

***THE CVRCA FLYER***

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## Club Officers

**President:** Gen Patzsch  
**Vice President:** Gary Cowden  
**Sec/Treasurer:** Randy Krotke  
**Field Marshall:** Mark Gryder

## On The Board

**Member:** Sam Richardson  
**Member:** Jimmy Booth  
**Member:** Mike Dinu

## Others

**Newsletter Editor:** Evan Cowden  
**Webmaster:** Glenn Burroughs

## Meeting Info...

**Next Meeting Date:** 2/14/2007  
**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

## The Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 1/10/2007  
**Called By:** Gene Patzsch  
**Minutes Approved By:** Vote  
**Total Present:** 11  
**Guests:** 1  
**Solo Patch:** None to report  
**50/50:** None (it seems that somebody forgot to put the 50/50 tickets in his briefcase!)  
**SAD Patch:** None (wow, we are good!)

### For Sale:

- \* Tower Trainer, no engine but has radio gear sans transmitter. Very good condition Call Randy Krotke
- \* 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

Club T-Shirts. The club has a bunch of these still in stock. If you have been a member for a while, your current club shirt probably has catsup stains on it so it is time for a replacement. If you are a new member, you are dangerously

out of style without a club shirt! Lots of sizes available. All proceeds go directly to the club.  
*Call Sam Richardson @ 434-929-2746*

### Upcoming Events (What we are all about!!)

2/14 – Club meeting. Agenda forthcoming.

2/17 – Swap Meet and Model Show (no Mark, not Victorie's Secret) at Weyer's Cave.  
<http://www.vrcfc.org/> for details

3/1 – 2007 club dues must be paid.

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

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

# January 2007 Meeting minutes as recorded by the quill of the secretary

Motions from January Meeting:

1. Accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Mark Gryder made the motion, Dale Hanson seconded the motion and the motion passed.
2. Make Dave Wingfield an honorary club member. Mark Gryder made the motion, Dale Hanson seconded the motion and the motion passed.
3. Purchase a CVRCA banner. Mark Gryder made the motion, Randy seconded and the motion passed.
4. Accept Tyler Britt and Ron Neumann as new members. Randy announced the details and the motion passed.
5. Adjourn the meeting: Mark Gryder made the motion, Dale Hanson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Gene welcomed the club members and visitor that were present. Gene made a few opening remarks and then introduced the officers and board members for 2007. He then had the visitor introduce himself (Fred Lindsay).

Gene then stated the purpose of the meeting: To conduct the general business necessary to administer the affairs of the CVRCA.

Gene asked if everyone received their newsletter from back in the November/December time frame. All present responded that they had. Gene asked if we should accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Mark Gryder made the motion, Dale Hanson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Gene opened the floor for discussion of old business.

## Old Business

### **Condition of sign and status of new location:**

*Discussion: VDOT determined late last summer that our permanent sign was too close to 460 and thus it had to come down immediately or face a fine. Truck Body removed it for us and in the process did some damage to it.*

Mark Gryder and Sam Richardson reported on this. There was again some brief discussion that VDOT did not treat us fairly. Joe Kislo stated he may be able to assist in future VDOT interfaces. Sam reported the sign is in "ok" condition. Mark reported the sign is in the shed, the poles are outside the shed and all is ready to go.

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. Sam/Mark will identify new location and get Powell's permission.
2. Joe Kislo will interface with VDOT inspector and get VDOT's concurrence on new location.
3. Mark will get equipment/supplies ready for sign installation.

## New Business

### **Radio Interference problems at the field:**

*Discussion: Several members have stated they have been "hit" on their frequency at the field causing intermittent or sometimes complete loss of control of their aircraft.*

Mark Gryder reported that the club has purchased a frequency sweep tester, which is located in the frequency barn and to please use it. He also said if the batteries go low not to toss them as they are rechargeable and he will routinely recharge. Mark reported that he ordered a fancy glitch counter from AMA that he would like to setup at the field. This device is on a loan basis (no cost to the club). There was some discussion on how best to use this. Mark will be in charge. Todd stated that some interference may be from Powell's gantry crane. Todd discussed that he has talked to crane manufactures and discovered that channels 11-20 can be used by them. He also said that at many contests and other fly events channels 20 and 21 are barred. Todd said his TX can control a \$20 million crane at his work. Randy asked for a show of hands of people who believe they were recently "hit". Two people said they were. It was also stated that channels 19 & 20 were being hit on New Year's Day.

