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Next Meeting

Date: 3/14/2007
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting Place: Parks and Recreation building

CVRCA Fight Instruction Team

Team Leader: Jimmy Booth
Team Airplane: Todd Beard, Mike Dinu
Team Helicopter: Sam Richardson, John Clark

For Sale

* Glow Fuel by the gallon. Call Gary Cowden

* Thunder Tiger 40 Trainer, complete with engine and radio, all ready to go. Flown only once (successfully). Would make a good rig for somebody starting out. Call Gary Cowden

Upcoming Events (What we are all about!!)

3/1 – 2007 club dues must be paid.

3/10 – Swap meet in PA. <http://www.cpaas.us/>

3/14 – Club meeting. Agenda forthcoming.

4/sometime – The grass starts to grow. How exciting is that? The field marshal will be preparing and distributing a mowing schedule in March.

5/19 – Field cleanup

6/15 – 6/17 - 23rd Annual Ray Gordon Memorial Jumbo Fly-In, Harrisonburg.
<http://www.vrcfc.org/> for details

The Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	2/14/2007
Called By:	Gene Patzsch
Minutes Approved By:	Vote
Total Present:	11
Guests:	1
Solo Patch:	None to report
SAD Patch:	Little interest in this

Gene welcomed the club members that were present and visitor. Gene had the visitor introduce himself (Fred Phillips). Fred recently moved to the Lynchburg area, has flown RC since 1975 but hasn't flown much in the past couple of years.

Gene asked if everyone received their January newsletter. All members present responded that they had. Gene asked if we should accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Randy made the motion, Fred Lindsay seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Gene opened the floor for discussion of old business.

Status of the Banner:

Sam discussed the banner while Sean and Randy held it up. Consensus was it looked good. Sam stated he made a tube carrier for the banner as well.

Cost to the club: \$81. Gene went over briefly the purpose of the banner.

Status of the sign:

Mark Gryder reported on this. The installation area has been marked, Miss Utility has blessed off the location. We are waiting on approval from the Powell's. The following action item was developed:

1. Get permission from Powell's to install in the new location – Gary Cowden.

There was some discussion about a flatbed trailer that may be in the way of the sign location.

AMA TAG Program:

Gary reported that he received notice that AMA has received our application and we should know if we are selected within 90 days.

Intro Pilots:

Randy reported that he applied for Intro Pilot for Todd Beard, Gary Cowden, Jimmy Booth and Eric Welfare. Gary stated he received his.

Special Needs Scouts:

One of the staff members in charge of the Special Needs Scouts of Lynchburg has contacted CVRCA about having a field day at our field so the kids can watch model aircraft in action.

Mark Gryder reported that he would like to set a tentative date of May 19 for the event. Mark envisions nothing fancy, just several pilots. Gene said he would like to cook up some hot dogs for the event. The visitors may bring bottle rockets (water) but no gunpowder type. The following action items were developed:

1. Confirm date during March meeting
2. Gene will be in charge of cooking hot dogs.
3. Sam can supply ice if we need it.

RF Study at the Field:

Mark has completed the current phase of the study and has concluded we appear to be pretty clean. He reported that Mike told him that he had seen some hits on channel 21 on the small field scanner. Sam reported channel 47 was doing some funny stuff but that it may be his equipment. Mark has returned the scanner loaned by AMA.

Ideas on Meeting Frequencies and Activities/Membership Questionnaire:

Gene reported nothing has been done on this yet. The following action item was developed:

1. Gene is to report back in the March meeting.

Membership Status:

Randy reported the following people have not yet re-joined: Larry Abrams, Pres Edmunds, Miguel Goizueta, Jeff Hodges, John Rakes, Joe Sanders, Greg Smith, Ray Smith, Steven Smith, Matthew Sparkman.

The following action item was developed:

1. Randy is to get the March roster (after no-pays have been dropped) to Mark so Mark can finalize the mowing schedule.

2007 Event Schedule:

Gene reported nothing has been done on this yet. The following action item was developed:

1. Club members are to come to the March meeting prepared to set dates for 2007 events. Gene will spearhead this effort.

2007 Fun Fly Event:

Pete Castine is in charge of this event but was not present for the meeting so Randy discussed what Pete had sent him over email. We are to pick 2 or 3 weekends (May or June) to hold the event. This will be a laid back kind of fun fly. Bring out your beater plane for some fun including:

- ♦ most loops in 1 minute
- ♦ climb and glide
- ♦ trainer pylon race
- ♦ balloon taxiing course
- ♦ spot landings
- ♦ the dreaded limbo

And for a finale, a "wide open class" combat event – last one flying is the winner (bring your Ebay plane as Mike Dinu would say). Should be great fun. It will be an AMA sanctioned event with trophies for the winners. \$5 entrée fee. Concessions available. Evan Cowden reminded everyone that the combat event is the "last one flying wins" and thus you don't try to wreck your plane (something most of us don't want to do).

