



# HRRC Flyer

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## Latest and GREATEST Field Improvement

### Upcoming Events

September 15th, Cub Fly (Sanctioned) @

CVA

September 22, 23; City of Suffolk Outdoor

EXPO @ Constant's Wharf

29 September, Electrics Over Tidewater

(Sanctioned) @ NNPRC

October 4th, HRRC Club Meeting

October 6th, Shoot for a Cure @ CVA

October 13th, CVA Fall Picnic

October 27, 28; Driver Days

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

Suffolk Airport



## Don't Forget to Sign In!

Finally, after a seemingly interminable wait, club members no longer have to stop at the Park Entrance to sign in. The Park has agreed to place a sign-in sheet at the field. Now there is no excuse for not signing in!

As you sign in, please check the board for anyone you see at the field who has not and gently remind them to sign in

## Rules of the Month

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## Highlights from the September Meeting

45 Members were present.

Mills Staler and Rick Thomas were welcomed as new members.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

This year's Nominating Committee will be headed by Henry Cahoon as the prior past president. Bob Howell announced that he will not be available as Club Secretary/Treasurer next year. Club Elections will be held in November.

A report on the 8 August air show was given, and about 40 children were present for the 2 hour show. Buddy Box flights were given as well.

September 15th will be Community Awareness day at Oakland Elementary School (the elementary school across from Pembroke Ave. where the field is located). Bob Swain will not be available to organize participation, but a static display is needed. Setup will start at 9 am.

Keith & Nancy Boyd are new AST members.

The club will be participating in the Suffolk Outdoor Expo on September 22nd and 23rd held at Constance Wharf in 'downtown' Suffolk. The event has served the club well, recruiting several new members in the past. It will be a static display and all club members are encouraged to participate. Times are from 12 to 8 and 12 to 6 for the respective days. The club and Show Team will put on a Static Display. If you plan on participating, bring R/C related magazines or books, and a chair in addition to airplanes for display.

October 27th and 28th will be the annual "Driver Days" event. It appears that the club will participate with a float and static display. Other details will be forthcoming, but participants will need to be there around 8 to start setup.

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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 September Meeting (continued)

The “Electrics Over Tidewater” event will be held on September 29th at Newport News Park R/C (NNPRC) In the past, it has been a large event with participants drawn from all over the region. There will be a \$10 Landing fee, food (chili), electric combat, and in the past; raffle tickets given for each flight.

Club hats and shirts are still available. They will be brought to the next club meeting. If demand continues, another order will be placed.

Henry described the “Somethin’ Different” Fly-In @ CVA, Henry and the Webbs attended. Henry reported that the ‘wicked witch’ is dead after the left ‘wing’ of her cape tore and she crashed.

As Field Marshall, Henry recalled some of the changes he has seen over the last 10 years—most safety related--pilot fence, Port-a-Potty, Shade, picnic tables, working tables, sign-in board/sheet, improvements to the parking area and trials like the flooding from several years ago. He reminded everyone to keep their heads cool in the warm weather in order to prevent mistakes from being made because of the heat.

Safety concerns were expressed regarded taking off prior to the runway, and landing between the pilot boxes and the runway. The following are quoted from the HRRC Safety Rules:

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Ronnie Ward suggested that qualified Instructors who through fault of their own (not mechanical failure) wreck a plane while instructing have the club replace the wrecked plane. A lively discussion ensued. A motion was made but not passed to have the club reimburse a prospective pilot whose plane is crashed by an instructor. A recent incident at the field illustrated that instructors should indicate to prospective pilots that they are not personally responsible for the aircraft.

There was subsequent discussion regarding the information given to new club members. A motion was made and carried that new member packets be made available at the field. Matt Merciez will write material regarding instructor liability. The club will pay for their printing.

New Pilot Certificate presented to Rick Parsons by Pat Finn. Rick Thomas is also qualified.

Ronnie Ward showed his new .46 powered Great Planes 'Revolver'. He said it was one of the nicer ARFs he has seen, but is yet unflown.