

# HRRC Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

March 12, Labanon PA, Swap Meet

March 12-13, CVA Mall Show

April 7, HRRC Club Meeting 7:30 pm

April 9 TMSS Glider contest

April 9, Field WorkDay

April 22, HRRC Annual Banquet, 6 pm

April 23, HRRC Spring Fly-In, 10 am

May 10 TAR/C Council Meeting

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

May 28- 30 (Memorial Day) Mid-Atlantic Jet

Rally @ Fentress

June 25, HRRC Family Day Picnic

July 16, CVA Speed Trial

July 23, HRRC Scale Fly-In

Oct 7, HRRC Accessory Fly-In

## President's Message

At 6 pm on April 22nd we have our gala event of the year, the Annual HRRC Banquet. It kicks off the flying season for us as the following day is our Fly-In. It's a great opportunity to share the camaraderie we enjoy at the airfield with our family and friends who don't necessarily share our passion for the hobby. We've worked hard in the past to make the event enjoyable to all ages and genders. This year will be no exception. Make your plans now to attend and please pay Bob Howell as soon as possible. The location is the same as last year--the Holiday Inn, Suffolk (2864 Pruden Blvd.) The price will remain \$25 per person and about \$18 for children for the buffet style dinner, but there will be three entrees to choose from (fish, chicken, and beef). Everyone is invited to bring interesting "stuff" for display and discussion.

Also, be ready to support our Fly-In that Saturday. I will be finalizing the list of volunteers needed at the next meeting.

Take care,  
Henry

## Rules of the Month from the By-Laws/ Lone Star Lakes Park

12. Safety and courtesy are the rule. Fulfillment of our mission and realization of our vision are dependent on these rules and our guiding principles.

Editor's note:

The preceding is the last Safety Rule of the Club's ByLaws. The following is the first of the Lone Star Lakes Park Rules.

1. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

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## Highlights from the March Meeting

30 Members found the Lancaster Farms meeting room. Ray says that for future meetings, he will continue to place the HRRC signs along the road to show members the way. And if you see him, remind him to reset breaker #35. See the following page for directions to the meetings.

The Safety Discussion centered around Range Checks and Plane Inspections for beginning pilots. Gary Murdock related a story where he flew a plane with its antenna coiled inside the fuselage and not extended. Due to his remarkable skill as a pilot, he was able to regain control of the plane, but learned a valuable lesson about inspecting planes of unqualified pilots before attempting to fly them.

Park pass fees are due. 32 members still owe park fees. The City has changed their policy so that the club will collect the fees. The club will charge the 06 fees with the June dues. Park fees are payable to Bob Howell. He accepts checks made to HRRC.

Henry mentioned the outstanding turnout at the GroundHog Chili FlyDay--more than 100 people, 19 pots of chili and much more food that did not fall into the chili category. The Chesapeake Flyers, CVA, and NNPRC had pilots attend. Henry thanked all that helped make it a success and informed the club that Bob Howell got a great deal on another tent, so that the club now owns 2 tents. He added that this was the club's Council Open House event for the season.

Henry reported that the Area Council met Feb 15th. The minutes were previously forwarded which included the events for the remainder of the season. Henry represented HRRC. Highlights are:

March 12, 13th CVA Mall Show  
April 22 HRRC Banquet, and the 23rd the Fly

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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.

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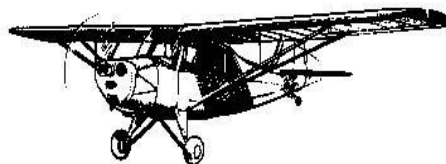
## Directions to the Club's Meetings

The club's meetings are held at 7:30 at the Lancaster Farms Meeting Room.

### DIRECTIONS:

From Norfolk, Portsmouth, Va. Beach take I-664 to exit 9A or SR 164 to Rt. 17 North. Once on Rt. 17 go to the 3rd traffic light and turn right onto Knotts Neck Road. Look for the HRRC sign on the left.