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. All members should use the frequency checker located in the frequency barn.
2. All members should keep a log of frequency hits.
3. Mark will figure out how best to use the glitch counter from AMA

### **Recognition of Contributions from 2006:**

Gary Cowden stated that our club does not always do a good job in recognizing individual contributions. He made a list of things that he observed that people did for the club in 2006. While it clearly does not reflect everything that everybody has done for the club over the year, it does a few of the many things that people have done to make our club work. To that end, the

board and officers of the club would like to note a few of the many things that people did in 2006.

- Mark Gryder – Replaced one of the field tables that had just about fallen down.
- Jeff Hodges – Located, purchased, and serviced our additional lawn mower
- Jimmy Booth – Continued to teach new folks to fly, he soloed at least two people in 2006.
- Randy Krotke – Served as secretary/treasurer and made our really nifty multi-colored membership cards
- Jenna Krotke - Worked air show concessions
- Gene Patzsch – Made several significant donations to the club including air show prizes and prizes for the 2006 Christmas dinner, and painted the shed
- Mike Dinu – Served as our vice president, helped install the sign, and supports members in helping them fly better.
- John Clark – Served as news letter editor
- Ray Smith - Served as news letter editor
- Eric Welfare – Made a really cool air combat trophy
- Pete Castine – Flew a flight demo at JF high school shortly after becoming a member.
- Sam Richardson – Served as our president, set the club up with a string trimmer
- Judy Richardson – Made great baked goods for the air show
- Tom Franklin – Sold lots of hot dogs at the air show concessions
- Miranda Franklin – Worked at the air show concessions
- Sean and Evan Cowden – Mowed the field several times
- Dale Hanson – Hauled away the club trash on numerous occasions.
- Damon Fensterman – Helped take down the paradise trees
- Tyke Hale – Donated an airplane for the air show raffle.
- The Powells:- They allow us to use their field

Again, this is just a partial list, there are many things that happen, sometimes very quietly and behind the scenes, that help make the club run.

### **Newsletter Position Open:**

*Discussion: During 2006 Ray Smith decided he was no longer going to be the news letter editor. John Clark said he would pick up the duties on an interim basis until the position was filled. In December 2006, John said he would cease the duties. Therefore the position is open.*

Randy asked for a volunteer to be the news letter editor. Evan Cowden volunteered and said he will do it until someone else can be found.

### **TAG Program:**

*Discussion: Gary Cowden discovered that the AMA has a program called Take off and Grow (TAG). TAG's purpose is to indoctrinate and welcome the general public to the hobby. TAG provides a one-day introduction of model aviation with the intent of drawing new people into the hobby. Clubs selected to host a TAG Model Aviation Day will be provided with many goodies from AMA at no cost to the club.*

Gary said we have applied for TAG but does not know how long it will take till we find out if we have been selected. This led into a discussion of Intro Pilots. AMA wants the club participants in the TAG event to be Intro Pilots. Todd discussed a little history of Intro Pilot. He said it seems to be a hot and cold issue. Gary said the max allowed number of Intro Pilots per club (limit of 3) has been lifted. Gary said that he, Jimmy Booth and Todd Beard at the minimum should get the Intro Pilot endorsement. Gene stated that he has a trainer designated for club use (new members).

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. Gary will report back on the status of the TAG program (whether we are selected)
2. Randy will fill out paperwork for Gary, Jimmy, and Todd to get Intro Pilot designation.

### **Honorary Member:**

*Discussion: Dave Wingfield has been a long-time CVRCA member and over the years has contributed greatly. Gene and Randy would like to make Dave an honorary member.*

Randy read out of the bylaws what an honorary member is and what the limitations are. Mark made the motion to make Dave Wingfield an honorary member, Dale seconded and the motion passed. Officially Dave is a non-voting member but Gene pointed out that his advice and wisdom is always welcome.

### **Special Needs Scouts:**

*Discussion: Randy reported that the person heading up a local group of kids called the "Special Needs Scouts" contacted him about hosting a field day trip for the boys so they may see the model aircraft in action.*

Randy asked if we wanted to proceed with this and the general discussion was favorable. Randy then asked for a volunteer to head this up and make it happen. Mark Gryder volunteered.

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. Randy will provide Mark with the contact information.
2. Mark will make contact and setup the time/date.
3. Mark will report back all the details during the February meeting.

### **2007 Major Events:**

*Discussion: What major events should CVRCA do during 2007?*

The following items were discussed: Air shows, fun fly's, Day in the Park, Swap Meet, Night Flying. The general consensus was that we should have a spring and fall air show, a fun fly, we should do Day in the Park and we should not do a swap shop. Pete Castine will run the fun fly event. This also led into a discussion about a CVRCA banner to be used at DITP & air shows.

Sam stated a 1 color banner will run us \$66 and a 2 color will run \$87. Mark made the motion we purchase a banner, Randy seconded and the motion passed. Gene mentioned night flying as another possible event to think about.

