



NVRC



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NVRC is one of the largest radio control clubs in Virginia with over 160 members. Our flying field is located at Poplar Ford Park. The club includes pilots in all areas of radio-controlled flight: sport, giant scale, electric, sailplane, aerobatics, combat, and rotor. 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, ask for help. In existence for over 50 years now, NVRC is proud to be a club where everyone is welcome.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Gary Quinn

Because this is a combo of June/July Newsletter, I'm going to give you some updates from the events over the last two months.

June was a fun filled month for the club as we participated in the Become A Pilot Day at the Smithsonian Udvar Hazy Museum and we hosted our Community Appreciation Day at our field. Both events were a success and it all had to do with the people who volunteered to get it done. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out and helped at both events. A big thanks to Mark Franke for putting together what had to be one of our best events ever, and that was told to me by a number of members during the event! Even rain can't stop an event put together by Mark! From having the Hobby Hangar demo pilots to NVRC club members flying demo's, open flying, raffles, great food and drinks, it was an awesome time! If you missed this one you don't want to miss the next one! Terrific job Mark!

Speaking of flying, there has been a lot of talk, speculation, comments and more on the new FAA regulations that just came out. I recently spoke to the AMA Government relations director and as of now nothing has changed except for the extension date for comments. Stay the course, follow the rules and if you see someone doing something they should not be, say something.

At our most recent meeting it was brought up about the flying of quads and how to get qualified so a member can fly a quad at our field. We are working on establishing a set of guidelines to address that issue. How funny was that a few days after the meeting and this topic of discussion, someone with a quad comes to the field and wants to fly. I had Don Sczur go over a number of things with him and everything worked out. Remember, Quads or Planes or Helicopters, safety first.

The July meeting featured guest speaker, Mr. Robert Dorr, author of over seventy books and an aviation historian. Mr. Dorr spoke on Fighting Hitler's Jets and had his books for sale that he signed. Although I was not present for the talk, I heard that it was an interesting talk and Colin did get me a signed book. I think the highlight of the meeting was when Colin asked Mr. Dorr if he wanted a Coke, in a bottle! I think it brought back some memories for Mr. Dorr.

As always, thanks to the members of the club for making us the club we are today. It is your contributions, extra efforts and commitment to making us the best RC Club on the planet that truly makes a difference. Keep making it happen! Anything that I can to help you just let me know.

FIELD UPDATE

Our field is holding strong and we have a dedicated Grass Cutting Team that has been helping maintain the field. Although we had a small setback with our tractor, it was back up and running until the steering column went out. It is now in front of my house with parts to be installed.

We do have another tractor in the shed so we have not missed a beat in keeping up with the cutting of the field. I am still waiting on the parts for my John Deere so we have a back up to the back up tractor. It is the year of the tractor. Stay tuned Grass Cutting Team and thanks for helping keep the field looking sharp.

The new gravel road to the field has been completed and there is now extra parking too! What a great job the County has done in helping us with this project. With the new road and the field looking great, this is one of the best places to fly

THE END OF AN RC CLUB

This week I picked up four Field Stations, three weed eaters, two gas cans, four beginners flying books, a field marker and a tractor. All of these items have been delivered to the field. These items were all donated by the Prince William Radio Control Club (PWRC), which has officially decided to disband and dissolve the corporation. Because they have to disburse all of their assets, these items were offered to us as well as other clubs in the area. Bob Burnett was our liaison for the club and he coordinated the items we wanted to acquire. As you know, our tractor has been given us challenges so getting another back up tractor was a very needed item. We have already used the new back up tractor to cut the grass. The field stations have been placed at the field and the weed eaters are in the shed ready for the Grass Team. One station does need a new wheel and I'll try to get that replaced as soon as possible. Once we get Lorton up and running we can always transfer some of the field stations to that field.

