



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 Mark Franke

We have about one month of the outdoor flying left in the season. We have air races coming up on Saturday, Oct 19th at 10am. If you haven't raced before, come out, it's a blast. The Toys for Tots funfly is Saturday, November 2nd. It should be a great event for a great cause. Please bring one unwrapped gift of at least \$10 in value. Immediately following the fun fly we will have the last air races of the year starting at about noon.

The next club meeting is on the 17th of October when nominations for officers begins. We will have a brief talk on modeling and show and tell. Food and drink provided. The meetings are now very well attended and a great source of information for new pilots. The Air and Scare event at the Air and Space Museum is on hold right now. As soon as we have any information, I will let you know. Of course our big fall social event is the auction, run by Ken Bassett. Please go to the website and click on events. There is a link to sign up for volunteering and the date is Sunday, Oct 27th. This event is a great place to get very cheap gear and have a ton of fun. You don't want to miss it.

Speaking of volunteering, I can't say enough about the club's membership participation in the Leesburg airshow. It was well run by Gary Quinn who came up with a great way of raising money. Adrian ran the flight line and did a great job. There were countless pilots flying demonstrations from our club and volunteering in many ways. We also had many pilots from outside of the club including club members from Hagerstown, Fredericksburg, Front Royal and Hobby Hangar. Awesome job Gary Quinn. Great event for next year.

We are about to begin our indoor flying season in November. Thanks to our partnership at Westfield high school, I'm glad to announce that we have confirmed the following dates: **November 24, December 1st & 22nd, January 19th, February 9th & 23rd, March 9th & 23rd.** The time of day is the same as last year, 8:00am – 11:00am in the Westfield High school gym. I'll be looking for volunteers to open and close the gym each session. These are among our largest attended events with 30 or 40 pilots on occasion. We will ask for a voluntary small landing fee to help support the aviation program at the school.

I would like to remind you that the banquet is on the first Sunday of December which is the 7th. Tony's Italian restaurant will be providing catering. Fred Fredrick has lined up live entertainment. The club has applied for a County grant for the road repairs. Updates to follow. Thanks to all our volunteers!

VP's Report By Gary Quinn

It's alive! It's up and running. Both www.lnvc.org and www.lnvc.com take you to our new website. With a welcome video message from the President and a training message from our Chief Flight Instructor, everything is completed. Take a look around and let me know what you think. The website really makes a great impression of our club.

An exciting event for the month was the Leesburg Air Show. We had about 15 pilots and 10 volunteers that helped out during the day. Both the Hobby Hangar Team and the Awesome RC Team Pilots participated and put on great shows. Two of our younger members, Colin and Jonathan also had the chance to fly off of the pavement. It was a lot of fun and we raised some money for the club. Make sure you check out www.rcflightdeck.com for all RC related.

I'm excited about the upcoming auction as there are always great deals to take advantage of. It is always a great time with some good laughs. Please do not bring anything that Colin would be interested in purchasing via his dad's wallet. We still have our overpriced, use-to-be one of a kind Angry Bird plane. Admittedly, it is a very cool plane and Colin enjoys flying it around.

The field is doing well and we now need to get some volunteers to help maintain the grass, edging and general upkeep. I will be sending out requests to get some crews together to get this done. This could be your chance to drive a tractor and get some free exercise. We won't charge you for any weight loss you achieve.

September has just been fantastic for flying at the field, especially around 6pm. I was at the field with Don Szczur and got some great tips on landing my Aeronca Champ. When Don was flying my plane it looks different than when I fly it. Don makes it look so easy and smooth. He touches down with the main gear and then the tail wheel drops down. When I fly it the wind hits the plane in different directions because it bounces all over the place and doesn't look as smooth. Yea, it's gotta be the wind.

Once again at the October meeting we will have available pizza, cookies and beverages. As a special treat we will have a number of bags of peanuts and pretzels which were donated by Southwest Airlines for the Leesburg Air Show. Ding, you are free to come and enjoy the meeting. Don't forget, eat, drink, donate. Remember, our club is only as strong as our members. If you can only help out at an event, attend an event for a limited time or help in some other way, every little bit counts. Your efforts are appreciated! See you at the field or the meeting. Hopefully both!