From Suffolk, take Wilroy Road to Nansemond Parkway. Take a left on Nansemond Pkwy and turn left onto Shoulders Hill Rd. Cross the traffic light at Rt. 17 and look for the HRRC sign on the left.



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## Highlights from the March Meeting (continued)

May 10 TAR/C Council Meeting  
May 14th CVA Open House.  
April 30 (Memorial Day) Jet Rally @ Fentress  
June 14 CVA No Guts-No Glory Fun-Fly  
July 16th CVA Speed Trials--clocking A/C for Airspeed  
October 1 HRRC Accessory Fly-In

Bob Howell gave some details on the upcoming Annual Banquet. Prices are: \$25 for Adults, \$15 16 & under, Under 3 are free. There will be a choice 3 entrees at the buffet. Payment for the Banquet can be made to any board member. The minimum number of diners is 80. The earlier this minimum number is met, the easier it is for Bob to arrange the event with the attending staff.

The following day, the HRRC Annual Fly-in will be Sanctioned this means that an AMA Card is required (no exceptions), there will be airplane inspections, and a \$10 landing fee.

Volunteers for starting the Spring Fly-In Raffle were solicited. Tom Atkins offered to donate a \$100 ARF for the Fly-In Raffle. There will be other Raffles and prizes as well.

There will be Field Work-day April 9th to complete the shelter and some other projects to get the field ready for the Fly-In. Paul Norman has completed the design for the shelter project.

Henry reminded everyone to wear their club name badges while at the field. He also reminded everyone that as an extra safety precaution, that whenever there are 3 or more flyers in the air, that, if possible, someone go and spot for those flying pilots.

Pilot Certificates were presented to John Holland (belated, 1st qualified in 1975), and Rafael Benet,

Bob Howell reported that the Park will close on every holiday for the remainder of the year, but it may be open exclusively for us to fly on some of those holidays. He reminded all members that if you are the last one out, you should put the chain on the gate opening WITHOUT locking it.

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Ray Goodwin made an impassioned speech about the occasional capricious rules the park imposes on us as park users. It behooves us as guests to bend to the wishes of the Park Service so that we can continue to enjoy our field. Paul Norman emphasized that he, Richard Dawson, and Bob Howell worked VERY hard with the city of Suffolk to procure the site for the club's use.

Jeff Haywood described the current AMA president, Dave Brown's tiered policy in the recent AMA magazine which requires members to pay fees based on the size of planes that they fly.

Show & Tell was Ray's Spinsation. It wasn't so much the plane that was interesting, but that it was covered in something called Dry-lam made by Highsmith. It's a laminating material made and sold by Highsmith ([highsmith.com](http://highsmith.com) > products > Office Supplies > laminating equipment > laminating rolls & equipment).

## Trucker's Hitch

A while ago, I wrote an article about using fisherman's line called SPIDERWIRE, a kevlar braid in making pull-pull rudders for our model aircraft. I have used it in a large biplane that I have with good results so far, and in my triplane. Interestingly, the triplane's rudder is a little loose, and large, so that it now fishtails in flight. John Williams helped me diagnose the problem, and I mentioned how I had trouble tightening the lines to get the pull-pull system tight. John mentioned that I should use a trucker's Hitch to make the pull-pull system-- it's commonly used by fishermen--that's how he was aware of it. The trucker's knot will allow you to cinch the line as tight as you'd like, and make it secure. Googling 'trucker's hitch' will give you several excellent illustrations, and explanations. In my Ashley

BOOK of KNOTS, I found a couple of knots that should also work--they are a Farmer's Loop [1054], Harness Loop [1050], and Lineman's Loop [1053]. Mr. Ashley indicates that the Lineman's loop is superior to the harness loop in ease of tying and strength. The loop knots are then finished with half-hitches to keep them from slipping. All of these knots create a bight in the line through which you can make a loop for cinching the line tight, and finishing in the half-hitches. Of course, finish the job with a dab of superglue (CA) to make sure it never gets untied or slips. Here's a sample illustration. It appears complicated, but after watching an illustration of how it is tied, it's not that hard.

