

HRRC Flyer

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Upcoming Events

Oct 8, TMSS Glider contest
October 15, HRRC Field, Suffolk Park
Service Camp (1 show)
Oct 15, CVA Fall Picnic
Oct 22, IOW Chili Fly (OH)
Oct 29 CVA Payload Event (day 2)
Nov 3, HRRC Meeting
Nov 12 TMSS Glider contest
Dec 1, HRRC Meeting
Dec 10 TMSS Glider contest

Club Elections to be Held at the November Meeting

The annual election for club officers will be held during the club meeting in November. Please see the Meeting Highlights inside for the nominees!

Henry's Message

Howdy All,

On occasion I am asked about my background in model airplanes. Well, here goes what I can remember. My love for airplanes came at a very early age. My dad and his brothers were model airplane builders and flyers, mostly scale free flight and control line. In my very young years I always had toy airplanes. At age eight I started building and flying small .049 glow powered control line models. By age fifteen I was flying .35 size glow models like the Shoestring, and Ringmaster. I still have a few .049 and .35 size control line models that I keep for memorabilia.

At age nineteen I bought my first RC kit, a Goldberg Falcon 56 MK2, but I would be almost twenty-two (1981) before I got the plane built and purchased the engine and radio (an OS.35 and a Kraft 4 channel). At that time I was dating my wife, and her best friend's dad was a modeler. At that time he was flying R/C gliders and showed me a few places to fly, one of which was Fentress Airfield where you only needed an AMA membership to fly there. One Saturday morning while making a feeble attempt to get my Falcon Airborne a grouchy old man with a cigar asked if I needed some help. That was Gene Fentress who made half a dozen corrections before attempting to get the plane airborne again. Once I saw my plane flying I was hooked into R/C for good. The Falcon needed more control adjustments than the trim settings on the radio would allow so after a few landings and adjustments the plane was able to be flown hands off and I got my first chance to try the controls. Back in those days the radio was passed back and forth between instructor and student.

I joined HRRC around 1997. The years between 1981 and 1997 I was in and out of the hobby depending on finances and the commitments of having a young family. During those 16 years I built and flew the Goldberg Skylark, SIG Clipped Wing Club, Tidewater Parakeet, and the House of Balsa .40 size P-51 Mustang. I never joined a club and my flying abilities suffered by not having a mentor to learn from. I can't say enough about the benefits of being part of a club where you draw from the

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Highlights from the October Meeting

36 members were present and guests Ed Balisle and Warren Coleman were welcomed.

The Treasurers' Report and Minutes from the August meeting were read.

Gary Murdock presided in Henry Cahoon's absence.

The Accessory Fly-In was held on October first. Henry brought chili, Ray Goodwin brought Beef & veggie stew, and Ralph Youngk brought pig-pickin' cake

Participating, were:

Bob Swain with his F4B2 with smoke

Ray Goodwin with his stick with bomb drop

Bert & Ray with a Parachute drop

Brandon Ward with his SPAD with bomb drop

Henry Cahoon with his uproar with flap-erons & CG adjuster, AND his stick with 2 bomb drops and bombay doors

Bob Swain gave an introductory overview of the Air Show Team. The Park Service Open House/ Air Show will be on October 15th. The Park will be celebrating from 9 am to 3 pm. A performance will be made at 11:00 with the possibility of a show later in the afternoon. Volunteers will be needed, and if you would like to fly in the show, contact Bob. Starting next April, every pilot will have to be certified by an AMA official in order to fly in the air shows. The criteria are fairly simple. Bob Swain has arranged for an assistant area VP to be present at show on the 15th. If you will be at the show, wear your show team shirt and hat in order for the official team picture to be taken.

The Suffolk Peanut Festival is on Saturday (October 8th). Weather permitting, The Fighter Factory will fly at 1:00 pm and the Air Show Team will present a static show in order to guarantee that the team performs the minimum of shows. Those

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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.

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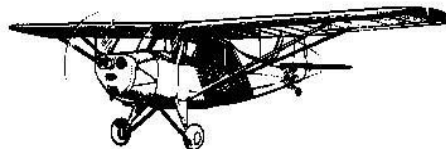
Directions to the Club's Meetings

The club's meetings are held at 7:30 the first Thursday of every month 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 October Meeting (continued)

interested should arrive at the airport at 11:00 and stay until 1:30.

Luis Sandoval was contacted by the Driver Days organizers about a static display and/or park flying on Saturday the 21st of October. Details will follow.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following for club officers for 2006:

President--None. Henry will step down.

Vice President--Matt Merciez

Secretary/treasurer--Bob Howell

David Haywood was subsequently nominated for President of the club after he made announcements of the nominations. He accepted the nomination.

Board of Directors nominations were:

Dom DePolo, Ronnie Ward, and Bob Swain

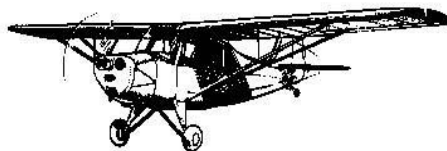
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The FUN Pylon Race organized by Bob Swain was held on September 17th. 6 Pilots participated. The following were the winners in each of the categories--

Hand Launch: Ray Goodwin

Unlimited: Henry Cahoon

Bob Swain thanked John Eldridge who handled the admin and Luis Sandoval and David Haywood who judged.



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Ronnie Weaver reported on plans for the upcoming banquet. The Holiday Inn Suffolk no longer serves food in their banquet rooms. Ronnie will continue research into finding a good location.

Ronnie also reported that the Planning Director for Suffolk knows of no city plans to develop the area around the field.

Gary Murdock reviewed the AMA Leader Club Awards, and it appears that the club may easily qualify at some level.

Joe Robinette mentioned organizing another Float-Fly in November--Joe will announce the date at the next meeting.

Show & Tell was:

Bert Morrisette's Cessna 172 Float Plane

Tim Walker's Mig (surplus Army Drone) used for military target practice.

Dom DePolo's scratch built with twin Saito 100s--flies great.

Gus Gibboney's scratch-built model of an Ultra-Light he saw at the Suffolk Air Show.

Henry's Message (continued)

knowledge and talents of others, and in turn pass your knowledge on to others. Every aspect of this hobby has grown on me since the very day I joined this club. From building, finishing, to equipment choice, and flying all enhanced by drawing off the experiences of others.

What is my favorite plane? The P-51D Mustang. Yes I have a Mustang, and when I'm ready, I'll fly it.

My favorite R/C plane to fly? Depends on what mood I am in. The Kaos I enjoy because it flies so precisely, the Uproar is a blast because it will fly smoothly, wildly or outright insanely (like the old saying "if you didn't scare yourself you didn't enjoy it").

What are my goals? To enhance my finishing skills and learn to "Tune" an airplane. There are hosts of planes I plan to build and fly, and I'll get to them, depending on finances and the commitments of having a growing family. I also enjoy teaching others the joy of flying and passing on the knowledge.

Well, there you have it.

Keep them flying!!

Henry

