



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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Volume I: March

Our third meeting of the year proved to be as exciting as the others with food, fun and friendly RC pilots. Everyone was updated on the Lorton site that continues to move forward with Bob Freas leading the way. A number of other events were discussed and we reviewed the AMA information on the recent FAA rulings. Charley was kind enough to share his thoughts on the Florida Jet event he attended, of course, in Florida. He told us about the jet crash that happened right at the flight line and thankfully nobody was injured. The weather was good and he didn't miss the cold and rain we enjoyed back here.

Our VP told us about the needed repairs to the field fences and I know over the past few weeks John has not only repaired everything but has made it even nicer. Thanks to John and his team for getting this done. The extra effort to get the field ready for use is very much appreciated!

We reviewed the budget which was already approved and Bob spoke about the auction which has now already taken place. Although the results were not stellar, I think it's the trend we might see as the hobby becomes more disposable and people can get into the hobby without having to spend a lot of money. I'm working on a few other things we can do to keep the cash flow coming in! Our Quad sale netted us about \$650 and that was with zero risk to the club. Stay tuned for more information.

I presented the TAG grant check to Bob Freas at the auction that was for \$1,000 from the AMA. Here is a picture of our AMA AVP presenting the check to me.

We have also submitted a Field Improvement Grant which is in the process of being reviewed. Keep your fingers crossed as this could be extremely beneficial to helping us get our second field up and running! Two fields, that's just awesome!

I have reached out to the President of the DC Drone users group so we can develop a working relationship between the two clubs. I'll keep everyone updated as to our progress.

Volume I: April/May

It's been an early start to the flying season as the weather has been favorably to get off the ground and up in the air. We have not even rolled the field for this year but members have already been flying for the past few weeks. But to stay on the topic of rolling, this Saturday we will have a field day to get the field ready for the season. A roller will be on hand as well as grass cutting equipment and more.

Our meeting in April was exciting and thank you to all who were able to participate. We discussed the auction results, Lorton updates, upcoming contests and more. Please review the minutes for more details.

Just so everyone is aware, NVRC is a club made up of members who are REQUIRED to participate in the helping of maintaining the field, providing support at community events and club sponsored events. This is a volunteer organization. I have received a few emails and have been told by some members that when some people arrive at the field "the grass has not been cut" and that they were not very happy. For those that complain that the grass has not been cut or that the pits are not trimmed, please take the time to participate and get it done. Everyone wants to "show up" and fly, I get it. But if you show up to the field and something needs to be done so everyone can fly, then take the initiative and make it happen. I have already heard the excuses about not having enough time, I've never done it, somebody else should do it, and more. If you are going to have an excuse, one excuse is as good as another. Don't make excuses, make it happen. If you are unfamiliar with the tractor, weed eaters or any other equipment that is used to help maintain the field, call or email myself or John Roach our VP who is in charge of the field. We are more than willing and able to help you learn the equipment so you can help maintain the field. If you are at the field you can always ask another member to help you as well if they are familiar with the equipment. Don't be a whiner, be a winner and help keep the field looking good.

When you are traveling up and down to the field on the gravel road, at no more than 10 mph, if you encounter horseback riders on the road, you are required to do the following:

- Stop your vehicle
- Wait for the horse rider to pass or wave you to proceed
- If you are asked to proceed past the horses, do so slowly on the side of the road
- If you are unsure about what to do, get out of your car and ask.

Horses can be spooked by the size of a car, noise from a car, dust from the road and more. It is YOUR responsibility as the driver to make sure you are doing everything you can to precede with safety. The sign says "Share the Road" with horses. We have recently had a few incidents where the horse riders reported individuals who were driving fast or who did not stop. The driver's car types and tag numbers have been reported. Any repeat offenders, of which there should be no members of this club, will be brought to the attention of the board for action that may result in loss of membership. Just take the time and do the right thing.

I went over to the horse stable farm to introduce myself to the stable manager. She is also the one who gets any complaints that may come in from a rider. She said the biggest issue is the speed that people travel, especially when approaching a horse. She also explained to me that all horses are different and that means they will not all respond in the same manner when a car approaches them. She said the only thing she is concerned about is safety. We discussed the horse riders who come onto the field from the woods and she let me know that she has told her riders not go on the field or the trails around the field when it is open for flying. She also told me about the dozen other properties that border the trails that have horses. She also told me about the riders who come from Bull Run who don't know the trails and could suddenly end up on our field. Just as we try to educate our members, she has asked her horse riders to avoid the field and the trails next to the field when we are flying.

