



HRRC Flyer

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Message from the President

Greetings members of HRRC.

This is my first term as president of HRRC. While I was the Vice President years ago, things have changed so much, it almost makes that experience irrelevant. The club is over twice the size it was then and our organization has grown by leaps and bounds since my term in the early 1990's. We have seen the entire life cycle of an AMA sponsored show team, we have gone to finally contracting the grass maintenance, and we now have 4 highly successful events that we sponsor each year.

While we are obviously a very successful club, we are not what I call a unified club any longer. I feel that the club needs some club activities that do not involve other clubs or invite anyone else. I grew up flying in this club, and we always had several competitive fun flies. I looked forward to watching

them before I could fly in them and later flying and trying to win them. I feel that friendly competition always brings a group closer. There is nothing like the bragging rights of beating your fellow man! I am proposing that we institute some sort of organized and competitive events for continues

Upcoming Events

March 6, HRRC Club Meeting

March 8, NNPRC Frost-Bite Fun-Fly

March 15, HRRC Field WorkDay

March 15, 16, CVA Mall Show

April 3, HRRC Club Meeting

April 18, Annual HRRC Club Banquet

April 19, HRRC Spring Fly-In

May 1, HRRC Club Meeting

May 17, CVA Spring Picnic

June 1, NNPRC Helis over Tidewater Fun-Fly

June 5, HRRC Club Meeting

June 7, CVA Warbards over Williamsburg (s)

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

Suffolk Airport

June 21, NNPRC SPA Pattern



Jim Maguire and Keith Desbois at the 5th Annual GroundHog Chili Fly-Day. If you see Jim at the field, wish him well, as he's off to Texas in early March.

(Photo Courtesy Frank Blanchard)

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Highlights from the February Meeting

The Secretary & Treasurer's Report were read.

Jeff Haywood reviewed the results of the Board of Director's (BOD) Meeting.

There will be a Club Workday March 15th with Rain Date 22nd that will include some hedgerow work.

The City will spray weed-killer where the club asks to prevent weed-eater damage to the fence-posts.

The BOD approved and the membership agreed that the club support the Air Show Team without AMA support.

The BOD felt that four pilot boxes are adequate for the size of the field.

If others are flying, 3-D Flyers are required to hover above the farmer's field in order to prevent distraction to the other flyers. If only one person is flying, he/she is free to fly or hover in any area of the field beyond the inner edge of the strip.

The grass cutting contract will be let soon to start cutting the week before the Fly-In. If anybody knows of a landscaping company that would be suitable, please contact Wes Baxter--the club Field Marshall. Bids need to be submitted by the 28th of March.

The BOD decided that ALL transmitters (including 2.4 GHz) will be subject to frequency control in the transmitter impound area. This will require 2.4 GHz radios to be impounded during Fly-Ins.

Sam Verlander reported on his investigation into the feasibility of placing Helo Pad at the field. Sam said that the IOW club flies both fixed wing and helicopters. Sam has yet to investigate the NNPRC procedures and examine our field expansion. The BOD has determined that the current rules prohibiting fixed wing and helicopters

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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.

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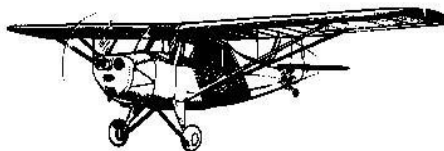
Directions to the Club's Meetings

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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Message from the President (continued)

this flying season. Other than fun flies, there are plenty of events that we can organize that would be fun. How about a speed event? Everyone has to use the same engine, but airframes can be whatever you can create. We can rejuvenate Mr. Bob Swain's pylon racing, endurance events, and of course fun flies. We could even have a club pattern/aerobatics event. It could be nothing more than a simple 2 level event that has both novice and advanced classes. This event would in no way be complicated or intimidating to the rookie, yet offer a more advanced level for us seasoned pilots. We all know that competition leads to enhanced skills and better skills should lead to less crashes...

