

# HRRC Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

March 17 Field WorkDay @ 9 am

April 5, HRRC Club Meeting

April 20, HRRC Banquet, Planter's Club

April 21, HRRC Fly-In, HRRC Field

## Ray Goodwin and Others Make Many Improvements to the Field

If it's been a while since you've been to the field, be ready for many pleasant surprises besides the warming weather.

The photo below, shows the improved parking lot filled with crushed concrete, the anemometer donated by Frank Blanchard that reads out under the shelter in knots, the gravel placed under the shelter area, and barely visible is the wind vane at the half-way point in the pilot line fence. Not visible are the signs newly painted by the Park.

## Recent Photo of the Field Showing Improved Parking Lot and Shelter Area, Painted Parking Lot Signs, Anemometer and Wind Vane



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## Highlights from the March Meeting

38 Members were present. Guests were John West and Pat Dowd. The club welcomed 2 new members Merle and Maria Morey.

The Treasurer's report was read.

A Board of Directors Meeting was held in February, and the abbreviated notes from which follow the Meeting Highlights.

Bob Howell announced that the grass cutting contract will be let soon.

Ray Goodwin described the efforts of many club members at the field to install several tons of crushed concrete (rock) around the parking lot and access road. He solicited suggestions from club members for potential improvement. The club voted to reimburse Tom for fuel for his tractor that moved and leveled those several tons of rock.

Warren Coleman is collecting banquet payments of \$19 per person—all inclusive. The deadline for payment will be the April meeting. Since it is the 30th anniversary of the club's founding, some special items will be added to the event, see the Board of Director's Notes for details.

Henry Cahoon asked if the club members would allow the Channel 10 News Helicopter to land at the Spring Fly-In. There were no objections. The City of Suffolk and Park deferred the decision to the club. So that weather, other news stories, and mechanical functioning of the helo permitting, the intent is to have the helo land in the Southwest corner of the field early in the day (before 9 am), and take-off approximately 2 pm. Several members volunteered to participate in live interviews if they became possible. Henry pointed out that when the helo takes off and lands that the rotor-wash will likely blow away any small planes near

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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.

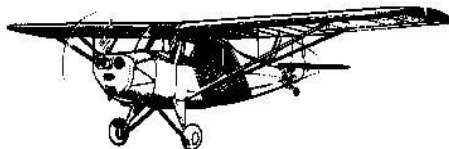
## Directions to the Club's Meetings

The 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 February Meeting (continued)

it at the field. Bob Howell indicated that the City was interested in exploiting the potential public relations opportunities it would present. Henry drew a picture of the intended landing spot approximated below.



Approximate location  
of chopper landing.

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## Highlights from the March Meeting (continued)

The club voted to appropriate up to \$150 for the Fly-In Raffle prizes in addition to that obtained from Hobby Shops. If the weather is good and all potential guests participate, Henry expects about 150 to 200 people. Mike Dilday will provide food from Supreme.

Ray proposed cleaning up the area around the shed at the field, and Matt Merciez suggested a Field Workday Saturday March 17th at 9 am. The rain date will be the following weekend. Other items of field maintenance came up and Bob Howell reported that the park has given permission to start cutting the hedgerow to the left of the field and improving the area near the port-a-potty. He also reported a failure on one of the airplane stand swing-arms and the club should inspect benches to prevent failure. All future stands should be made of treated lumber. He mentioned that new signs made by the park had been placed. Also the Park recommended we paint structures at the field in their color scheme, and they will provide the paint. Bob Howell will coordinate obtaining the paint.

The next Dirty Joe Float Fly will be held 27,28,29th of April at Joe Robinette's.

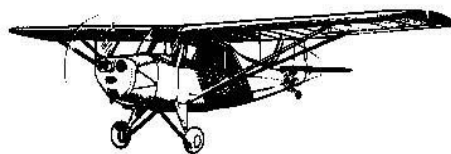
Bob Swain reported that he will submit the Air Show Team Charter for next year, next week. The team has met all requirements, and should be approved.

Field Marshall Henry Cahoon reported that 1 of 2 new picnic tables are on site, and that there is a new/restocked 1st Aid Kit.

Henry related that if you've been on a winter flying hiatus from the field, be cautious and conservative—there are details you may overlook and you may not be as proficient as you think. Also, as the weather warms, new people will appear at the field, so be wary and helpful to them.

Dom reported that he has been working to establish a helicopter pilot program and is in the process of combining other associations (including IRCHA) proficiency programs to generate the club's program. He is close to finishing.

Show and Tell was Keith's Hangar 9 F-22 Raptor which comes complete with everything ready to fly except fuel. It includes a JR radio, Evolution .46, leading edge flaps for training, and took him an hour to put together—even the radio was pre-programmed.



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## Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors agreed to the following:

- HRRC will compensate Sam Verlander for fuel costs associated with delivering stone to the HRRC field.
- HRRC will NOT participate in the TAG (Takeoff and Grow) program being offered by the AMA for a variety of reasons—including the fact that it restricts the club in training new pilots.
- The Board will look into revising/updating the current club rules with respective areas of assignment as follows:
  - Model requirements -- Henry Cahoon
  - Frequency Control – Matt Merciez
  - Flight Rules -- Bob Swain
  - Ground Rules – Ronnie Ward
- The Board approved to have items purchased as deemed fit to better organize the club maintenance building (shed). Discussions of building an addition to the club maintenance building were tabled until after the building is cleaned up and better organized.
- The Board tabled for now discussions regarding Helicopters (felt this is best discussed with Dom DePolo present).
- The Board agreed to purchase a small gift for each club member commemorating the club's 30th anniversary. Bob Swain will contact Sotos in regards to club member gifts for the banquet.
- The Board approved \$200 for door prizes. Henry Cahoon will purchase the door prizes.
- The Board approved a cake for the banquet to feed 100 people. Ronnie Ward will handle getting the cake.
- Matt Merciez will contact Mike Dilday regarding use of a projector and speaker system for use during the club banquet.
- The Board agreed to invite the two most senior park rangers and their significant other to the club banquet.
- Bob Howell will email club members that are delinquent with their AMA membership.
- Matt Merciez will look at the requirements/benefits of making the club a NON-Profit organization.

The next Board meeting will be held April 3rd.

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### Sam Verlander's 30-year old Quaker Story

Below is a link to a scan of the March issue of "Quiet Electric Flight International" featuring Sam's Verlander's 30-year old Quaker converted to electric.

<http://www.hroads.net/~wadesrc/EOT/SCANS/AGS3.JPG>

Also, EOT "Electrics Over Tidewater" articles can be found via the following:

<http://www.hroads.net/~wadesrc/EOT/>

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3. Set of . 40 size floats built from Great Planes kit. \$20.

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