



HRRC Flyer

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Upcoming Events

December 6th, HRRC Club Meeting

January 3rd, HRRC Club Meeting

February 2nd, 5th Annual HRRC Groundhog

Chili Flyday

April 18th, Annual HRRC Club Banquet

April 19th, HRRC Spring Fly-In

June 14, 15 2008; National EAA Fly-In @

Suffolk Airport

Toys 4 Tots a HUGE Success

Photo courtesy Frank Blanchard

Keith Desbois organized the 1st Marine Corps Toys 4 Tots Fly-in at the field . He is shown above with some of the crew of the Marine CH-46 that participated in the event. The field parking lot was full and as can be seen, a good number of toys and cash were donated. More information is included inside.

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Highlights from the November Meeting

34 Members were present. Guests Jim Lundley and Rick Peterson were welcomed.

Ronnie Ward presided in Matt Merciez's absence.

The new club officers and and Board of Directors for 2008 were presented-- they are:

President Jeff Haywood
Vice President Mike Wersosky
Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Dubois
The Board of Directors are: David Haywood, Bob Howell, and Bob Swain

Gus Gibboney reported that Bill Dickinson was in the hospital and Bob Howell reported that Frank Blanchard would have right shoulder replacement surgery on Friday, November 2nd.

Keith Debois reported on the Toys for Tots event scheduled for November 17th rain or shine. Food will be provided by the club. Marine Corps will have personnel at the field and permission has been granted by the city to allow a Marine helicopter to land on the field for static display. Local hobby shops have donated many items for the event. Editor's note: the back pages of the newsletter have information on the event.

It was reported that the web site is temporarily down and is being moved back to Mike Dilday's server. It should be back up in a few days

Henry Cahoon said that he is now doing a lot of 3-D flying and it destroys the flight pattern and that we all need to use spotters while pilots are flying 3-D.

Safety Officer Ted Taylor reminded all members to exercise good judgement when starting an aircraft and while on the flight line and ALL pilots should obey the field safety rules.

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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.

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 November Meeting (continued)

“Dirty Joe’s” Float Fly will be held (Friday) Nov 2nd , (Saturday) Nov 3rd, and (Sunday) Nov 4th.

Jim Maguire spoke on the condition of the pit and shelter area and requested that all trash and cigarette butts be placed in a trash receptacle and not on the ground.

Bob Swain reported on the Air Show Team and the benefits of keeping it.

Henry Cahoon stated that the 2008 Chili Fly will be held the first Saturday in February.

Wade Saltzgeber reported on the NASA open house and said it was fantastic.

The club voted to donate \$100 for Toys for Tots (this was previously approved by the Board of Directors meeting held on October 4, 2007).

Bob Howell will purchase a new lock and keys for the barn. Most club members should have a key to ensure access to items in it whenever the field is active.

The club congratulated new pilots Nancy Desbois and Tom Marks.



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Toys 4 Tots Recap

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everybody who attended the 1st HRRC Toys For Tots Fly In on Saturday. Without your generosity, this event would not have been as big as it was! The event was a huge success with almost \$1400.00 in cash raised and 134 toys collected!

A special thanks goes to all the members that donated their time to ensure this event went smoothly. The members were David Cokley working impound; at last tally we had about 45 registered pilots and the impound rack was

overflowing with transmitters! Next was Jim Magurie who registered the pilots and twisted the arms to achieve a record amount of raffle tickets sold. On the grill was Jim Harrell, Alex and Betty Lymber who managed to

feed everybody with what seemed like hundreds of pounds of chow and also collect a record amount of money from the food donations. Bob Howell with his persuading personality worked hard to get outside support for the event

and assisted with the arm twisting to have people "dig deep" with the donations. Bob Swain and the members of the air show team put on a great performance for the crowd which I have guesstimated at 250+ bodies! Henry Cahoon was a great help in doing the pilot briefing and running the trainer aircraft and any other admin tasks that needed accomplishing (and believe me there were a lot.), and last but not least, my wife Nancy who helped me get everything ready before the event and keep my head screwed on straight. I'm sure I probably have forgotten to mention somebody and for that I will apologize up front. Again, thanks for all the support from the greatest RC flying club in Hampton Roads and I look forward to setting this event up next year!!

Keith Desbois

Media coverage included:

<http://www.wvec.com/video/topvideo-index.html?nvid=193981>

<http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/>

Message From Frank Blanchard

I would like to pass along my thoughts, and feelings on the event.

Not having any children of my own, I never gave a great of thought to the Toys For Tots program, only that it was a Marine Corps. project. Well, Saturday, November 17 as I was observing the crowd around me, and especially the Marines there, and the enthusiasm, I had a chance to think about the program, and what it really means.

Something said to me, "Frank, do you remember Christmas morning, as a child, and opening presents?" Vividly, I said to myself. That is when I could picture a child rushing to the Christmas tree with sparkling eyes to see what Santa Claus brought. Only to see nothing but an empty space, and the sparkle changing to tears. I could not conceive of such a situation, having been fortunate to have parents who managed to see to it that Santa did not forget me.

When I saw the Marines load the boxes of toys on the CH-46, and take off, I closed my eyes and said "Thank you GOD for making sure at least some children won't be disappointed on Christmas morning." That day changed the way I look at kids and Christmas. Just as important is how much more pride I have in Hampton Roads RC.

When a person decides to join us, they don't join a club, they become a member of a family.