



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 9 April and 14 May 2009.

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
9 April 2009

Show and Tell

Time to focus on the show and tell again! I usually just have a note at the bottom of my column but it definitely needs more attention. Last month we did not have any show and tell items. I would like to have the show and tell be a major part of the meeting instead of just having a

business meeting. Take a little time before the meeting (not 5 minutes before you get in the car) to think if there is something that you have to offer. Did you get a new tool or airplane? Did you find something interesting on the internet?

Let me know what you would like to see during the Show and Tell and maybe we can arrange to have it presented.

Mall Show

We held our Mall Show on March 21 & 22. We had a very successful show with lots of interest from the public and participation by many club members. I think that the number of people in the mall was way up from what it was for the last several years. We made 50 club information flyers and they were gone by early afternoon on Sunday. Thanks to all that worked to make this happen, especially Bill Van Cleave who spent a lot of time and effort preparing for the show and making sure that hundreds of little details are properly addressed.

What can you do?

The question is – “What can you do - to help the club?” It takes the work of many people to make the club successful. We are very fortunate to have many people that have stepped up and are doing the work to make the club successful, but it would be better (and easier) if more people helped. How can you help? When the field is being mowed – move the starting benches and tables so that the people mowing don’t have to get off the mower. Contribute to the newsletter and web page. Help with activities – planning, promotion, setup and running the event. Participate in the activities. Help with training – even if you do not feel qualified to be an instructor, help is needed inspecting and setting up the planes. Lastly, don’t forget to say “Thank You” to the people that are doing the work.

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Minutes

C.V.A MINUTES MARCH 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7pm at the Williamsburg Christian Church. 28 members were present. The Vice- President announced the minutes of the February 12th meeting as published in the last newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Feb 12th minutes. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported on the club finances

Site Improvement: Tom Treese mentioned he has rolled the runway and the parking area was OK. Tom also went on to say the field was in good shape. Earlier winds had knocked down the Porte-Potty again but after this time rebar was set to anchor the potty in place.

Activities: Joe Musika mentioned that the schedule for club events is set. Bill Van Cleave commented on the upcoming mall show, and that he was taking care of final details with the mall staff for setup on Friday before the show. Joe Musika reminded the club of the upcoming electric fly set for April 18th. Further Joe mentioned the local R/C clubs council meeting was held recently with the goal to help prevent future event scheduling conflicts. A positive note from that meeting was an agreement that all local clubs extend an open invitation to all local club members to come fly anytime as a guest at any local field.

Safety: Bill Van Cleave commented on the importance of safe woodworking practices. Bill also mentioned with the warmer weather approaching to be on the lookout for ticks and chiggers.

Training: Steve Klute awarded Carl Sommer and Sterling Perry the solo certificates for successfully soloing. The new certificates have a very professional look to them. John Backes suggested to Steve Klute that the look of the solo certificate could use a facelift. Steve used his skills with desktop publishing software to create a very stylish certificate. Great job Steve and John! Steve also mentioned there are 2 to 3 students still in training. Dave Heape has offered to instruct students again now that he is starting to have more time available.

Old Business: Bill Van Cleave reminded the club about the pilot box with the raised barriers as being on trial use and that input from members is still needed to determine if the other pilot boxes will be done the same. Dave Heape asked about the clubs relationship with Jamestown High and its affect on the clubs Gold Leader status. Bill Van Cleave explained that the club's other charitable events fulfill the AMA requirements for a Gold Leader club.

New Business: Pete Rawlings mentioned an upcoming multiple sclerosis fund drive and a website for further information. Carl Rannigan asked about what charities the club will support with this year's paintball event. It was discussed that the funds raised be split between St Jude's Children Hospital and Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. A motion was made and seconded to split the funds. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously. A new member David Keen was welcomed to the club. Pete Rawlings also commented on the AMA officer elections for leader members. Pete went on to say the club can gain greater exposure by posting events in the Virginia Gazette's Happenings page.

