

# HRRC Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

Sep 17, HRRC FUN Pylon Race @ HRRC  
Field

Sep 17, CVA Cub Fly (S) Restricted to Piper  
Cub or variant - Entry Fee Teddy Bear  
10" or less

Sep 24, CVA Payload Event (day 1)

Oct 1, HRRC Accessory Fly-In

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 12 TMSS Glider contest

Dec 10 TMSS Glider contest

## President's Message

Howdy All,

There has been a lot of discussion both formal and informal about the idea of constructing a picnic shelter to better accommodate guests and events we have at the field. The effort will cost a significant amount of money, and there are many different possibilities that need to be explored with respect to its size, location, and construction method. We have informally evaluated several suggestions and it appears the club will support such a project once the plans are finalized. The example we are considering is pictured below.



I would like to make the October 1st Accessory Fly-In another HRRC pot-luck event. The kind where we bring food to share as well as our love for R/C flying. Whether you have a plane that fits the 'accessory' category or not, you'll have a chance to fly and enjoy the club's collective cuisine. I also plan to lead a discussion while there to evaluate the options we have regarding construction of the picnic shelter. There's nothing like actually seeing the terrain and planned layout rather than trying to visualize somebody else's description. Any and all opinions and ideas are welcome. So come out and enjoy the event and join the discussion.

Don't forget the FUN-Pylon Racing event September 17th, either.

Take care, and fly safe, HENRY

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## Highlights from the September Meeting

30 members were present.

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

Henry Cahoon was absent and Gary Murdock presided.

New members Ken Johnson and Warren Coleman were welcomed by the club, and described their experiences with flying. The Webb family: Kevin, Shane, and Dawn Tiffany attended and indicated their intention to join as members (all 4).

Gary Murdock opened the floor to a safety discussion. Dom DePolo described an incident where he lost a valuable plane through a transmitter crystal being inappropriately switched. He reiterated that transmitters cannot have their crystals (frequencies) changed without being re-certified. It was also pointed out that Futaba and HiTec radios are not compatible as transmitter and trainer "buddy boxes".

The FUN Pylon race on September 17th is still on. Details are in this and previous flyers.

Henry proposed that at the Accessory Fly-In, members bring Chili or beans. With that menu, it could be the "Break-Wind Accessory Fly-In"

Dave Haywood is the Membership Committee Chairman for the upcoming year.

Banquet Committee members were announced.

John Eldridge discussed the frequency matrix he is developing. If you have not given your channel information, please contact John.

The proposed picnic shelter discussion centered on a potential design located at Bennett's Creek.

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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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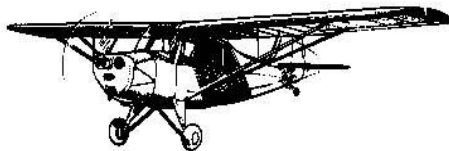
## Directions to the Club's Meetings

The club's meetings are held at 7:30 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 September Meeting (continued)

It is 18 x 26 ft with 4 picnic tables. The Park has approved the design, that the club proposed. Two positions were considered 1) behind the existing shed that would be convenient, but obscure the flying area and 2) at the end of the 'pipe fence' that may be further removed from the pit area, but the flying area can easily be viewed. There was discussion about using club member expertise to reduce some of the building expenses. Bob Howell pointed out that if the club chooses to build the structure, it will become city property. Dom DePolo mentioned that there may be city and private plans to develop around the field in which case the club's use of the land is in jeopardy. The estimated cost is \$3,000. It was mentioned that building materials will become expensive in the near future.

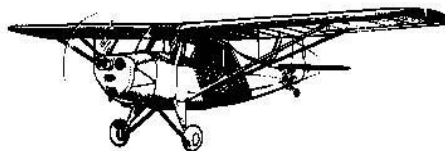
Bob Swain discussed the October 15th Air Show. The City Park has asked that the format change to allow more unstructured flying time and buddy-box time.

Bob Swain had club T-shirts for \$12.

Matt Mercier was qualified as an Instructor Pilot.

Bob Howell reminded everyone to check in at the Park Gate before flying at the field. Also the last person out should check the shed, and put the chain up but do not lock.

There were no Show and Tell items.



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# FUN PYLON RACING

**WHEN: SAT 17 SEPT. 2005, RAIN DAY 9/24**  
**SIGN IN 0900 TO 0945; RACING BEGINS 1000**  
**NO SIGN IN AFTER 0945 DUE TO HEAT ASSIGNMENTS**

**WHERE: HRRC FIELD, LONE STAR LAKES PARK**

**HOW:** Four classes: 1. Hand launch SPAD type up to .32 engine. 2. Hand launch SPAD type above .32 engine. 3. Rise off ground (ROG) high wing trainer type any engine. 4. Unlimited ROG.

**CD will determine into which class each individual plane fits.**

If several similar planes are entered, an attempt to group them will be made.

A two-pylon course will be used. Launch/take off will be from the runway side of the fence. Pilots will stay on the pilot box side. Pit crew/caller will assist take off/launch then join pilot and remain behind pilot and call laps. Specific details on course and take off/launch procedures will be given before the event(s).

Heats will be up to four planes flying ten laps. One cut will be allowed, but will require an extra lap.

Pilots **MUST** have a current AMA card. All local club members are welcome. Bring your lunch and beverage. Call Rob Swain @ 405-9514 or e-mail [rswain2@cox.net](mailto:rswain2@cox.net) for further info.

Common sense, safe flying will be required.

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