

NVRC



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NVRC is one of the largest radio control clubs in Virginia with over 200 members. Our primary flying field is located at Poplar Ford Park and we expect to have a new Lorton site in 2016. The club includes pilots in all areas of radio-controlled flight: Sport, Giant Scale, Electric, Sailplane, Aerobatics, Combat, and MultiRotor. NVRC has members with decades of expertise to share in many types of flying and building. Whether you're a beginner or someone looking for advanced techniques there are volunteer instructors to provide assistance. Don't be timid! Just ask for help!

In existence for over 50 years, NVRC is proud to be a club where everyone is welcome!

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President's Report:

By Mark Franke

Folks,

Despite cold weather the club is thriving in the winter months. The winter fun fly looks like it was successful by all accounts. Additionally folks turned up to practice multi-GP afterwards. We also have a fair number of indoor events that always create great participation. The board met and has set a great agenda for the rest of the year. We have events for everyone. As was pointed out by our fun fly directors, the events are designed for the most basic qualified pilots.

In addition to all our great events, Tony Claridge is opening a "Indoor Monster golf" facility in Chantilly and be opening it up for multi-GP one week night in the future.

We are also pleased to announce that T-28 racing is back. Pat Dunlop has volunteered to champion this event. It's a great event to do at fairly minimal expense compared to many other portions of our hobby. He will post the rules in the next newsletter.

As in past years we need volunteers to help with many of the events we have coming up. There will be great opportunity for you to help out and participate in the club. Volunteers are what drives our community.

We have had great folks step up over the past year and we can now say we are club well supported by the membership. A great example of this was the turnout for setting up the Lorton field parking lot. There were plenty of folks and lots of enthusiasm.



Great turnout for the Lorton Workday

I want to again thank John Roach for an exceptional job of maintaining the field and helping sort out Lorton. Carl Lydick has changed the face of the club, without his newsletter clearly we would be a different club.

The new year looks great for NVRC

Thank you!

Mark Franke

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VP's Report: Watching the Grass Grow

By John Roach, NVRC Poplar Ford VP

The long-awaited Poplar Ford spectator shelter is scheduled to be installed by the end of January (UPDATED to Friday, Feb 3rd). It will be 10 x 20 feet and 10 feet high at its edge. This will finally give us a permanent shady spot from which to watch the grass grow. Many thanks to the members who use their spare time at Poplar Ford to mow the grass. This allows me to focus on keeping the mowers fueled and ready for use. Poplar Ford looked great last month because of your efforts on behalf of NVRC. Thank you very much.

NVRC will open Burnett Field in Lorton in 2017. Maintenance of this new field will challenge us in several ways. First of all, it is a man-made mesa atop a former trash pile. It was mechanically leveled, rolled and seeded, but additional seeding is needed, rocks have worked their way to the surface, and erosion has cut into it along its edges. It is not a putting green. Secondly, its hours of operation are presently limited to weekends. This means that if you go there, you will probably want to make good use of your time. Mowing needs to happen during the week to keep Burnett Field ready for weekend use.



Lorton Work Day volunteers hand at work

We used to use Grass Cutting Signup Sheets in the log book weather box at the field to track mowing at Poplar Ford. We also enabled an online signup to schedule mowing using Signup Genius. A majority of you who responded to the NVRC member survey indicated that you were willing to help mow Poplar Ford and Burnett Field. Thank you for stepping up.



One last thing to do... and we're DONE!

Since mowing should be done during the week to make Burnett Field as available as possible on weekends, we are going to use Signup Genius so that volunteers can schedule when they plan to mow either airfield rather than rely on Signup Sheets at the fields to track time volunteered by members. These hours count towards the rent we are charged by the County at a rate of \$20 an hour. So, the next time you are out there mowing figure eights in the grass instead of the sky, think of it as time well spent on behalf of NVRC.

John Roach

Poplar Ford VP



Forestry Work Update

Images By John Roach, NVRC Poplar Ford VP

These images were taken on 1/31/2017 and show the recently cleared area adjacent to the runway. That's a LOT of space!





Upcoming Events:

By Carl Lydick

Mark your calendars! We have a BUSY 2017 coming up!

January 28th	Winter Fun Fly @ Poplar Ford MultiGP Practice
February 5th	West Potomac Indoor Flying (Click HERE for Details)
February 12th	MultiGP Race Day
February 16th	Monthly Meeting
February 19th	Indoor flying at Westfield High School
February 25th	MultiGP Practice
March 12th	MultiGP Race Day Indoor Flying at National Building Museum (Click HERE for Details)
March 16th	Monthly Meeting
March 25th	MultiGP Practice
April 9th	MultiGP Winter Season Finale!
April 20th	Monthly Meeting
April 22nd	NVRC Spring Auction
April 29th	MultiGP Practice
May 13	Spring Fun Fly MultiGP Race Day
May 18	Annual Build Contest
May 27	MultiGP Practice

For the latest in event information check the [Events](#) tab at www.1NVRC.com. Check back often for the latest news and let us know if there is an event you would like included on the calendar!



Winter Snow Fly:

Images from Terry Engler





Meeting Minutes:

Images from the January 2017 Monthly Meeting



Carl demonstrated balsa building techniques with a kit from Millennium RC. This is a quality laser cut kit but the instructions leave much to be desired.

An inexpensive air compressor from Harbor Freight that can be used to charge pneumatic retract systems.



Jon Pruett shows his scratch built model of the Caudron C.460. Jon designed the model using 3 views and has plans and skins available for anyone who would like to build their own! You can find all the details for this model by [CLICKING HERE!](#)



Meeting Minutes:

Images from the January 2017 Monthly Meeting



Carl showed off some of the aircraft he acquired from someone leaving the hobby. He acquired MANY models from this sale and you may be seeing some when the auction comes around!



Tony invited all of us to come visit [Monster Mini Golf](#), opening soon in Chantilly VA! Tony handed out Free Passes and wanted everyone to know that NVRC members can get a discount when we show our membership cards.

Monster Mini Golf will also be hosting monthly indoor FPV Racing events! We'll share details on dates as soon as they are available!





Editors Corner:

By Carl Lydick

It seems I should just start all of my columns with a quick apology for taking so long to get another newsletter out! Hopefully everyone had a fantastic holiday season and found lots of RC goodies under their tree, in their stockings, or just in the holiday blow-out sales. I for one found a Spedix 250 racing quad and some FPV goggles under the tree and I'm eager to find out what all this MultiGP excitement is about!

I've also managed to find some time to work on the winter build, which has turned out to be a pleasure so far. This winter I'm tackling an 81" T-38 Talon from WOW-PLANES.com. The kit, while definitely a "builders kit", is well made and so far has been going together quickly. The foam sections are CNC hotwire cut and ready to be assembled and carved to shape. She'll be powered by a 90mm EDF on either 10 or 12s depending on the final weight. If I can get fiberglass laid on the fuselage by mid February I think I'll even have her done in time for our annual build contest in May!

I'd also like to share how excited I am for 2017. You can look for yourself at the [Events Calendar](#) on our website... we have a TON going on this year and I expect even more will be added soon. I hope to see everyone at the fields and in the air! Happy Flying in 2017!



Nice curves on the T-38.



Good looking kit from WOWPLANES. FAR from an ARF but goes together fast!

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