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Presidents Column: Randy Rogers

Up Coming Meeting Schedule:

Saturday Sept 16 @ 1:00 PM- Rain date Sunday Sept 17

Saturday Oct 14 @ 1:00 PM- Rain date Sunday Oct 14

Activities

The National Model Aviation Day was well attended. Pilots from all over the Tidewater area as well as other parts of Virginia showed up and helped put on a great program. The event went smoothly despite lots of rain in the days leading up to the event. The field held up well. We had lots of big jets and all the pilots put on a great show. The food truck was a big hit.

Bob Juncosa was the event director and did a fine job directing the event and announcing. Tom Treese, Don Trump, Cliff Casey, Steve Sober, Phillip Bowman, Bill Talbot, Tex Harrison, Steve and Fran Kolet, Mark Motter and so many others helped with mowing the field and general set up and operation of the event. If I missed you please know your efforts were and are appreciated.

All worked hard toward making the event a success. Thanks to all!

Elections

The elections for club officers will be held during the September meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the election.

Events

All the events for the rest of the season have been suspended until our special use permit is reinstated.

Show and Tell

Let's keep bringing items for show and tell.

Contact Me

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Secretary's Report: Fred Hill

CVA Meeting – August 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Randy Rogers. The meeting was held at the Field. A total of 12 members were present. The July 2023 meeting notes were approved.

Treasure's Report – Jon Persons

Two new renewals

There was income from the NAMD event that totaled \$563.00

The following bills were paid:

Tom Treese \$ 39.25 for mower parts

Alan Fry \$109.99 for the website renewal

SB Cox for porta potty \$ 212.00

Randy Rogers for bleacher repair \$271.54, fire extinguisher \$176.08, first aid kit \$74.19

Sunshine Tradesman – contractor – painted poles, removed the old poles and trash pile, installed new shade poles.

Total for work \$4538.00. See itemized invoice below

The Mower fund is at \$70.00

2023 CVA National Model Aviation Day Financial Accounting

Revenue

Pilot registration	26	\$130.00
Raffles		\$161.00
Soft Drinks		\$65.00
Donations		\$217.00
Donations – candy		\$5.00
Donation – planes		\$30.00
TOTAL		\$608.00

Expenses

AMA Sanction Fee	\$25.00
PA System Rental	\$179.77
Additional Porta Potty	\$106.00
Poster Printing	\$32.10
Trash Disposal	\$10.30
Candy	\$5.00
Soft Drinks	\$22.75
Ice	\$90.75
Planes	\$30.00

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TOTAL	\$501.67
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Net \$106.33

Other expenses not fully related to NMAD	
Flag and banner	\$231.69
Brochure #1	\$122.70
Brochure #2	\$120.02
Trash Cans	\$48.96
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Total	\$523.37

A motion was made and approved to reimburse Bob Juncosa for the above expenses.

The operating fund, mower fund totals were reported.

Site Improvements – Randy Rogers

- The bleacher wood was replaced.
- The flag and wind sock poles were painted.
- The fence posts were replaced.
- The shade poles were replaced.
- Still to do the fence will be painted when the weather is cooled down.

Activities

The activities for the remainder of the year have been postponed. See the discussion of the Special Use Permit below.

Safety

Be careful turning onto Hwy 5. Be sure to look right for traffic that may be passing on the double yellow line.

Training.

Bob J has a young new trainer – Eli 10 year old that he has been working with.

Old Business

A)

The following objectives were achieved from the NAMD event:

1. We were able to attract a large number of pilots from other clubs. Especially nice was the large number of jet planes that were in attendance.
2. We had a large turnout of spectators. Including a large turnout of kids that seemed to have a good time.
3. The food truck worked out well.
4. We strengthen our relationship with Hobby Town

The following areas could be improved:

1. Parking can be better coordinated. The wet conditions did not help

B)

During the run up to the NMAD event it was discovered that our Special Use Permit for Charles City County had expired several years ago. We were granted a single day exception. We need to get our SUP reissued. Jon Persons will work with John Hofmeyer to renew this permit.

The following was taken from the CCC website regarding SUP

Introduction – Rezoning and Special Use Permits

If the intended for your property is not permitted as a matter of right in the Zoning Ordinance, and The Zoning Administrator cannot reasonably determine your proposal is not within an existing category by performing zoning interpretation – Then you will need to apply for rezoning or a special use permit. The County’s ordinance has specific development standards required. Whether a rezoning or a special use, the application and any proffers or conditions become a separate layer of zoning restrictions applied to the property. Violations of the proffers or conditions are managed like any other zoning ordinance violation.

If your property was previously rezoned or you have an existing use permit and you wish to amend or change the conditions placed on the property you will need to file for a modification of conditions. The modifications of the conditions are considered a new application and are subject to the same process as any rezoning/special use permit application.

A proffer of proffered condition is a voluntary commitment from the landowner or developer to reduce or eliminate the impact of new development on neighboring properties and the county

C)

The club is still waiting to hear from the FAA for Their FRIA exception for the field.

New Business

A)

A motion was made to get two new sets of lawn mower blades. This will allow us to replace the blades and have them sharpened and ready to use every 3 months. The motion was approved. Randy Rogers will purchase the new blades.

B)

Mike Thompson is having a FAA Drone event September 30, 2023 at the Williamsburg Airport. He asked if the CVA was interested in having a table at the event. It was decided not to attend the event.

Show and Tell

No show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned @ 2:12pm

Editor’s note- The following was submitted by John Ziegler:

CVA FAA Recognized Identification Area Update by John Ziegler

On August 25th, CVA received flying site approval from the FAA as a Recognized Identification Area.

This allows us to fly within the footprint of our field, up to 400 feet above ground level, without any onboard identification broadcast device installed.

For folks who fly at alternate sites like your backyard or local school, you will be required to have Remote ID capability for anything over half a pound takeoff weight. The multirotor guys may have that hardware/software package integrated right into the drone. For traditional model airplane flyers, it means buying an aftermarket module that you will install AND register. That module will broadcast specific pieces of data designed to let others know who and where you are. (In a perfect world that would mean law enforcement officers, but in reality, it means anybody with the application on their phone to display your airplane.)

The added cost and the disclosure of information has been met with a lot of push back from the aeromodeling community. As if the new rule wasn’t bad enough, there are not enough modules in the marketplace to meet the Sept. 16th deadline. Consequently, the FAA is looking at delaying the deadline and/or enforcement.

Even if the date slides, it is likely to never go away. In fact, the requirements may become more demanding over time. The FAA is committed to the Advanced Air Mobility concept. The National Airspace System below 4000 feet will be populated with more and more manned and autonomous air traffic moving people and stuff from point to point. The fundamental premise of “See and Avoid” will be augmented with the idea of “Sense/Detect and Avoid”. Your Remote ID broadcast data will be one element of that big picture.

For now, enjoy flying at CVA as you always have. If you operate off site, be aware of the obligations. Like we always said in the Navy-Know the rule you’re breaking. If you have any specific questions, let me know and I’ll at least get you pointed in the right direction.

John Ziegler





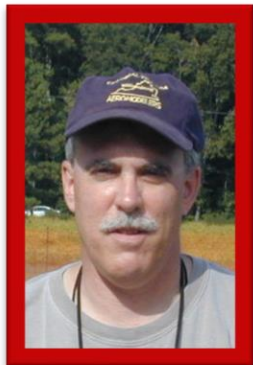
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A training article was not submitted for this month's newsletter.



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Fly Safe, Be Safe



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