



# 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

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NVRC Members,

Welcome to February! Snow, cold, mud and rain continue to make our road inaccessible and the field remains closed. But if the recent summer blast continues, I am confident that we will be up and running soon! Hang in their pilots!

Our February meeting was terrific and a big thanks to Pat Dunlap for speaking to the group. If you like talking RC, like to eat, have some coffee and snacks, want to show a plane or accessory that is unique, then don't miss the next meeting! Tony Claridge is our next guest speaker and he will be discussing sound systems and how you can make your planes roar! If you have not heard the sounds that Tony's planes make you are missing a very cool effect.

Our third indoor flying event at Lifetime Fitness was a lot of fun and Hobby Hangar donated a new plane that was won by a young pilot. We are wrapping up our Westfield indoor flying and have two events scheduled. The T-28 racing and the Champ racing have been a lot of fun and we have had many participating pilots. If you have a T-28 or a Champ, get out to the next Westfield event on March 9. If you don't have one of those planes, get over to Hobby Hangar and pick one up! You will have an awesome time!

The West Potomac HS held their indoor fun fly on Saturday and the turnout was good. The most interesting part of the event was getting your head scanned with a 3D scanner so they can make a pilot bust using your profile! Is that cool or what! Teacher/Sponsor Joe Franco is going to update us on the process and cost and see if we can have them bring the device to one of our events. How would you like to see yourself flying in your own plane! So this weekend was three back-to-back days of flying. It doesn't get much better than that for indoor flying choices!

Mark and Bob had a great meeting with the County and we are moving forward continuing and expanding our relationship. There are a lot of good things in the works. Bob and his team are working on the final phases of getting our application submitted for Lorton. That process is moving forward as well.

Our Auction is coming up at the end of next month, March 30th to be exact. We will need volunteers to help out and auctioneers to auction. Please reach out to Bob B if you want to help his auction team and Bob F for other support. Gather up your planes and accessories to sell and start saving your cash to buy. The auction is always a great time.

I have submitted our application for a TAG grant and recently submitted an application for a Field Improvement Grant, both to the AMA. Terry is going to work on getting together the required documents to submit our club as a Leader club once again. I am also going to reach out to some of the top business leaders in the area that are involved in flying and aerospace.

With the start of the flying season right around the corner, get ready for an exciting year. All the events are posted on our calendar and the most recent upcoming events are on RCFlightdeck.com. I'm looking forward to flying some of my planes out in the open blue sky. That is as long as Colin lets me!!

**SEE YOU IN THE AIR!**

## **VP'S REPORT** By Gary Valenzuela

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Hope everyone has been enjoying the indoor flying the past month. Although the weather still hasn't cooperated and our field remains closed I want to again solicit for volunteers to help cut the field this year. As of now I have two members that have stepped up and volunteered. I would like to have a good selection of members so that I can produce some type of schedule. The field is usually cut on Friday so that members can enjoy the weekend. It is also cut just about every week once the good weather kicks in. So please just send me an email expressing your interest in helping the club.

When the weather breaks I will be arranging to have a lawn mower operations / safety class. Although it may be a simple piece of machinery to operate we have to discuss what can and cannot be cut at the field. In the past we had a few over zealous members cut a little more area than authorized. When this happens we have to answer to the park authority.

During the next few months we will also arrange for a day to cut more trees on the East end of the field. We would like to do this before it gets too hot and the ticks come out to play. We will also have to roll and seed the field for the upcoming season.

Please contact me if you want to volunteer and I will be happy to put you on the schedule.

## MEETING MINUTES By Bob Freas

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1. President Gary Quinn opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Twenty-eight attendees were present.
2. An older member, Al Norcat, was in attendance and is coming back to the club. One guest was present, Eric Oliver. Eric is starting a club for wounded warriors at Fort Belvoir.

