

# HRRC Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

November 7, Henry's Do Something Different Fly-In

November 13, TMSS Gliders

December 2, HRRC Club Meeting 7:30 pm

December 4, Field Work-Day

December 14, TMSS Gliders

Happy Holidays!

January 6, 2005; HRRC Club Meeting 7:30 pm

February 3, HRRC Club Meeting 7:30 pm

February 5, 3rd Annual Ground-Hog Chili Fly-Day

March 3, HRRC Club Meeting 7:30 pm

April 22, HRRC Annual Banquet

April 23, HRRC Spring Fly-In

May 20-22, 2nd Annual Robinette Float-Fly

June 25, HRRC Family Day Picnic

July 23, HRRC Scale Fly-In

## Message from the President

We are coming near the end of the year 2004 and we have had a great year. During 2004 HRRC had a record number of members, record highs for meeting attendance, and a record number of pilots to solo. We have also enjoyed some new events: for many of us the first ever.

We still have some time left before the end of the year and we are not a fair weather only club. Plus, we are already scheduling events for next year. (See left)

The holiday season is also approaching, so I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday, and may GOD bless you and your loved ones.

Henry

Editor's Message: Thanks to you, Henry for your efforts in the past year, and your continued commitment by staying on as President of our club.

## Rules of the Month from the By-Laws

4. Take off will be made from the runway side of the pilot boxes only. Never take off from the pit area or through or around the pilot boxes. All take off actions will be into the wind and as parallel to the runway as possible. All pilots should take off in the same direction at any given time based on wind direction.
5. Landings will be made into the wind except in emergency situations. All pilots should land in the same direction at any given time based on the wind direction.

## Meeting Highlights from November

29 members were present. The club has approximately 92 members with many still delinquent in renewing their membership. Max Rothman was welcomed as a new member.

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes from the last meeting were read.

The 2005 AMA Safety Rules have been published and are available on the web site. (They are attached with the printed version of this newsletter). Gary recommended that all members review them over the next couple of months. Matt Merciez discussed a story that was told on RCUniverse.com about a 50cc sized plane that injured its owner when he started the engine for the first time at his house. The throttle servo was reversed and the plane started at high throttle and drove uncontrolled into the owner. He was seriously injured, and the incident points out the risks of operating planes alone, and the value of a restraining device when starting a plane.

Over 100 persons were at the field for the Pylon Races October 30th. Bob Swain said there were 4 categories, 17 pilots, and 19 planes, including 8 Chesapeake Flyers. Dave Cokely was specifically cited for his tremendous help during the event.

This Sunday is Henry's "Do Something Different" Fly-In....That is something else besides just flying. Categories will be Most Useful, Most Innovative, and Most Exotic. There will be Chili and other food brought by members. He expects the event to start around noon with judging starting at noon. He expects that the flying not interfere with other pilots not participating while at the field.

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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](http://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](mailto: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. Meeting time is 7:30 pm.

Its address is: 3530 Airline Blvd., Portsmouth.



### 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 the left lane. This will turn into Airline Blvd. Come up two lights, the shop is two buildings past the second light on the left.



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## Highlights from November Meeting (continued)

Crushed gravel offered by the Park will be handled by Ray Goodwin. Ray said that we have access to all of the crushed concrete that we could use. Transportation might be a problem, but times that it will be available are unknown. Ray will have access to the Park's equipment to spread it.

Henry noted that the grass-cutting contract ended in October, so if the grass needs to be cut, we will have to do it ourselves.

Gary Murdock and Henry Cahoon are in possession of the club's trainers. Contact them if you have someone who would like an introductory flight on the buddy-box.

December 4th is scheduled as a Field Work Day.

Bob Swain gave the names of 4 tree-climbers if anyone requires their services to retrieve a tree'd plane. They are:

Rusty Quinlan	Home 686-0298 Cell 407-7327
Edward Dix	329-2410
W. Sessions	465-5060

Events are being scheduled for next year via the Inter-Club Council. For HRRC the events are as follows. February 5th 2005 will be the 3rd annual GroundHog Fly Day. The HRRC Annual Banquet will be Friday, April 22nd, and the following day is the Spring Fly-In. May 20 - 22 are the dates for the 2nd annual Robinette Float-Fly. June 25th will be the Family Day Picnic. July 23rd is the Scale Fly-In. Other inputs are welcome if anyone would like to organize an event. There was no interest at the meeting in participating in the Inter-Club Fun-Flys. However Bob Swain, mentioned that the competitive nature of the Fun-Flys may have been the cause of the lack of interest.

Gary Murdock mentioned that any AMA member should be able to fly at any other AMA chartered field.

Officers were elected without contest:

President	Henry Cahoon	(3rd Term)
Vice President	Gary Murdock	(2nd Term)
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Howell	(2 Many Terms)

The Board of Directors are: Dom DePolo, Bob Swain, and Ronnie Ward.

Gary Murdock finalized his S&W Fuel order. If you have ordered fuel from him, it will be available about Thanksgiving.

Ray Goodwin gave a "SPAD" demo including the gutter-pipe fuselage, a firewall, and description of how to assemble the plane.

Show and Tell was Gary Murdock's Kyosho Stearman ARF with Magnum .60 4-Stroke. Gus Gibboney showed his scratch-built Bobcat with Enya .30 4-cycle.

## Heavy Lift, Pylon Racing & Something Different Results

### Heavy Lift

If somebody would give me the results, I would print them!

### Pylon Racing

On Saturday, 30 Oct. 2004, the club held its first pylon races. A two pylon course was used and four categories of planes were raced. The categories were as follows: hand launch, up to .30 engine; hand launch, over .30 engine; wheel take off, up to .61 engine; wheel take off, over .61 engine. A contingent from the Chesapeake R/C club also participated. A total of 19 individual planes were flown.

The race officials were Starter and Chief Judge, David Cokely; Pylon Judges, Art Gould, Wilber Ashley, and John Errington. The Recorder was John Eldridge. The results were:

Hand launch up to .30: Ray Goodwin, Undefeated.

Hand launch over .30: Bob Swain: Undefeated.

Wheel take off up to .61: Alan Berard: Undefeated

Wheel take off over .61: Jon Beeler: Undefeated

### Something Different

The Something Different Fly-Day was held with great weather & a great turnout on November 7th. Judges were Matt Merciez, Paul Norman, and of the 15 entries, the results were:

Most Exotic:	Jon Beeler
Most Useful	Gus Gibboney
Most Innovative	Wilbur Ashley

There was also plenty of food!!! Many thanks to all who brought out the fantastic lunch. Henry recorded the food--and apologizes to those he may have missed, and thanks all of those involved for making the event one to remember!!

Jon Beeler: RIBS; Wilbur Ashley: Jambalya & rolls; Pat Fynn: Bean Soup; Gary Murdock: Navy Bean Soup; Henry Cahoon: Chili; Rick Larwence: Chili; Gus Gibbonney: Chili; Bob Howell: Hot Sausage; Art Gould: Cheese Cake; Keith Harrell: Beans & Corn Bread; Jenni Ward: Corn Bread & Brownies; Bob Swain: Corn Bread Muffins; Mat Merciez: Chips & Crackers.