



HRRC Flyer

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Upcoming Events

February 7, Annual Groundhog Chili Fly Day

February 5, HRRRC Club Meeting 7:30

March 4, HRRRC Club Meeting 7:30

April 7, HRRRC Club Meeting 7:30

April 23, 2004 HRRC Banquet @ Suffolk Holiday

Inn 6 pm.

April 24, 2004 Annual HRRC Fly-In

Early May Scout Static Show and Air Show

Message From the President

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope that we as a club and each of you as members enjoy another successful pursuing our hobby. Thanks to Gary Murdoch for accepting the challenge of becoming the club's Vice President for this year.

Our club membership has reached an all-time high of 101 members. Some of our new members are experienced pilots, but most are novices just as we all were at one time. I ask that all of those who have the benefits of experience and benefitted from someone else's help in the past--pay it forward to our new members. Our club has the reputation of being friendly, let's all continue that tradition and give our new members exposure to the best RC flying culture we have all enjoyed the last several years. Experienced pilots have a responsibility to correct safety issues that new members may make, and new pilots have the responsibility to ask if they are ever in doubt as to the safety of an aircraft or maneuver. Let's all take care of each other.

Henry

New Web Site & Master

The club has a great new web site thanks to Matt Merciez. He's registered a domain just for the club: hamptonroadsrc.com. He's ready to post whatever pictures you'd like to share, and take any feedback you have.

Rules of the Month from the By-Laws

11. Unless a pilot is repeatedly operating his model in such a way as to endanger life or property, no person shall accost, distract, or intentionally disturb a pilot on the flight line.

12. Operation of models in an unsafe or irresponsible manner is not permitted. The Field Marshall, Safety Officer, Club Officer, Director, and/or the Park Rangers shall take appropriate action to control such unsafe actions. Flying privileges may be suspended or revoked for repeated offenses.

Meeting Highlights from January

Approximately 23 members were present

The Minutes and Treasurers' Report were read. The club membership by the end of the meeting was 101. Lee Touzel was member 100, Keith Rush was number 101. Robert and Wilbur Ashley and Luis Sandoval who had joined earlier, were 97, 98 and 99

The 2nd Annual Ground-Hog Chili Fly Day will be held ---in any weather except dangerous. A combat event will be attempted using streamers and some rules from the AMA. For example, judges will decide if some planes do not engage! Chili will be available at noon. A tent should be available. Whoever wants to bring Chili to share is encouraged, although it's not mandatory to fly on that day. Stoves will be needed to keep the chili warm.

Henry has appointed a banquet committee Jon Beeler, Henry (himself), Bob Howell, Rick Lawrence, Jim Maguire, & Gary Murdoch. All members are encouraged to pay the banquet costs as soon as possible. Henry is soliciting for creative ideas for entertainment. Make your plans now to attend. It will be Friday, April 23rd at 6 with dinner starting at 7.

Dom DePolo mentioned that advertisements for the Fly-In need to get out as soon as possible.

Joe Robinette has offered his dock for use by anyone wanting to fly float planes and for a more structured a float-fly. Bob Howell mentioned that if it becomes a club event then special AMA insurance will be required. A motion was made that the club pursue the event and insurance. Early spring is the ideal time because in May,

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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: hamptonroadsrc.com

The Deadline for article submission is the date of the monthly meeting. Submit articles in any form to Rick Lawrence (editor)-hrrc@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.

Directions to the Club's Meetings

The Airline Parts and Service shop will be the meeting place until further notice. The its address 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 old 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 January Meeting (continued)

crab-pots are put out which cause hazards.

Henry mentioned that now is the time for anyone with a plane in the woods to attempt its rescue.

Henry stated that we are a growing club with lots of new members, and new pilots, it's the responsibility of more experienced members to help the new members and for new members to feel free to ask for help at any time they feel they need it.

Park fees are now due and payable only at the Park entrance gate. All members are reminded to sign in whenever they fly. Our numbers count toward support that the park can give and have resulted in several benefits in the past year.

Bob Swain solicited for possible groups for air show audiences. Please contact him if you know of a group that may enjoy an air show for their benefit.

Jim Maguire mentioned that we need to do a better job cleaning up after ourselves. There should be no debris on the field at the end of the day.

Henry said that dates for the May Scout Show, with air show following are still not set, but will be early in the month.

The club has a new web site designed and set up by Matt Merciez. Its url is: hamptonroadsrcc.com. Matt has set up a forum for questions to be asked and answered as well as an area to sell & trade. He plans to make it so that members can upload their own pictures. Matt solicited for information from members on what we would like to see.

Ray bring the rake. Next time you see Ray Goodwin at the field, ask him if he remembered to bring the rake.

Gary Murdoch is coordinating an S&W bulk fuel order. Contact him & he will place the order with CVA to increase the savings. He needs the order info by 8 January (before press time). The next order CVA will place will be at the end of the summer.

Show & Tell was:

Jon Beeler's 1/3 scale Great Planes Pitts with Moki 2.1 & 20 x 8 prop, and Henry Cahoon's Uproar modified to knife-edge and with "flapevators".

Resources

After some listening to my fishermen coworkers rave about a product called Spider-Wire, I thought I'd try it in an RC application. Spider-Wire is a fishing line which comes in varying strengths, can be tied in knots, but does not stretch like monofilament. It is available from WalMart for \$16 for 100 to 150 yard lengths depending on the strength of the line. I used it replace pull-pull cables in my big biplane, as the kevlar line I originally installed had chafed and broke. I tied knots secured with CA to clevis eyelets and the servo horn. I'll discuss its success as I fly and test it. I'll be happy to give some to whoever else would like to try it.