile" fly-in in 2010. If you have an interest I would appreciate you emailing me at whd-3@comcast.net. You do NOT have to possess extreme aerobatic piloting skills. The idea is just to have some crazy fun with these silly looking planes. I can think of at least 12 CVA members presently flying or are building profiles and I'm sure more are thinking about one. If we have enough interest we'll put something together. I look forward to hearing from you."

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