



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

The Board met in September and reviewed a number of topics. We worked on putting together a suggestion for the Officers of the Club for next year and presented those in October. Here is what the Board recommended for 2015:

Members at Large, Bob Burnett, Kevin Duncan.

Newsletter Editor, Adrian Apodca.

Secretary, Terry Terrenoire.

Vice President, John Roach.

President, Gary Quinn.

Treasurer, Bob Frease.

Past President, Mark Franke serves on the Board

Mark is in charge of our Christmas Party on December 13th and we will hold it at the Fire Station. Mark is working on food for the event. The Christmas party is always a blast and the gift exchange is absolutely an event you do not want to miss! Put this on your calendar to attend.

What exciting meetings we had for September and October. Again, pizza, snacks, drinks were available to all including the biggest comeback of the century, Twinkies! We had a good turnout and discussed a number of topics including the exciting news about our continued movement forward with the Lorton RC Air Park! Bob F has been working with the County on a number of issues and we are looking forward to more progress. Thanks Bob F for all your work behind the scenes!

At the September meeting I awarded Bob B a trophy for the longest NVRC contest ever! Bob B ran a fantastic Fun Fly event with a record number of pilots! Everyone who was at the event had a fantastic time. Thanks Bob!

Ken was the CD at the Chicken Fun Fly and it was a terrific event. Ken had 15 pilots that participated and added a new event for the contest. Everyone that participated had a great time with some great food, great people and a great CD. Thanks Ken!

Our guest speaker in September was Tony Claridge who gave a talk on using your throttle cut on your radio, field flying rules including the pattern that you should be flying at the field and discussed his training program and how he gets his students in the air. He also showed us some battery information and gave us some tips on how to check and make sure the batteries are good. Thanks Tony for another informative and interesting talk.

We had an open discussion at our October meeting to address some topics including the Westfield HS program that Roger runs, the Lorton project, indoor flying and more. We have posted the dates for the Westfield HS Sunday indoor flying season on the website. I am going to schedule some Friday and Saturday indoor flying events at Lifetime fitness in Centreville. If you have never been to an indoor event you need to come to one, or more. There are T-28 races, Champ races, Quad/Heli flying areas and more. Indoor flying is a lot of fun, especially when it's cold outside!

Although I wasn't able to attend, I sent delegates Colin and Paula (son and wife) to help out at the auction. From the reports I received, it sounds like it was a lot of fun and the club did well. Colin said there were lots of things for sale and lots of bargains. Colin only purchased two planes so he saved me lots of money. The new software worked well and again we learned a few things to implement at the next auction. Thanks to all those who helped out!

We also participated at the Udvar Hazy Air & Scare event. Terry T was the CD and from what he said it was a good time. Lots of people came by the NVRC table and we had lots of interest in the hobby and the club. Thanks Terry and to all the volunteers who helped out at the event.

The Toys for Tots event is coming up on November 8th. This is a great community event you don't want to miss. Pat D always puts on a terrific contest and this event supports a very important cause. Put this on your calendar and make sure you get ready to have some fun!

We have posted the pattern for flying at the field and a picture of it is listed below. As we continue to get more new members, please review the flying procedure with anybody that may not understand. All new members get a copy of the pattern flying area, rules of the field and training guidelines.

The grass team continues to do a terrific job and John Roach continues to lead in keeping up the lawn equipment. Thanks John for your contributions in helping keeping that equipment up and running!

We have two training planes now available for students wanting to fly electric. I donated an Apprentice and Tony has acquired a Corsair. These will give students different perspectives on flying unique aircraft. We just sent out first Solo Certificate to a member that completed training with Tony and with the certificate was a \$25 Hobby Hangar gift card that Hobby Hangar donated to support our new member training.

I presented a \$250 check to Chuck Cowell from Westfield HS. Chuck is the teacher that is responsible for the aero class that the club supports with the help of Roger and his team of volunteers. Chuck was very appreciative of the donation and wants to do more to support the clubs growth of youth membership. Chuck is also the one who supports our indoor flying at Westfield HS on Sundays.

The club still has a few mini Quads available and some of the "be found" devices. Contact me if you want to get one.