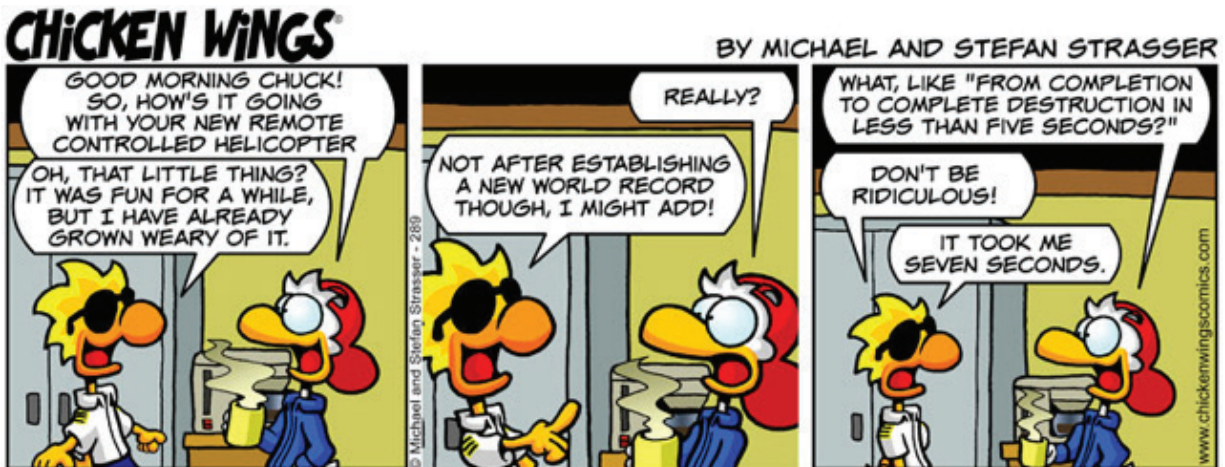
The reason that PWRC has disbanded was due to the loss of their flying field and the inability to find a new field for the members. We have offered a special membership option to all PWRC members. In the past years, PWRC offered NVRC members flying privileges at their field when NVRC did not have a field. I was pleased that the Board approved this offer to the PWRC members quickly and unanimously. Please make sure to welcome any PWRC members to our club and review our field and flying safety regulations with them.

RC UPCOMING EVENTS

NVRC Members, the following events are coming up soon:

- Fun Fly/Bipe Contest/AMA Model Aviation Day, August 16th
- NVRC Meeting, August 21
- Souper Jet Racing, August 23, FARM club
- End of Summer Bash, Aug 29, FARCC

Now we just need YOU to participate!



RC KID'S CORNER By Colin Quinn

The mail arrived the other day and inside this very impressive packaging was my "Power Up" paper airplane. This was the airplane my dad purchased on Kickstarter a few months ago. It flies well and is controlled by my iPhone. I was really impressed with all of the components and how easy it was to go from the box to the air. For the next meeting I will bring it to the show and share event.

I was also in Myrtle Beach, SC last weekend and was able to see the "Dreamliner's" and the "Dreamlifter" airplanes being built at the Boeing plant right next to the airport. There were about a dozen Dreamliner's all lined up outside in different stages of production. The Dreamlifter is the plane that carries the parts of the Dreamliner; it looks like a giant whale. It was an awesome site to see.

I helped my dad at a trade show on Sunday and I flew my proto X mini quad by Estes. I flew it up and down the aisles of the show and at the booth. Everyone was amazed at how small the quad was and how well it was flying around. It sure did get a lot of attention and it was a lot of fun to fly it during the show. With school starting soon and band practice starting sooner, my flying days are even more limited. Hope to see you at the field.

EDITOR'S DESK By Adrian Apodaca

Excuse the short length of this newsletter, our regular contributors have been in and out of town, myself included. I am finally back on trying to finish the build of my Hangar 9 Meridian 10cc. I had some issues with the first ARF and they recently sent me a new one. Aside from that, on my vacation in July, I took the very recently released Multiplex Pilatus PC-6 (pictured on the cover and to the right). Though I prefer balsa, and my two smallish gas planes, I have a soft spot for Horizon Hobby and Multiplex's foamies. If you are not familiar with Multiplex quality, they are top notch. Their foam, their design and their hardware are some of the best out there for foamies. This is a standard parkflyer size, but it's a hoot to fly. Much more nimble than the Fun Cub, and quite a bit faster. It has a two piece wing, but is not easily disassembled like the Fun Cub. It's size however, allows it to be as portable intact as a T-28 or similar sized plane. It's a wonderful plane, and I'd highly recommend it to any intermediate and above pilot looking for a decently scale looking yet versatile airplane. As usual, send me your reviews, pictures or any other content you'd like to see here! We will also be bringing back our classifieds section... so send me your request and it will be posted in the next issue!

