

THE CVRCA FLYER

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Club Officers

President:	Gene Patzsch
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Board Member:	Jimmy Booth
Board Member:	Mike Dinu
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CVRCA Fight Instruction Team

Team Leader: Jimmy Booth
Team Airplane: Todd Beard, Gary Cowden
Team Helicopter: Sam Richardson, John Clark

For Sale

Glow Fuel by the gallon. Call Gary Cowden

Calendar

10/5 and 10/6 – Warbird fly event in Gretna

10/6 – Eddy and Kislo to mow

10/10 – Club meeting at the Parks and Rec building

10/13 – Pruitt and Darling to mow

10/20 – Dinu and Castine to mow

10/27 – Richardson and Trent to mow

11/3 – Caldwell to mow

11/10 – Kislo and Schmidt to mow

11/14 – Club meeting at the Parks and Rec building.

11/17 – Fensterman and Sanders to mow

12/15 – Club Christmas dinner, 6:00 p.m.

The Meeting Minutes

The monthly club meeting was held at the field on September 12th.

Old Business

Mall Show – Gary reported that the club hosted a booth at the mall. Two issues were discussed, the first being that the audience at the mall did not seem to be one that was, taken as a group, very interested in RC aviation. There was discussion suggesting that the makeup of the mall crowd has changed over the past few years. General opinion was that we are not very interested in participating in a mall event again. There was some talk around the idea of doing a similar event but at another venue such as at Lowe's or Home Depot, the thought being that people who visit such places might be, in relative terms, more interested in RC aviation. There seemed to be some support for this idea. There was further discussion though around club participation. The mall event almost did not happen because of very low club participation, if we are to do such events in the future, we will need a showing of support from the club.

Day in the Park – Gary reported that DITP, for the most part, went very well, we had a nice display with good traffic. We displayed several airplanes and worked on a few building projects. As was the case last year, people seemed most surprisingly interested in the airplanes that were being worked on. We handed out roughly 200 fliers promoting the air show. As was the case last year, Day In The Park appears

to be one of our most productive vehicles for promoting the air show. Thanks to Danny, Mark, Sean, and Nick for their assistance. The one downside to this event was that it was very difficult to get club members to participate.

Air Show – There was discussion regarding the air show. Visitor attendance was quite good; it seems that all the means of promotion, including the signs, Day In The Park, the newspaper ad, and the fliers all worked. Concessions sales were good, everything sold out, with the club netting roughly \$220. Raffle sales were good as well, netting the club another \$95. Feedback on the PA was good. Again, member participation was an issue. Not many members flew, almost no members purchased food or raffle tickets, and not many members volunteered to help put the event together. It was especially disheartening to overhear a few members complaining about various aspects of the event while being unwilling to take upon themselves any responsibility for making the event happen or otherwise helping. Thanks to Gene for managing concessions and providing the PA, Mark for taking care of the signs, David for organizing the schedule, Sean and Evan for managing raffle sales and helping out with concessions, Tom for manning the PA, and Will for taking photos. Also, thanks to Tower Hobbies for providing the airplane that was raffled.

Officers Nomination – It's time to start thinking about officers and board members for next year. Sam agreed to head up the nomination committee. The nomination committee is responsible for making sure that we have at least one person for each open position. Further nominations can be made from the floor by anybody. If you are interested in helping out the club, consider serving as an officer. Sam is to report with a slate of nominees at the October meeting, additional nominations can be made after that, the election will occur during the November meeting.

Mowing – Always the hot topic, we need to decide what we are going to do for mowing in 2008. The problem of people not showing up to mow persists, some just do not show, others say that they did not know it was their turn. Without regard to the cause, mowing seems to be a topic of great dissatisfaction for many in the club. Todd agreed to come to the October meeting with a summary of possible solutions from which the club will select. One solution will likely be that dues or fees are adjusted such that the club can afford to pay for mowing service, relieving individual members of the responsibility for mowing. The plan may also include a provision that would allow club members to mow if they care to,

thereby allowing those members to mow and, therefore, reducing their dues. This decision will likely be made during the October meeting as it will directly impact how 2008 dues are set. If you have any opinions on the matter, plan on attending the October meeting or send your thoughts to one of the club officers.

Newsletter editor – The newsletter editor position needs to be filled. Don and Cathy Horn agreed to help out with the newsletter, if you can lend a hand, please get in touch with them.

Training – There was some discussion around training. Some students have said that training is difficult to get. Interestingly enough, trainers have remarked that students have been rather quiet. It was discussed that if a student needs training, they should not expect a trainer to seek them out, but should instead contact a trainer and arrange for flying time.

12V power at the flight tables – Mark discussed that for roughly \$400 in materials, he can supply 12V DC power to most if not all of the flight tables. After some discussion, it was decided to table this topic until after the new year.

Christmas Party – So that we can avoid last moment scheduling problems, the club Christmas dinner was scheduled early this year, and is set for December 15th at 6:00. The location will be the back room of the Colonial, which is located at the intersection of 24 and 29, about 5 miles South of Lynchburg. The back room is very quiet and can seat lots of folks, this should be a nice event.

New Business

Jeremy Funderberk and Nate Rathe were both voted in as new club members

Next meeting – October 10th at the Parks and Rec building.