

HRRC Flyer

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Upcoming Events

Happy Holidays!

January 8, 2004 HRRC

**Club Meeting 7:30 (Note:
it's not the first!)**

February 1, Annual Groundhog Chili Fly Day

February 5, HRRC Club Meeting 7:30

March 4, HRRC Club Meeting 7:30

April 1, HRRC Club Meeting 7:30

April 23, 2004 HRRC Banquet @ Suffolk Holiday
Inn 6 pm.

April 24, 2004 Annual HRRC Fly-In

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Best wishes for the holiday season to all club members. Hopefully Santa will bring that nice new airplane that you've asked for...or maybe some good flying weather during the usual vacation period.

As the year comes to a close, it's appropriate to point out all the successes and blessings the club has enjoyed in the past year--despite the weather. Sixty inches of rain has fallen this calendar year. That extra twenty must have come early in the winter. Most club members can recall the flooded field and angst that it caused. But through a lot of hard work and contributions from friends of the club, the road to the field has been renewed. The Air Show Team enjoyed a successful season. Club membership is possibly at an all time high--97. Although there were some minor injuries at the field, there were no major safety incidents. Hurricane Isabel did more good than harm to the field, possibly Mother Nature's way of compensating for the problems caused by the rain earlier in the year.

Meeting Date Change and Field Closures

Please take note that the January meeting will be held on the 8th instead of the usual 1st Thursday which would be New Year's Day.

The Park and subsequently the field, will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Rules of the Month from the By-Laws

9. Extended running of engines for troubleshooting or break-in is prohibited in the pits. Necessary extended run-ups may be conducted to the far right or far left and in parallel line with the pit area.

10. Pit areas are restricted to pilots and pit crew only. Guests may be permitted only when accompanied by an active flying member only at the invitation of the flying member.

Meeting Highlights from December

Two visitors Al Jaegers, & Dale Smith and new members Matthew and Joshua Merciez were welcomed.

The Minutes and Treasurers' Report were read. The club membership is 97.

The January meeting will be on the 8th to preserve the New Year's Day Holiday.

The 2nd Annual GroundHog Chili Fly will be February 1st (Sunday). Henry mentioned organizing a Combat-Fly/competition.

Henry is also entertaining thoughts of a Float-Fly--if you have any inputs, let him have it.

The results of the Inter-Club Fun-Flys were:

1st: NNPRC	3352.5 Points
2nd: CVA	3035
3rd: IOW	1715
4th: HRRC	1442.5

Bob Howell reminded everyone that AMA dues were payable, as well as Park Memberships.

Bob claimed that he will publish a new roster shortly.

Henry mentioned that we, as a club only participated in half of those Fun-Flys scheduled. The club hosted one, and participated in one other. The consensus of the club was that we should support the Fun-Flys as best we can. Gary Murdoch stated that some of the 'fun' was lost due to some rules that were enforced but not discussed prior to the event.

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The Club holds regular meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month at the location given below. More information is available on the web site: members.cox.net/hrrc/

The Deadline for article submission is the date of the monthly meeting. Submit articles in any form to Rick Lawrence (editor)-hrcc@cox.net or (757) 623-0477.

The information contained herein and on the web site is for the sole and personal use of Club Members strictly for their enjoyment in the pursuit of building and flying radio controlled aircraft.

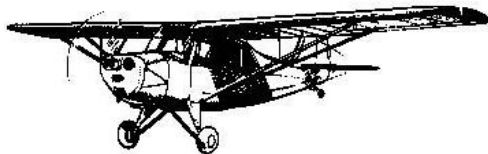
Highlights from December (continued)

The shop will be the meeting place until further notice. The address of "Airline Parts and Service" is: 3530 Airline Blvd

DIRECTIONS:

From Norfolk / Va. Beach go through the downtown tunnel and stay on I-264 to the Greenwood Drive West exit. Proceed down two lights to Airline Blvd, turn right and the shop will be the second building on the left between the 7/11 and the Burger King.

From Suffolk follow Route 58 past our usual meeting place and get in left lane. this will turn into Airline Blvd. come up two lights, the shop is two buildings past second light on the left.



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Highlights from December Meeting (continued)

Henry got several items off of his chest--

1. The 4 clubs in the Inter-Club Council meet in order to coordinate each club's events. He said that the first meeting will be sometime around February or March to determine the next season's schedule.
2. Our club participates the least in other club's events, and in turn, many clubs do not visit our events. It seems we should try to break the status quo, and make efforts to visit other club's fields.
3. The Park dues have increased for other users, but HRRC members dues are still \$25. It indicates the level of mutual support we enjoy with the City and Park Administration. Henry encouraged the club to foster this good relationship--so renew your membership now.
4. The Banquet will be on the 23rd and the Annual Fly-In on the 24th of April. Henry solicited for ideas for displays.

A Pilot Certificate was awarded to Andy Wood--who learned to fly as quickly as anyone can remember--2 days.

Henry said that the Boy Scout show will be in early May.

Bob Swain indicated that he is working on next year's Air Show Team Roster, and if any member does not to be on it, or anyone would like to be, let him know.

Bob Swain also mentioned a bulk fuel purchase. If anyone is interested, contact him within two weeks, and he will provide details. He said that 12 gallons must be purchased to get the first increment of discount. He will require money in advance and will order the fuel in January.

Bob reported that the PA system that was donated is not convertible to DC, and the team is still searching for a portable, affordable, effective PA system.

Bob Swain reminded everyone that egg cartons need to be saved for the Boy Scout Air Display in the Spring.

Bob Howell distributed the club's business cards which were made courtesy of Jesse Goodwin.

Bob Howell read a letter that had been posted at a field that was recently closed because a plane had flown into a day-care center. There were no injuries, but the field was closed. The event serves as a lesson and warning to our club members to be safe and do what they can to preserve the use of our field.

For Sale

ThunderTiger Windstar EP (glider with electric motor). All components except radio & receiver.

\$100

Contact Dave Walkup at 488-6212