I believe it was a good meeting and we both have the same objectives in mind. She also told me that the individual who owns the vineyard next to the horse property just purchased all of the horse property. All 230 acres of it. So now you can go to the vineyard, have a glass of wine and watch the horses. And maybe see an airplane or two flying. The bottom line with all of this is we all want the same thing. Safety first. Do your part in making it happen.

We are going to have a field day on Saturday the 30th where we will be rolling the field and more. Please show up to help and support this activity. Starting time 9am. Water and snacks will be available. The other week a number of members were out picking up rocks at the new Lorton site. It was an awesome site to see so many members helping out with the new field.

Although I was unable to attend the building contest this month, I am sure it had some fantastic entries. Congratulations to Bob Burnett for his winning entry!

Tony continues to help new flyers get up in the air and down safely and we have had our second member complete Tony's requirements. Congratulations to Rick Perri who will receive an NVRC certificate and a Hobby Hangar \$25 gift card! All new flyers are eligible for this award. Please get with Tony for details on what you need to do to qualify. Thanks to Tony and all of his team for helping with all of the new members to the hobby.

As always, if you have any questions or want to get involved more with the club just let me know. Let's make it a safe, fun and exciting flying season.

MEETING MINUTES By Terry Terrenoire

- Called to order at 7:40 PM by President Gary Quinn
- There were 27 members and 2 guests present. Guests were Dave, a former RC flier just getting back into hobby. Phil Perkins, who has no RC experience.

Gary's notes:

- AMA has approved our request for Gold Leader Club status. Plaque will be put up at Hobby Hanger and another posted at Poplar field.
- Boy Scout demo request for 6/22 thru 26. Carl & Mark will head up this project.
- Mark gave a Poplar Ford update. We have been incorporated into the County's "Master plan" and can now construct a permanent pavilion on the site.
- John Roach reported that repairs to the fence have been completed.
- In the absence of our Treasurer, Gary reported that we have 172 members for this year. The spring auction netted \$1013.80.
- For the Lorton project we have found out that the storm water credit we have to pay is \$7400. Only \$2500 had been budgeted for this. Carl made a motion that we approve the additional cost. Mark seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

New Business:

- After some discussion it was decided that we will again contribute \$200 to the Robotics program.
- The FARM float fly is scheduled for June 26th
- Tony announced that he would really like to have another flight instructor.

Show & Share:

- Terry T: Matrix 3D indoor profile model
- Brad: Extra 300 w/ gyro system. E-Gyro power Box and \$28 battery tester.
- Paul: Quantum FPV goggles. \$150 with TX.
- Bill: Traxis battery charger.
- Lewis: Showed a new \$160 quad copter.
- Lewis won the drawing for a \$25 gift card.
- George Dowell won \$26 in the 50/50 drawing.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:47
- \$24 50/50 won by Luis.

IMAGE GALLERY



EDITOR'S DESK By Adrian Apodaca

Finally, flying season is here again! I'm starting small again while I get my two small gassers going (Hangar 9 Meridian and Hangar 9 Pawnee). I have been out a few times so far, and it's just so nice to get flying again. One thing I realize is that I like flying just about anything. I think I had gotten a little snobby for a while, but I'm back to liking flying anything from a micro to a .60 size bird. Foam, balsa, whatever.

So now that we are back in the swing of things, I want to continue Gary Q's discussion on safety. On my last visit to the field, the club was actually a little busy... which is great! However, one of our biggest safety rules is that we fly circuits when more than one plane is in the air. Everyone there was really solid about calling out their take-offs but I saw and also almost experienced a couple of mid-air collisions. If you want to fly close to yourself or work on your 3d skills, please do so while other pilots are on the ground. That also includes helicopters. When flying a heli with planes in the air, please join in the circuit.

On a happier note, the Lorton field is coming along nicely. Several of us were out there a couple of weeks ago clearing the field of debris so that grass can go down smoothly. If you want to have a look at the field, check out my video. It takes you pretty much from the gate, to the field. It's a nice looking location with ZERO trees to worry about! Of course the best part is that we'll be able to fly giant scale gassers there!

Here is the link to the video (select the HD1080p 60fps option)!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJYWh2iZBRk>

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