

# HRRC Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

- Aug 12, TMSS Glider
- Aug 12, IOW Fun Scale
- Aug 19, CVA Something Different (S)
- Aug 26, TRC Fun Scale
- Sep 7, HRRC Club Meeting
- Sep 9, TMSS Glider
- Sep 16, CVA Cub Fly (S)
- TBD, HRRC Pylon
- Sep 23, Suffolk Outdoor Expo, Downtown Suffolk
- Sep 30, IOW Picnic
- Oct 5, HRRC Club Meeting
- Oct 7, CVA Shoot for a Cure
- Oct 14, TMSS Glider
- Oct 14 CVA Picnic
- Oct 21, Lone Star Lake Park Open House  
(Shows at 11 and 1)
- Oct 21 IOW Chili Fly
- Oct 22, Driver Days, Driver Village
- Nov 2, HRRC Club Meeting
- Nov 11, TMSS Glider
- Dec 2, TMSS Glider
- Dec 7, HRRC Club Meeting



Judging Line at the HRRC Scale Fly-In on July 22nd  
Below, the Winning Neuport 28, Details In the Meeting Highlights  
Photos courtesy of Frank Blanchard



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## Highlights from the August Meeting

42 members and guests were present--an all-time high!

Dave Haywood was sick. Matt Presided in his absence.

There are 47 Membership Dues Delinquents. A list is posted at the field. If your name is not on the board--you don't get to fly. Dues can be mailed to Bob Howell at: 1209 Mill Lane Quarter, Suffolk, VA 23434.

Henry gave a report on the July 22nd HRRC Scale Fly-In:

12 pilots were registered, there were about 50 people in attendance.

Jim Maguire and Keith Harrell ran the pilot check-in and raffle tickets. David Cokley and Mike Wersosky ran radio impound. Alex and Betty Lymber did the cooking. David Cokley brought a large ice filled cooler and several people helped to provide water. Frank Blanchard and Matt Merciez provided photography. Eagle hobby shop and Stream Hobby shop provided the raffle items.

The threat of foul weather kept some people away but we still had a decent turn out. However, several people drove about 2 hours to fly with us.

The field had cross winds with some shear winds to contend with. Although flying was a bit tricky we made the day with just a few rough landings, no major damage.

Bill Leply won "Best Military and "Best Overall" with his Neuport 28.

David Haywood won "Best Civilian" with his Cessna Skymaster.

The awards were laser engraved by Sotos Patis-

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The HRRC Flyer is published monthly for the benefit of Hampton Roads Radio Control Club Members.

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.

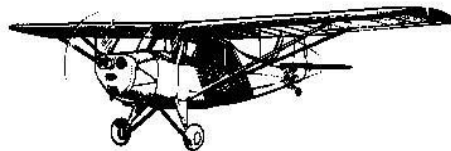
## Directions to the Club's Meetings

The 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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tas of Hampton Roads Imaging who also engraves the winners name and airplane on each plaque.

Bob Swain discussed the remaining AST events and expects about 28 children for the Suffolk Day Camp show. The AST got the City of Suffolk Outdoor Expo fee waived, and will participate with the stipulation that no money will be collected for membership. 2 pilots are wanted to fly 'cars' at the air shows.

Pat Finn is a newly qualified instructor. It was pointed out at the meeting how many present were qualified instructors, and that new members/pilots should not hesitate to seek them out when at the field.

Keith Rush will be leaving the club as he's relocating to West Coast. He will be around for a few more weeks, so if you see him around, wish him well.

A banner for the club was discussed. Rick Lawrence will investigate.

Ray presented the COMBAT CHICKEN to Dom DePolo for his no-shows for combat with Ray. Dom offered some excuses which were rejected by the club.

The Safety talk was given by Matt about a real glider experience. A commercial airline pilot asked for and received a check flight in a glider plane to requalify. Requalification is not an item that we may

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## Remaining Air Show Team Schedule for 2006

Saturday, 23 September, City of Suffolk Outdoor Expo 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, 21 October, Lone Star Lakes Park Open House @ HRRC Field. Performances at 11:00 and 1:00

Sunday, 22 October, Driver Days @ Driver, VA. Level of participation TBD

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think about, but if you feel you've lost the edge of your skills, have the judgment and humility to fly on the buddy-box, fly a trainer, or have someone else check your plane out.

Jamal Rama 'pinched' his fingers in an running propeller & wanted to thank those at the field who helped him on that day.

Matt covered exponential rate functions on computer radios. Exponential can be used to reduce the airplane's response to small inputs to help eliminate some 'sensitivity or twitchiness' to airplane controls. Matt said he starts at 30% exponential on his planes. If you haven't used exponential before, it's best to start out with a low exponential, like 5 to 10% until you understand the effects on the plane. Additionally, radio manufacturers differ in their sense (plus or minus), so you must check your radio's manual before setting up exponential on your airplane.

The scheduled Pylon Races on September 23rd conflict with the Outdoor Expo, and will be rescheduled. The second Family Day picnic is pending a decision on whether it will be needed or not.

Matt reminded everyone that he is populating the web site with member's pictures with their planes. He'll gladly take your picture whenever he's at the field.

Henry continued to update the frequency list on the web site. It should be useful for those who are considering buying a new radio. It lists the number of receivers for given channels. It does not indicate the "frequency" of which those receivers are flown in models at the field.

Show and Tell was Dom DePolo's new COMBAT CHICKEN!

## Lucy Ambrose's Letter to the Club

To all of you of the HRRC--

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for the wonderful tribute and all the very nice things you said about my husband, Dick Ambrose. He was a great guy, and we had 59 years and 4 months together, and I still miss him every day.

My daughter, son and I will always remember all of you. Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely

Lucy Ambrose, Shirley and Bill, and my grandson Chris, too.