### Old Business:

3. The paper work necessary for the Lorton field is in process. The full package will be presented very soon to the county. No new information.
4. Bob Burnett and Mark Franke have been meeting with the county about Poplar field. The county is preparing a new "master plan" for all parks. We are in it. The county is considering adjusting some of the paths around the park. The gate will be modified to include a third lane. A much enlarged parking area will be built at the gate entrance plus a structure for horses. They cancelled the burn because of weather and do not have plans for another one. Bob suggested that they let us cut the trees. In addition he suggested building a pavilion at our field. The county has reacted favorably to both requests.
5. The county will begin to put gravel on our road March 12-15.

### New Business:

1. We have submitted to AMA for a "TAG" Grant for \$650 for training and new member recruiting. We will also be submitting a request for a field improvement grant.
2. Brad Leninger has requested some of our pilots participate in a Boy Scout event at the Flying Circus on April 11-12. Reach out to Gary V for details.
3. Gary Valenzuela reminded the club that we need to get volunteers to cut the grass.
4. Gary V is also working with the web developer to make the event calendar more user friendly.
5. Treasurer's Report: We have 124 members that have paid dues for 2014. We have a number of members who need to submit their renewals for this year. Please do so as soon as possible. The color of the bands for radios this year are Blue and Red. If you don't renew your membership you don't get a band. If you don't have a band you are not allowed to fly at the field. That is our County agreement. The final documents are being gathered for submission for the Lorton field. We should be able to submit our final application this month. The Auction is coming up on March 30th. If you want to participate please let me know as soon as possible so I can determine how many volunteers we have and how many we may need for the day. Bob B is coordinating the auctioneers.
6. Speaker: Pat Dunlop provided an entertaining and informative presentation on helicopters and how the technology for RC helicopters has changed over time. He also provided great insight into the skills needed to fly helicopters and the safety steps needed for a machine that has rotors large and fast enough to take of your head.
7. Show and Tell: Terry Terrenoire showed a pattern plan that he built and covered. The plane is one of a few built to sell. The plane, called an Aquila, did not do well. It was panned by the experts. The kit is now available for \$150 and Terry bought several at this reduced rate. Terry did an outstanding job on building and covering the plane.
8. Ross Baker showed an EDF jet called the Electrify Evader. It is very stable. He also presented a large ducted fan engine and it prompted a lively discussion on those types of engines.
9. Rob Edmonds showed the beginnings of a new "Rob Plane" using ducted fan engines.
10. Ross Baker won the Show and Tell drawing and Banks Mitchum won the 50/50.

## IMAC CORNER by Gary A Valenzuela

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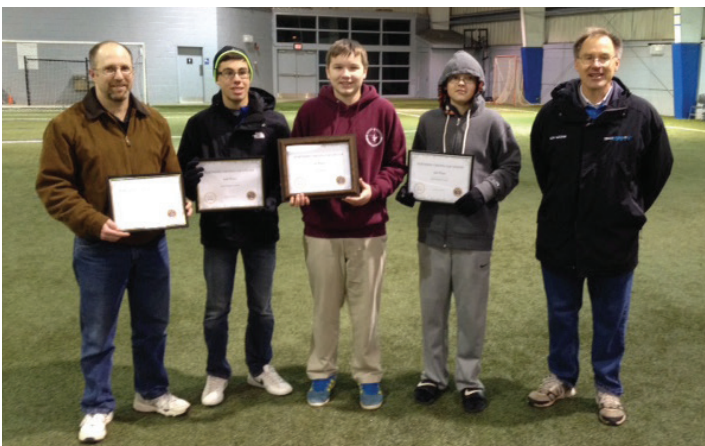
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## PHOTO GALLERY February Meeting



## INDOOR



## EDITOR'S DESK By Adrian Apodaca

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My space will be a little empty this go around as I haven't flown anything but my 350QX and Vapor in several months. As much as I love the winter and snow, I am done, I want to fly outside! The cover image for this newsletter reflects the way I feel having not flown anything larger than a micro in months!

What I do have to report is that I am working on a new website that will feature user submitted reviews from all over the world. The ones I find appropriate for our field at NVRC, I will copy into my section of the newsletter. If you find it difficult to find a non paid or non sponsored review, this might just be the site for you. The site is not complete at the moment, but already have many submissions, all viewable on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/realRCreviews/>

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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