

The CVRCA Flyer

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Club Officers:

President:	Jim Fowler	Board Members:
Vice President:	Gary Cowden	Jimmy Booth
Secretary/Treas.:	Randy Krotke	Gene Patzsch
Field Marshall:	Mark Gryder	Sam Richardson

CVRCA Flight Instruction Team:

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

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting date: 4/9/2008
Called by: Jim Fowler, President
Members present: 12
Guests: Matthew Farrand

Next meeting:
May 14th Club Meeting (Parks & Rec Building, Wadsworth)

Important Upcoming Dates / Events:

April 19th – Spring Cleanup
May 10th – Spring Air Show
May 14th – Club meeting

Motions from April meeting:

1. Accept the March minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed.
2. Pay for bush hogging (one time for \$175, no future contract approved at this time). The motion passed.
3. Put an abbreviated roster in newsletter and more complete roster in secure area of website.
4. Accept Matthew Farrand and Daniel Harper into the club. Both were voted in.
5. Adjourn the meeting: Mark made the motion, Sam seconded and the motion passed.

Action Items from April Meeting:

1. Randy to send Jim Caldwell a roster so he may post in secure area of website: Krotke
2. Don to put an abbreviated roster (name/phone only) once per year in Newsletter: Horn
3. Don to put in newsletter some statements about the upcoming air show including: if anyone wants to donate baked goods, drinks or whatever, contact Sam Richardson. Also a request for people to bring coolers.
4. Todd to speak with Angela Hatcher about getting some free advertising for the air show.

The April meeting was held at the Parks and Recreation building on Wadsworth. The turnout was slightly better than average (12 members and 1 guest).

Jim Fowler welcomed the club members and got things going.

Jim asked if everyone received their March newsletter. All members present responded that they had. Caye Horn went over the highlights of the March minutes based on what was in the newsletter. Jim asked if we should accept the minutes as posted and as described in the newsletter. They were accepted.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of action items from the previous meeting:

1. Solution for 2.4 GHz and Park Flyers on the frequency board:

Randy announced that he and Mark got this done. There are now (3) 2.4 GHz and (1) Park Flyer (ch 5) frequency pins that are done in the same fashion (LASER engrave) as the others. Thanks to Mark for getting the stainless steel tags very quickly.

2. Present plan for spring air show:

Covered under old business

3. Redirect Internet searches to find our site:

Jim C. was not present so there was no discussion on this.

4. Letter of Appreciation to the Powell's:

Randy stated this is done and only lacks Gary's paw print.

5. 50/50 tickets:

Todd stated that he has a roll of tickets somewhere in his shed and when located he will get those to Randy.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of old business.

Corroplast Workshop:

Eric was not present, so Randy spoke briefly about the event saying except for the cold weather it was great. Eric came fully prepared and demonstrated making wings and a fuselage. He also showed us a wiffle bat that is going to be a fuselage one day soon. The event was very informative and well worth it. Randy mentioned there was a brief description of the event with pictures in the club news section of the website.

Spring Air Show (May 10th):

Randy, Mark and Jim spoke in length about this. There was much good, healthy discussion.

1. Concessions (in charge: Sam)

Sam will buy the goodies and he will be reimbursed. Mark said he will bring 2 large coolers full of ice. Sam said to expect the regular: Hot dogs, chips and drinks. During the air show Sam will have help from Jim Fowler, Judy Richardson Robert Gryder and Jenna Krotke. Sam said that John Clark is donating chili. If anyone wants to donate anything (especially baked goods) contact Sam. A request was also put out for extra coolers. Mark said he would supply propane. Randy said he will supply ones and quarters and a cash box.

2. Advertising (in charge: Mark)

Mark has modified the signs to be placed along 460 to reflect the actual air show day. He will place the signs prior to the air show. Randy printed out 50 color flyers and passed them around. Todd will check with Angela Hatcher (3rd cousin) about some free radio advertising.

