



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

The field will be closed on Thursday December 12. Fairfax County is doing their burn to clear the eastern edge of the runway. The field will probably be open on Friday, but I will make an announcement based on the field conditions.

Indoor flying sessions are going great. The participation has been awesome. Gary Quinn set up another indoor flying event at lifetime fitness in December. Please check the website as there are two more indoor flying events before the end of the year. It's a great way to keep the club together and motivated throughout the winter. There is talk of creating a larger event sometime in the near future. We will be looking for volunteers.

Don't forget that the annual winter fun fly is coming up on January 11. Complete details will appear on our awesome website. It's always a hoot to fly that time year outside. Thanks to Harold for always sponsoring that event.

Finally this is my last term as president. I want to thank all of the people who volunteered to make this club successful over the past several years. The club is in great hands with Gary Quinn as president and Gary V as vice president. I am sure they will keep the club vibrant and active over 2014. Please give them all of your support. I look forward to seeing you at the field. Thank you

VP's Report

By Gary Quinn

If you missed the November meeting, you missed out on some pizza, snacks, hot coffee, cokes in a glass bottle, Southwest peanuts and pretzels, rice crispy treats and more! Don't let hunger stop you from getting to a meeting! Come and enjoy!

This was an exciting flying, buying and selling month. On the sale side we have parted ways with the giant scale ARF I got at the auction, my Sig Seniorita, an E-flite Pawnee, the Beaver and my DX8. A few more are scheduled to depart the hangar soon. On the buy side we now have a DX9 and a Carbon Z Cub.

Colin and I went to the West Potomac fly in and had a good time. There were lots of planes flying indoors with a great group of people. The students did a terrific job hosting the event. Soon they will be offering custom molded pilots for your plane, with YOUR face as the pilot. Almost any scale. Stay tuned for more details.

We also went down to the Hobby Hangar field open house event in Catlett, VA. It was an exciting day with Kwang and his buddies flying their jets and Bob flying the quad while riding around in a quad! It was an awesome time. Colin and Kwang flew their Carbon Z Cubs side by side, played follow the leader, did touch and go's, side by side loops and more. Colin liked the Carbon Z so much that he now "thinks" it's his plane. Maybe one day I will get to fly it too.

Indoor flying season has started so make sure you check the website for details and to sign up to help. We will have a few Friday and Saturday night fly in events coming up soon. Watch the website and check your emails for info. These are always a blast!

If you ordered apparel it is in the process of getting completed. I am also working with a company to set up an "NVRC" store, where you can order any item you want with the NVRC logo on it, screen printed or embroidered. Stay tuned for more details!

It's been a great year of flying and events. Thanks to all the members who have volunteered at the different events and all the officers who have continued to support the club with lots of behind the scene efforts. You are all very appreciated!

Remember, NVRC is a group of fantastic, talented and giving individuals, we just happen to fly RC Airplanes! Hope to see you at the field or an indoor flying event!



Treasurer's Report

By Bob Freas

Thanks to all that participated in the Fall Auction last month. The club netted \$1,675 after paying all expenses and making a donation to the Sophomore Class at WT Woodson High School. Please join me in thanking Ken Bassett for his hard work and effort over the past 16 years running the auction (twice a year). There is a lot of behind the scenes effort that goes into making this event a success and it wouldn't have happened without Ken's hard work and dedication. This event is important to the club's operation since it is our second largest revenue generator next to the membership dues.

It's that time of year to be thinking about sending me your 2014 membership application, copy of your 2014 AMA card and membership dues. A copy of the 2014 membership application is attached to the newsletter for your use in registering for 2014. An update copy of the application also will be placed on the 1nvrc.com website. So to make the 2014 membership renewal process timely and successful, I need you to do the following:

1. Renew your AMA membership for 2014 and receive your 2014 AMA membership card so you can make a copy of that card
2. Complete the 2014 NVRC application (please print clearly) so we can check your membership status, and verify your contact info; and then
3. Mail your completed 2014 NVRC application, a copy of your 2014 AMA card, your membership dues, and a stamped self-addressed envelope to me at the following address:
Bob Freas
8006 Chippenham Court
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Thank you in advance for your interest in NVRC and timely submission of your 2014 membership renewal.

IMAC Corner by Gary A Valenzuela

As the winter approaches it's time for that post season equipment check and inspection. Here are a few areas that you should pay particular attention to if you plan on a long break between flying this winter.

I would suggest emptying your fuel tanks. You don't want to run bad gas on your first start up next year. Take the time and pull the fuel tank out and check all the plumbing. I personally like using clear fuel tanks so I can see the conditions inside. I would also recommend that you completely replace all the Tygon fuel lines that were in contact with the fuel. The fuel lines will get hard and brittle as they sit there through a season of flying. If you plan on not flying at all during the winter I would also recommend running TruFuel specially engineered fuel / oil mixture through your engine. The mixture contains no ethanol. You can buy the mixtures from Lowe's or Home Depot at the mixture you normally use on your engine. You should also pay attention to your carburetor gaskets and diaphragms, they will get dry and brittle if your engine is not in use. If your plane does sit I recommend pulling the carb and checking it thoroughly.

There are many other tips and tricks to keep that plane in tip top shape. If you want or need more information, members such as Charlie K, Bob B and many other experienced members can also suggest more areas to check.

Those of you that have an interest in IMAC please contact me at gary_valenzuela@me.com and I can fill you in on sequences, upcoming events and the atmosphere that I enjoy.

Happy flying.

Photo Gallery

Tony's Cub!



Photo Gallery *(continued)*

October Meeting



Holiday Party



Editor's Desk

By Adrian Apodaca

I don't have much to add this month as the only flying I have done lately has been a few micros inside the living room. This is the time of year when I focus a little more on surface RC. I am looking forward to our indoor fly-in at LifeTime Fitness. This time we have the entire gymnasium, not just one court. There will be plenty of room for everyone to get a solid amount of flights in.

Until then, we thought you might enjoy a few links.

This is news coverage of the West Potomac Event:

http://www.ebmcdn.net/fcps/fcps_video_viewer.php?viewnode=82c23f7fff1cf

Watch Air Force band start a flash mob at the Air & Space Museum

<http://www.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/bestoftv/2013/12/09/newday-midday-orig-16.cnn.html>

Amazon exploring using drones for package deliveries

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/amazon-testing-drones-for-delivery-jeff-bezos-says-20131202-2ylj0.html>

And finally, though we have an active website, we also have a Facebook account. Drop by and leave a note, post some pics, vids or whatever you'd like.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northern-Virginia-Radio-Control/159621934052401>

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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