The following action items were developed:

1. Set the date(s) during March meeting
2. Pete is in charge of overall event coordination and will report progress during March meeting.
3. Assign concessions to someone (during March meeting).

Sunday Morning Flying:

Gene reported nothing has been done on this yet. The following action items were developed:

1. Gary is to speak with the Tweedy's to determine if engine sound is a problem with them.

Field Search:

Gary reported that Campbell County may be willing to partner with us and wants to know what are space needs are. They potentially offered the small Brookneal airport. But that is too far to drive for most. Another possibility is with Lynchburg Parks/Rec. at the foundry area. Probably not enough space though. Fred Lindsay said he thought Blackwater Trail is too close. Mark suggested looking into the part of the City landfill area that is now covered. The following action item was developed:

1. Gary is to continue the process of the field search and report back at the March meeting.

This concluded old business.

Gene opened the floor for discussion of new business.

Harrisonburg Swap Shop:

Gary reported they now believe there will be 55 tables of merchandise. There is also an auction at the end of the swap shop. Harrisonburg is only 1-1/2 hours away. There was some loose discussion about partnering with the Harrisonburg club for swap shop and newsletter articles, possibly more.

Spring Cleanup

Mark reported he has not put a lot of thought into this yet. But he did mention he would like to rip out the announcer stand. No one objected. The following action items were developed:

1. Mark will determine what the specific goals are for the spring cleanup - report at March meeting.

2. We will set the date for the spring cleanup during the March meeting.

Mowing Schedule

Mark reported this is not done since he does not yet have an accurate 2007 roster.

The following action items were developed:

1. Randy will provide Mark a March roster shortly after the March meeting (should be accurate since the "no pays" will have been dropped).
2. Mark will have a mowing schedule shortly after receiving the March roster.

Cub Scouts:

Pete Castine has a friend who is a scout master for a cub scout pack. He is interested in bringing the boys out to the field to learn about RC aircraft. They have not discussed any dates yet, but it would probably be a Saturday (maybe in late March/April, when it warms up). Pete would like to get some of the Intro pilots out with buddy boxes. Pete will provide balsa gliders for the kids to put together. After a small amount of discussion, this event was approved.

The following action item was developed:

1. Pete will report back during the March meeting details regarding the cub scout event.

Miscellaneous Announcements (not in the agenda):

Sam mentioned to Mark he may want to start looking into some fertilizer for the grass.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sean seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

End of Minutes

From Eric Welfare

Flying Fever Again

By Eric Welfare

Twos the week before summer
And all through my shop,
My table was empty.
There was nothing on top.

The winter was long.
My time had been short.

I couldn't build an airplane
Of any size or sort.

My shop was all straight,
My tools put away.
The balsa was sorted
And lay in a tray.

I got an idea,
Then I jumped in my car.
Luckily the hobby shop
Wasn't too far.

Out in the hall
There arose such a clatter
My wife came running to see
What was the matter.

There I stood,
With a roll of plans.
She tried to grab them
Out of my hands.

But I was too quick.
I thought she would fight.
As I ran through my doorway,
I kissed her good night.

I rolled out the plans
And taped them in place.
I studied the curves,
The lines and the grace.

With straight-edge and pencil
I had to get busy.
I was working so fast
Some folks might have got dizzy.

I pinned and I glued
All night and all day.
What about work?
I heard my wife say.

I called in sick
For five days straight.
My boss was mad
But my airplane looked great.

It was carefully covered
Red, yellow and white.
I just couldn't wait
To see its first flight.

The weekend was here
And the weather was fine.
I couldn't wait to hear
That new engine whine.

I started the engine
And checked the throws.
When I gave it full throttle-
Down the runway it goes!

It picked up speed
And lifted up in the air.
All the pilots around me
Turned to stare.

With each loop and each roll
The crowd roared with cheers!
Their excitement was soothing
And helped calm my fears.

It flies! It flies !
I wanted to sing.
But without a good landing
It won't mean a thing.

With the sun setting low-
The tank low on gas-
I lined up for final
To land in the grass.

With a gentle touchdown
I heard someone say,
There'll be no 'Sad Patch'
For him today!

With a smile on my face
I wanted to shout,
That's what this hobby
Is all about!

Support of good friends
If my flight goes great
Or a shoulder to cry on
If a crash is my fate.

As I cleaned up my airplane
I started rubbing my chin
And daydreaming about how
It would fly as a twin!

Me and my airplane

Were heading home in my car,
But, luckily, the hobby shop
Wasn't too far.

We met at the door
With my hands full of wood.
My wife shook her head
Cause she understood.

I blew her a kiss
And gave her a wave.
To this self-induced sickness
I'd become a slave!

You've got that disease!
Then she said, at a loss,
Flying Fever again!
I'll go call your boss!

My daydreams of flying
Aren't fatal, I'm sure.
There's only one treatment
But there is no cure.

May the breezes be gentle,
The sky always blue
And all of your daydreams
Of flying come true.

To all of you pilots
Who suffer like me
Come out to the field
For some group therapy

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