3. Special Invites (in charge: Randy)

Randy has extended invitations to fly to Tyke Hale, Pres Edmonds, Mark England, Chris Ward and Mike Dinu. While none said they would definitely make it, we can expect 2 or 3 to

show. Todd stated that some of his buddies will probably come, including Pete Castine. We also may have a visitor from the Charlottesville club. Todd went on to say that we should have formal pilot registration including a pre-prepared form that the pilot can fill out that includes plane/heli info, frequency, engine, and planned maneuvers. Todd volunteered to find or prepare this form. This will also immensely help the PA announcer.

4. Special Events aimed to involve kids (in charge: Mark)

Mark has purchased 10 large and 10 small styrofoam gliders. He plans to sell them at 50% off for kids to buy and have fun with. No contests or events are planned.

6. PA (in charge: Jim C.)

The equipment is tested and ready to go. Jim's main focus is now to find some reliable individual that will actually do the announcing. We are targeting Tom H. Jim C. will also need to generate an outline for the PA announcer. Jim C. will help out the announcer during the air show, as needed.

7. Information Table (with flight sim) for Education/Demonstration (in charge: Randy)

There will be a table setup up that people can come to for information about the hobby and club. In addition, they can fly a flight simulator and enter a lottery system for real flight experience. Three winners will be drawn every hour on the ½ hour. Randy has information packets made up, lots of cool pictures, magazines, get started guides. During the air show, this will be Randy's baby. There will be AC power available at the table.

8. Flight Schedule (in charge: Mark)

Mark has generated the flight schedule (based on teams) and will make sure everyone knows their role. Mark will also fit in the visitors as he sees fit.

9. Raffle (in charge: Jim F./Mark)

Fred brought in his new electric plane that he is donating for the raffle. Randy announced that a Kaos 40 ARF is on the way. Jim spoke in length about raffling and we decided we want to have a raffle on the hour, each hour. Probably 5 raffles. Sam stated we could consider a non-RC product that could attract attention, like a DVD player. Randy said he would donate a gallon of fuel for raffle. Jim F. will manage the raffle.

10. Radio Impound (in charge: Mark)

Radios will be kept in a more secure location than usual. 2.4GHz guys also have to impound.

11. Picture Taking (in charge: Randy)

Randy was thrilled to announce we will have a professional photographer at the air show. Will Jenkins has agreed to do it.

12. Flight Experience for visitors (in charge: Eric Welfare/Mark)

Randy is to administer the lottery system and briefing. Eric and Mark will do the actual buddy box flying every hour on the ½ hour.

13. Twiddy: (in charge: Randy)

Randy is to make sure a letter is sent to Ms. Twiddy alerting her to the air show.

14. Have Fun (in charge: Everyone)

Status of Public Information Board:

Gary was not present so there was no substantial discussion on this.

Review the Progress of the Website:

The CVRCA website address is: www.CVRCA-lynchburg.org Jim Caldwell was not present to discuss this. Several people beamed about the coolness and usefulness of the website. Randy spoke a little about the news blog area. Jim went over the web address for the benefit of the visitor. Everyone present who has visited the website is thrilled with it.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of new business.

Spring Cleanup

Mark Gryder announced the planned date of the spring clean up is April 19th with a bad weather date of April 26. Mark listed several things he would like to get done including painting shed doors, painting chains and poles, painting frequency board, cutting a few trees, spraying roundup in parking lot and runway and a few others. Mark said he will be at the field with all necessary equipment at or around 10AM. He asked people to bring chainsaws and weed eaters and pruning shears. Mark also stated he will try to get a few things done prior to the event to lessen the workload.

RC Hangar hosted by Rivannarc.com:

Gary was not present so there was no discussion on this.

Visitors from Virginia Tech:

Randy spoke about this. On Sunday, April 6, we had about a dozen visitors from Virginia Tech's Design-Build-Fly team. They are an undergraduate volunteer design team that competes in an international competition every year to design an electric RC aircraft to fulfill specific mission profiles. See <http://www.aiaadbf.org/> for more info.

The flying field they normally use for flight tests is actually a farm owned by the university's agriculture department. While the amount of space that field offers is excellent the runway has caused them a number of problems. The runway is an old farm road. The surface is very uneven and only ten feet wide. On either side of the road are ditches.

They contacted CVRCA to see if they could secure permission to fly on our field. The pilots have AMA membership and Randy offered our field for their test flights.