Secretary's Report By Fred Frederick

NVRC Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2013

1. President Mark Franke opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thirty three attendees were present.
2. Visitors: The Chantilly Robotics Club was present to provide a presentation on the work they are doing.
3. **Old Business:**
 - Gary Quinn introduced the new website. The site is up and running. Content is still being developed. The site is well done, very attractive and user friendly. A special thanks to Gary and his team for a great job. The website will include a membership list with no personal information to protect our members from spam and other issues associated with improper use of that information by hackers and others. The members discussed the possibility of sending a membership list via email to all registered members.
 - Mark will talk to the County about scheduling the "burn" at Poplar Ford promised by the county. We will not have a field day if that happens.
 - Carl reminded everyone that it is bow season for deer hunters. We will see trucks/cars parked inside the gates. All vehicles should have a permit displayed. The hunters have the code to unlock the gates.
4. **New Business:**
 - The club has already approved money to update our signage at the field. Tony Claridge suggested we make our signs more user-friendly to ensure that spectators feel welcome. Mark will address this in developing new signage.
 - The club voted to increase the donation to the Chantilly Robotics Club from \$100 to \$200.
 - During the October meeting, we will take nominations for officers for next year. The election will be held in November.
5. **Event Updates:**
 - The Fall Auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th. Ken will be sending a notice with details. Volunteers are always needed.
 - T-28 and Jet racing is scheduled for October 19.
 - We will conduct our annual "Toys for Tots" on November 2nd at Poplar Ford. The day will include the third T-28 and Jet race. Please bring a new, unopened toy valued at \$10.00. The U.S. Marines will be there to collect the toys to provide toys for kids who might otherwise not get anything.
 - The club holiday banquet is scheduled for December 7. We will provide a cocktails starting at 5:00 p.m. We will have a special guest starting at around 5:30 p.m. (There are rumors that Elvis might be in the building at that time!), followed by dinner and our traditional gift swap. Make plans now to attend.
6. **Show and Tell:**
 - Joseph Szczur was a member of the USA Team participating in the World Championships in Gauteng, South Africa. Joseph's Father, Don accompanied Joseph on this trip. The USA Team won the Gold Medal. Joseph made an excellent presentation describing his adventures during the World Championship event. He thanked the club members for all of our support and is looking forward to future participation in both the Nationals and the World Championship. Great job, Joseph! We are very proud of you.
 - The Chantilly Robotics Club made a great presentation to the club on how the club works and the competitions supported by FIRST. They brought along their robot designed to throw Frisbees. This robot was made from scratch. The club members designed and built it. The club must cover 2/3's of the cost. Members present to help in the presentation included: Fred Dibble, Taylor Matthews responsible for marketing, Brian Matthews club President, and Joseph Franke, who is the Son of our President, Mark Franke. The club voted to increase our annual contribution.
 - Rob Edmonds presented a new, nostalgic Rob Airplane powered by a rocket engine.
 - David Dix presented a power source option for members. He has a number of them and is willing to provide them to our members for a small fee. Contact David if you are interested.
 - Pat Dunlap showed a servo sizer by Electro Dynamics. And, a product called Corrosion X that helps keep your planes from corroding when participating in float flies.
 - Terry Terrenoire presented a Calypso Glider.
 - Ken Bassett presented his new scratch built plane called the Wild Thing. Kenny plans to use this in the upcoming Fun Fly.
7. Ron Conrad won the 50/50 and Terry Terrenoire won the Show and Tell Gift Card.

Treasurer's Report By Bob Freas

We now have 189 club members for 2013. Please welcome the following new members to the club that have joined since August 2013: Chris Blunck, Jessie Cordova, Jean-Guy Delort, James Blanchfield, Bill Motley, Walter Herrity, Todd Kraftson, Munther Mushahwar, Dan Dao, Carl Lydick. Any new members that join the club after October 1, 2013 and pay full dues and the initiation fee receive their 2014 membership for free.

Last, our fall auction is October 27, 2013. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at Freasman@gmail.com.

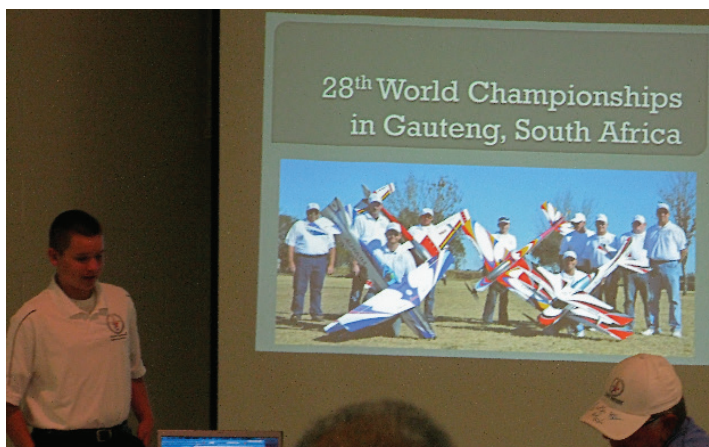
NVRC Pilots Play Golf! by Gary A Valenzuela

Not only can NVRC members fly, they can also golf. Four members of NVRC played in the 23rd Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Golf & Tennis Classic on September 23, 2013. Thanks to our President's physician association for buying the sponsorship. Members of the team consisted of Bob Brunette (Team Captain), Bob Freas, Fred Frederick and myself. The team started off hot birdieing the first three holes but cooled down as the day progressed. The Team was able to finish up with a 67 with the help of some PGA caliber shots from our Team Captain and Fred. One of the best shots of the day was from Bob Brunette who had an 80 foot chip from the drop after the team went into the water hazard. Bob was able to save par with this fantastic shot. Not to be out done Fred and Bob Freas had numerous puts to save par. The team also was able to take home the longest drive with a 281 yard drive against the wind by me. The team played great considering most had only played a few times this year and the team was put together in a few days. Great day of golfing and a great performance.



Photo Gallery

September Meeting



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Fun Fly



Leesburg Air Show



Editor's Desk By Adrian Apodaca

The government is shut down, but NVRC isn't. Some of us furloughed employees have actually been taking some furlough time to enjoy weekday flying!

I have now had the Blade 350 QX for a month now and I have enjoyed every flight. Some folks have had propeller issues, but most have not. If your propellers do not have a B on them, Horizon will send you replacements for free. The quad is so stable in safe mode that I let my 6 year old take the sticks for a bit. It is a pretty steady platform for shooting video with your GoPro that mounts to the bottom. I have not had the courage to fly much in agility mode as my interest in this is in aerial videography not aerobatics. If you had been eyeballing the DJI Phantom but didn't want to drop the money on it, this is the way to go, plus if you already use Spektrum, there is a BNF option.

Speaking of Spektrum, my next quick review will be on the new Spektrum DX9. The main feature I would like to explore is the wireless buddybox. It allows you to wirelessly connect to anyone else using a 2.4ghz Spektrum system, regardless of model.

That's it for now! See you next month!

Please send me any plane or equipment reviews you'd like to share with the rest of the club! As always, I ask, please send me your photo submissions of your planes in flight. They make for great cover images especially if they are taken at our field. If no one else sends pictures in, you'll have to keep staring at my planes! Also, if you want to share a RC related news story or experience, please send it in!



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