



# HRRC Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

April 24, GAMA Fly In

May 1-2, IMAC Contest (S) @ NNPRC

May 6, HRRC Club Meeting

May 15, Spring Picnic/Air Cover @ CVA

May 22, VLP Fun Fly/Interclub Picnic @  
NNPRC

May 28, Electric Fly-In @ HRRC

June 3, HRRC Club Meeting

June 5, Warbirds Over Williamsburg (S)  
@ CVA

June 12, VLP Fun Fly/Interclub Picnic @  
CVA

June 19-20, Helos Over Tidewater @  
NNPRC

July 1, HRRC Club Meeting

July 26, SPA Contest @ NNPRC

July 24, HRRC Scale Fly In (S)

July 24, Scale Fun Fly @ TRC

August 5, HRRC Club Meeting



**Pat Dowd Regales the HRRC Club Membership  
With Stories of his Family's Aviation Adventures  
at the Banquet  
(Photo Courtesy Ricky Thompson)**

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## Highlights from the April Meeting

27 Members and guest/prospective member CW Gaskins were present.

The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read.

The grass cutting contract has been signed. Bennett's Creek Landscaping will cut the entire field except for 100 feet beyond and parallel to the runway. The parking lot will be cut every other week. The club is asking that Thursday be the designated grass-cutting day. The schedule will start the week prior to the Fly-In and end in October.

Henry reported that the GroundHog Chili FlyDay turned out well despite the good weather. There were 15 pots of chili, BBQ, lasagna and deserts. Around 180 people attended. Henry attributed the reduced attendance to other competing events since the weather was nice and the event being held later than it is usually.

There are 75 members and guests currently signed up for the banquet. Next Monday is the last time payment will be accepted to attend.

Keith Desbois reported that the AMA Sanction is approved for the Fly-In and everything else is on track. It is published in the magazine and on-line.

The Scale Fly-In is also on track. The Sanction for it is also approved.

Dave Haywood reported that the Chippokes Engine and Steam Event Electric demo-flying area would not support a plane that lands with speed

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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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## Highlights from the April Meeting (cont'd)

(needs a long roll-out/fly-out on take-off or landing). The large scale flying area is about 800 by 500 feet and would be a tight fit for a plane that lands with speed. There will be a static display area and flying demonstrations would be held each day.

There are no updates on the Electric Fly-In scheduled for the Memorial Day Weekend.

There was minimal participation in the Field Workday. Some weeds were taken down. Some rails need to be replaced, and there is paint and equipment available to paint some areas.

Safety Officer, Mills Staylor described an incident where he flew a plane using the wrong radio settings (his was fortunate in that only the rudder direction was reversed)--the lesson applies to programmable radios that hold more than one plane in its memory. He provided printed flight safety rules to everyone.

A motion was made to buy a new grill, but the question of cost vs. budget was raised. It was motioned and seconded that a \$500 limit be placed on a new grill purchase. Ronnie Ward and Bob Howell will investigate the purchase. John Williams will head the fund to pay for the grill and took many donations at the meeting.

Jim Harrell appears to be doing better and would love to hear from club members.

A volunteer is needed to help with building some salt treated stringers for the shed.

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## For Sale:

Great Planes Super Stearman (like the one on the front page of the September newsletter)--IMAA Legal with Saito 1.50 4-Stroke--\$600

Contact Ron Smith, 448 Moores Mill Rd., Ridgeway, VA 24148-- (276) 340 8909  
(or talk to DJ Robinette)

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Dave Haywood noted that dues from here on will count for the upcoming membership year. For example, a new member paying dues now would have a membership that lasted through June of 2011.

Demonstrations were:

Dempster Hamilton's programmable retract gear.

Rick Parsons foam construction and painting techniques.

## Upcoming Events (continued)

August 7, Shoot for a Cure @CVA

August 14, Something Different (S) @ CVA

August 21, NNPRC Scale Fly In

September 2, HRRC Club Meeting

September 11, Cub Fly (S) @ CVA

September 11-12, Warbirds Over the Beach @TRC

September 25-26, Electrics Over Tidewater (S) @ NNPRC

October 2, "No Guts, No Glory Fun Fly" @ NNPRC

October 7, HRRC Club Meeting

October 9-10, BAGS Giant Scale @ CVA (S)

October 30, Profile Fun Fly @ CVA

November 4, HRRC Club Meeting

November 13, HRRC Toys for Tots

December 2, HRRC Club Meeting