Show and Tell: No show and tell.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Buck Morning
Secretary

Activities

Here's hoping that April's weather will be better than it was in March. Fortunately the Mall show was inside. Speaking of the Mall Show, it was a big, big success. Lots of foot traffic, lots of model airplane talk, and hopefully we'll get a few new members from it. Chris Ross of Williamsburg won the raffle. We sold 341 raffle tickets. Best in Show was won by Bob Marsh, and a very, close second to Dave Heape. Bob showed a Corsair, and Dave showed a Pit Special. Our congrats! There were lots of great planes shown this year.

April 18th, is our second Electric Fly-in. Everyone is welcome; just bring your electric planes. Open field flying between 10 and 4. A combat event will be held for anyone wanting to participate. Also a Nerves of Steel event: two minutes for take-off and trimming plane, at this point transmitter is laid on the chair, the winner being the last one to pick up their transmitter. A landing fee of \$5.00 will apply, with lunch served to pilots. A donation lunch for visitors and families.

In May, we'll have our Spring Picnic. More news later.

Joe Musika
Activities Coordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER

ELECTRIC FLY
18 APRIL 09

SPRING PICNIC
16 MAY 09

Safety

No Safety items for discussion this month.

Cliff Casey
Safety Officer

Training Corner

This month I'd like to call attention to the new **"Pilot Training Program"** section of the CVA Website. Many have noticed the new section and taken a look already. As of this writing there have been 80 "hits" on the counter. Some may not have seen it however, or taken the opportunity to look at the content. So...let's take a look right now!

The first button on the page is labeled **"Training Overview"**. In this section we give a short introduction to Colonial Virginia Aeromodelers' philosophy regarding the value of a good training program and the club's interest in helping new students learn to safely control their airplanes while minimizing the chance for damage to their plane. In this section we also discuss the prerequisites to flying at the CVA field, and have links to the AMA and CVA application for membership forms. Further we discuss how our instructors will provide guidance for preparation of the student's plane, and discuss briefly the advantages of the "Buddy-box" system of student instruction with a brief overview of how it works. Finally in this section, we maintain a listing of the CVA training instructors as well as the training coordinator along with contact information for each.

If you push the **"Training Plan"** button, it will take you to the "CVA Pilot Training Plan" which has been moved to this section with very little change. It now contains a link to the CVA "Radio Controlled Model Airplane Flight Instruction Plan" which the student can print and use as his sign-off sheet.

The next section is called **"Guide to Training Plan and Safety Tips"** which has been moved to this section. The content has not been changed. Note that each of the tasks is discussed in some detail here so that a student can get a feel for "why" each task is included and the intended result of mastering that task. This section now contains a link to a printable version of the text. Also included in this part are the sixteen "Safety Tips" unchanged from before.

The **"Equipment"** button takes you to a page that talks to both the equipment supplied by CVA (including buddy boxes and cords as well as the storage and transportation of them) and the basic equipment needed to be obtained by the student pilot to get started. This list includes items needed to build, fly and repair most planes. Note that we will soon also include in this section a more comprehensive list of items suggested for the pilot who has become more advanced in the hobby.

If you press the **"Information for Student Pilots from Monthly Training Column"** button, you will come to a listing of each of the Training columns written for the "Pilot Talk" newsletter since October of 2007. We are working to include a brief summary of the topic of each column along with the date for easy reference. In these columns we try to touch on topics which will be helpful to students in particular, but also to other club members. Take a look and see if there is anything there that is helpful to you.

The final button in the training section of the website currently is the **"Pilot Accomplishment Program"**. This section has been moved here from its previous location because it speaks to the continuation of a pilot's training. The text of this section discusses the nature and purpose of the program. The program is totally voluntary. There are currently two levels of accomplishment, and more may be added in the future. Two buttons on this page lead to the

tasks with notes for Level 1 and Level 2 respectively as well as the names of the “Achievers” who have completed the tasks and the corresponding dates of accomplishment. The sign-off form for each level is also available for printing on these two pages.

In this new “Training Section” of the website, we hope we have added some useful information and better grouped the previously available club information. We will work to improve this material over time, and we welcome input and suggestions from all CVA members.

And, as always... remember to try something new each time you fly!

Steve Klute
Training Coordinator

The official CVA FREQUENCY CONTROL POLICY is to place a pin in the frequency control board prior to turning on your transmitter, and to remove the pin from the board after each use.
FLY SAFELY