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. Members are to come to the February meeting ready to set dates for the major events.
2. Pete Castine will discuss the structure of the fun fly event.
3. Members are to come to the February meeting ready to finalize the banner design.

### **Idiot Fly:**

*Discussion: CVRCA now has a new tradition of flying on January 1, called the "Idiot Fly".*

Gene discussed that the January 1 Idiot Fly went well, weather was not much of a factor and there was a good turn out.

### **Frequency of Meetings/Workshops:**

*Discussion: In the spirit of making meetings more interesting and useful, CVRCA will examine how many meetings we should actually have during the year and discuss the possibility of having workshops in lieu of or in addition to meetings.*

Gene posed the question: How frequently should we have meetings? He stated he likes the format of 6 meetings and 6 workshops (alternating) per year. Is this something we would like to pursue? Gene asked that we all be thinking about this.

### **New Flying Field:**

*Discussion: Even though are relationship with the Powell's(land owner) is currently good and there is no immediate threat of losing the flying field, CVRCA should evaluate what options there are.*

It was discussed that Parks and Recreation may help out. Randy asked the question that if we are on city/county land would we be able to enforce our club rules (i.e. what would stop a guy from using an RC buggy on the runway while you are trying to land). Gene stated a committee should be established to evaluate obtaining a new flying field. Gary Cowden agreed to head up this committee.

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. Gary will report back information (if any) on the effort to find a new flying field.

### **Membership Questionnaire:**

*Discussion: What do individual members value about our club? What would they like changed?*

Gene asked what we can do to be a better club. Gene said he will gin up a questionnaire designed to see what we can do to make the CVRCA better.

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. Gene will send out questionnaire forms to all members.

### **2007 Field Improvements:**

*Discussion: The field Marshall should outline what his plans are for 2007 regarding field improvements.*

Mark Gryder listed the following things (in no particular order) he has in mind for field improvements:

- 1) Install sign
- 2) Put new plywood on all table tops
- 3) Fabricate an additional table
- 4) Purchase an inexpensive generator
- 5) Get AC/DC to some or all tables
- 6) Examine a possible X-wind runway
- 7) Work on the frequency hit problem
- 8) Consider a phone in wind system
- 9) Magnetic sweep device for finding small metallic objects
- 10) Develop the mowing schedule

### **Status of Membership:**

Randy went over the current roster in terms of how many current members there are and how many have paid the 2007 club dues. He stated that we currently have 57 members on the roster, 47 of which are dues paying members. He also stated that 27 members have paid their 2007 dues.

**Action** items to be reported on in February

1. Randy will send out reminders to those who have not yet paid their club dues for 2007.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Randy went over where we stand financially and how we are doing relative to the 2007 budget. We are financially strong and so far in 2007 we have had no expenditures (not for long though).

### **New Members to Consider:**

Randy announced that Tyler Britt and Ron Neumann have shown proof of AMA, paid their club dues and would like to join CVRCA. Neither was present for the meeting. Both were voted in.

### **Miscellaneous Announcements (not in the agenda):**

Mark reminded everyone NOT TO TAXI INTO THE PITS. This could be a very dangerous situation if the pilot loses control of the aircraft. The frequency hits we have been enduring make this rule an even more important one to obey.

Flying on Sunday: Gene asked the question "why do we have this rule?" Several people responded that it is to pay homage to the trailer park, the nearby church and the nearby house (to the west of the field). Can we change this rule to allow 4 strokes or engines under a certain displacement? This will be a topic of discussion during our next meeting.

Mark Gryder made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dale Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned. And then everybody got up and left.

### **From Gene Patzsch and Tom Hunnicutt**

There will be an RC swap shop and model show at the Weyer's Cave community center of February 17. See [www.vrcfc.org](http://www.vrcfc.org) for details. Several club members will be going and we will be setting up a sale table. If you are interested in going or want to

send along things to sell, contact Gene or Gary (Tom is difficult to get.)

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### **From Jimmy Booth**

"Tyke and Greg, better watch out!!" says Jimmy. as he proudly announces that on a very windy January 14<sup>th</sup>, Evan Cowden soloed. Evan has been training with Jimmy on and off for a bit over a



year but did not really start into it until just a few months ago. After he did his three takeoffs and landings, Evan proceeded to spend the next half hour doing loops, rolls, and inverted flight. "I wonder how much of that was intentional??" wondered Jimmy

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### **Flight Training**

It's a common misconception that flight training does not occur during the Winter. In fact, some of the best days for training are during the Winter as the winds tend to be calm and the thick, cool air makes our machines fly at their best. Been thinking about getting some help? Now could be the time. Contact Jimmy to coordinate your airplane training or get with Sam if you are wanting to get some help with your helicopter.