At the Clifton Days event the other weekend, James Harrison had on display his "Can Aircraft". I bought a few and showed them at the last meeting. They are really neat and different! He can make almost any type of plane out of any type of can. If you want a unique gift at a reasonable price give him a call. He is a retired airline pilot. James 703.560.4994

BOARD MEETING MINUTES By Terry Terrenoire

September 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Gary Quinn.
2. Present were Pres: Quinn, Secty: Terrenoire, Treas: Bob Freas, Adrian Apodaca, and Bob Burnett.
3. Gary handed out a meeting agenda sheet for all to follow.
4. Bob Freas reported good news from the County on the Lorton site. They approved our request for the waiving of the additional fees and put the project on the fast track to completion. We may be planting grass in the spring.
5. We have had 7 new junior members join this year. We have 196 total members.
6. Gary stressed the importance of greeting and being friendly to field visitors.
7. We are looking into developing a "membership packet" to give to prospective new members. A "sponsor" program was discussed.
8. We voted on and approved a \$250 donation to Westfield HS.
9. The officer slate for next year was determined to be: President: Gary Quinn, VP: Bob Burnett, and Secty: Terry Terrenoire. John Roach, Carl Breskie, Doug Braddack, and Kevin Duncan were discussed as Board Members at large and will be contacted to see if they would be willing to serve. Adrian has agreed to continue as newsletter editor.
10. Terry will try to arrange for a former U-2 pilot, Col. Dave Russell, to speak at our November meeting.
11. After some small talk the meeting broke up around 3:00.

MEETING MINUTES By Terry Terrenoire

October 2014

There were 30 members and 2 guests present. Nic Burhans introduced himself and told us that he was the newly appointed AMA AVP for the Northern Virginia area. He briefly covered some recent FAA rulings and AMA's plans for legal action in response. Jay Figer introduced himself and told us he had first contact with NVRC back in the 70's but is new to R/C.

Gary: Showed proposed officer slate for next year.

- Gave a brief update on the Lorton site. Need to pay \$1500 to \$2000 for water treatment project as a one time fee.
- Reported that we had added 9 new members since last meeting.
- Showed items being included in new membership packet.
- Announced that Terry T. would chair the Air and Scare project.
- Told of Rob Winerroud receiving his "solo" card.
- Extended a request for News Letter input.

Ken reported that there was a good turnout for the annual Chicken fly and that gift cards were awarded to all who flew in the event.

It was reported that at least one spectator commented the he thought the model flying had been the best part of the Leesburg airshow.

Terry T. announced that our speaker for November will be Dave Russell, a retired USAF U-2 pilot.

It was announced that the annual Christmas banquet/ Dec meeting will be held at the firehouse on 12/13. The firehouse will charge \$200 for janitorial expense.

Bob B. made a motion to donate \$200 to the Robotics club again this year. Motion was seconded and approved.

Roger reported that Fairfax Co school system has now prohibited any RC flying from Co school grounds. There is also some question as to the availability of the Westfield HS due to it's 3.1 mile proximity to Dulles Airport.

Show & Share:

- Gary Q, showed a couple "coke can" planes available for about \$20.
- Terry T. showed progress being made on Bree-Zee fuselage.
- Rob had his 4 engine float plane to report on. First flight show that the can motors did not provide adequate power. Has had 2 flights with marginal performance.

Colin won 50/50 drawing for \$48.

COLIN'S HANGAR By Colin Quinn

My dad took the Carbon Z cub that he fixed back to Hobby Hangar to find out why the engine would not work. With the help of Tyler, it was determined that the ESC was bad. And it was. After putting in a \$90 ESC the motor powers up and the plane is ready to fly. I helped my dad put it in by staying over at the simulator so he could have room to work. He did a good job. I am excited that it works again and can't wait to fly it again. I am so glad I helped out.

My dad was out of town so my mom and I went to the auction. Even though my dad is the President of the club, my mom and I do all the work. It was a lot of fun but I didn't buy a lot of planes, only two. My dad kept calling me on my phone and I kept telling him there were no planes that he would want that were for sale. There were a few planes he would have wanted but what he doesn't know won't hurt him. We really don't need any more planes anyways. I think the club did well at the auction and people seemed to have a good time. I know I did.

Because of my band practice I don't get a lot of time to fly. I know the indoor flying season starts soon so I am hoping to be able to fly at some of those events. The T-28 races are always fun. I usually do pretty well at the races.

If you don't have one of the CX-10 quads that the club is selling for a fundraiser, you should get one. I do flips with mine and it's a lot of fun. We sold some at the auction and only have a few left to sell. Get them before they are gone.

EDITOR'S DESK By Adrian Apodaca

Please excuse the brevity and quick look of this overdue issue of our newsletter. It has been a busy few months for me, but at the same time, I had zero submissions aside from the one-man newsletter himself, our President, Gary Quinn. I have not been very present at the field this season, so I didn't get to review much of anything either. I will shortly be posting reviews on the Dromida Ominus and Kodo. They might be a good options for indoor flying... I'll post my reviews soon... what I do know at the moment, is that they are cheap, and my initial thoughts are positive ones.

That said, I hope to be able to provide a more ontime and better newsletter in the coming year. I do need your help though. Without input from our membership, you all are just stuck with the meeting minutes, and Gary and I's write-ups. We look forward to serving you for the remainder of the 2014 season and in 2015. Happy flying!

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