Speaking of enhanced flying skills, the club also needs a volunteer to be the Senior Flight Instructor. This is someone's chance to make a difference in the flying standards of the club members. There is a small amount of paperwork involved in keeping track of who is qualified as pilot and who is a qualified instructor, but the real reward will come setting the standards for new pilots, and leading other instructors in the club.

What ya'll think??
Jeff Haywood

Highlights from the February Meeting (cont'd)

from flying at the same time will stand.

Ronnie Ward will arrange the banquet location with the Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church at 3488 Godwin Boulevard in Suffolk (on Route 10 near the Obici Hospital, web site: <http://www.wrpca.org/>). The facility can accommodate up to 200 guests. When a caterer is selected payment for the banquet can be made.

Suggestions are being taken for caterers and speakers by Dave Cokely. Henry volunteered to organize the door prizes and gifts.

Jim Maguire will be departing the area on the eighth of March. If you see him at the field, wish him well.

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Highlights from the February Meeting (continued)

Henry reported that the Fly-In has been advertised in the AMA magazine. Rick Peterson will coordinate raffle sales. \$200 has been allocated for raffle prizes. There will be no landing fee, and hopefully the food will be by donation (from Supreme Foods).

Henry gave an update on the Regional EAA Fly-In June 14 and 15. Refer to the following map to see the locations designated for the static display and a possible Air Show. There is a single window to perform an air show and there are many risks to the show--e.g. spectators, cars, weather and other aircraft may cause the show to be cancelled. Henry has submitted the paperwork to the AMA for the insurance. The runway from which the show would fly is not in perfect condition. Items to note on the map are: static display area, two possible flying show sites, the previous static display area, and roads. The proposed static display area is in the 'Peanut Festival' area.

The July 19 Scale Fly-In preps will start after Spring Fly-In is over.

Henry summarized the 5th Annual ChiliDay Fly-In. He counted 180 attendees. Including great weather, there were 12 pots of excellent chili, 1 pot of crab soup, pork BBQ, desserts, coffee and more than enough food for everyone. There was a newspaper write-up in The Suffolk Herald on two successive days. Guests came from CVA, NNPRC, Chesapeake Flyers, TRC and the "Pink Elephant Flyers Club" from Virginia Beach.

The field expansion is not official as the contract is still at the City Attorney's Office.

All members should have their 2008 AMA cards. Nancy Desbois needs to see everyone's new card which can be scanned and e-mailed, or photocopied and mailed to her.

The topic of moving the election process forward was discussed. The idea is to expand the nomination process to give adequate time for the nominating committee and the club to evaluate prospective officers. The process should start in August for voting in November. Since a By-Law change will be required, the BOD will have to take the issue up and make a proposal to amend to By-Laws for the club to vote on.

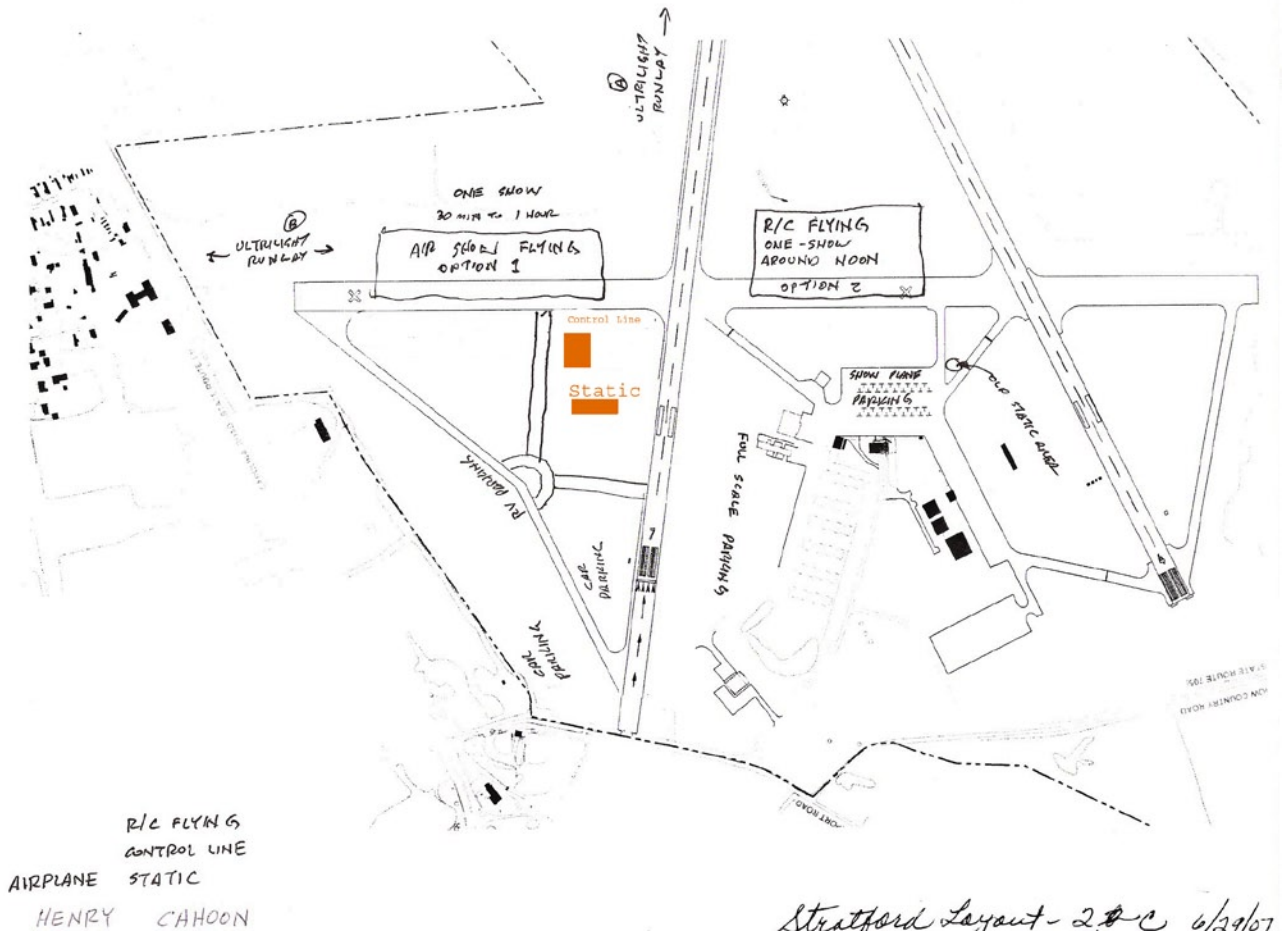
Wes Baxter reported that some airplane stands blew over, and will be repaired by Pat Finn.

Keith DesBois showed a plaque given by the Toys-4-Tots Foundation for the club's efforts in November with the Toys-4-Tots Fly-In. It was voted that the plaque be displayed in a weather-proof case at the field. Gus Gibboney will fabricate the display case and be reimbursed by the club.

All Season patches from 2006 were given to Mike Wersosky and Bert Morisette. 3rd year to Bob Swain, 4th year to Pat Finn, 4th year and 5th year to Henry Cahoon, and 5th year to Jim Maguire, and a 6th year to Ray Goodwin.

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Map of Suffolk Airport as Laid Out for the EAA Regional Fly-In



Upcoming Events (cont'd)

June 28, CVA Very-Low-Pressure Fun-Fly

July 3, HRRC Club Meeting

July 12, CVA Air Cover

July 19, HRRC Scale Fly-In (s)

August 7, HRRC Club Meeting

August 16 CVA Something Different Fly-In (s)

September 4, HRRC Club Meeting

September 13, CVA Cub Fly (s)

October 2, HRRC Club Meeting

October 11, CVA Fall Picnic

TBD, CVA Shoot for a Cure

TBD, NNPRC VEP Fun-Fly