They leave for competition in Wichita, Kansas in a couple weeks, so they were thrilled and thankful to have the use of our field and minimize the chance of bruising their plane.

Some info on their plane: The plane is five feet from nose to tail with a four foot span box wing. The aircraft flies empty at a weight of 7.3 pounds and fully loaded at 14.5 pounds with their competition payload assignment. The aircraft takes off in 60 to 70 feet, and has a cruising speed of roughly 45 mph.

A video of their first flight of the competition design may be seen here:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l28q1_PD5xo

The outcome was a bit of a letdown because they never got off the ground, but we had fun chatting.

Here is a picture of their lovely plane:



Condition of Mowers:

Mark reported that the mowers are not in perfect shape, but they are functional. He mentioned the 2-cycle gas can was missing. There was a brief discussion of the basic mowing process.

Miscellaneous Input:

Mark reported that he found a guy that will bushhog for \$175. Mark passed around an aerial photograph of the field to show exactly what would get worked on. Randy stated we had to vote on this since it wasn't a budgeted item for 2008. Bush hogging per Mark's plan was motioned and passed (for 1 time only, NO CONTRACT for future work beyond the one time).

Jim opened the floor for discussion of reoccurring business.

Budget:

Randy was pleased to announce that to date we have generated \$2471 from dues (>100% of the budgeted amount). Randy also announced that Richard Rakes donated \$25 and the Horns have been donating by not billing the club for newsletter costs.

Membership:

Randy started off by posing 3 questions:

- 1) Who is our youngest dues paying member?
- 2) Who is our oldest dues paying member?
- 3) Who is our best looking dues paying members?

Mark got the first one right off: Tyler Britt. No one knew #2. Of course #3 is certainly Randy.

The current roster has 48 total members on it, 38 of which are dues paying. Randy announced it will soon be 39 dues paying members as soon as he gets Daniel Harper added.

Don asked if he could post abbreviated roster information in the newsletter (probably once a year). Following some discussion, the following items were motioned and passed:

- 1) Don is to put abbreviated roster information in the next newsletter (name & phone # was discussed)
- 2) Jim C. is to put more detailed roster information in a secure area of the website.

Randy is to get Don and Jim a current roster.

New Member:

Matthew Farrand was present and introduced himself. Matthew is a student at Liberty and has flown RC in the past and wants to get back into it. He flies electric airplanes and heli's. Matthew said he found us through AMA. Matthew was actually voted in at the beginning of the meeting.

Randy reported that Daniel Harper (not present) has paid his club dues, and has shown proof of AMA. Daniel was voted in.

SAD Patch nominations: Mark said that Ron crashed an AT6 Texan. Ron won as the only nomination. Sam said that Randy should get some SAD patches.

50/50 raffle: Not Administered / more discussion about Todd's tickets and his shed.

There was a quick review of the action items and then Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sam seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

End of Minutes

Safety First:

- Do not taxi into the pits. Thanks to all who have made this SAFETY REQUIREMENT a good habit.
- Always kill your engine in front of the pilot barricades and walk out and get your plane/heli.
- Remember to use your frequency pin. If you make this SAFETY REQUIREMENT a habit, you will not fail to do this the one time that it could shoot down a fellow flyer.
- Watch your prop arcs during run-up and make sure your engine is facing out toward the pilot barricades from the pit area.

For Sale:

- Glow Fuel by the gallon. Contact Gary Cowden. 993-2862
- Super Tigre and Enya 25 engines, both in good condition.
Perfect for combat planes. Contact Gary Cowden. 993-2862

Club Happenings:

Spring Air Show: Donations needed!

Ice chests/coolers Flying magazines Baked Goods

Items to Raffle: Anything you'd want to win

Your time and attendance!!!

If you'd like to pass out flyers to announce the event, contact Randy at 832-3903 or reprint from the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

This'n'That:

Mowing: Mowing is no longer mandatory. You may mow *IF* you contact Gary Cowden by Wednesday of your preferred week. If the field marshal determines that mowing is needed, the first one asking to mow on a particular week will be allowed. The club pays \$50 for a complete mowing, with checks sent out once a month. If no one volunteers for a particular week by that Wednesday, and if the field needs mowing, the Cowden sons will mow the field. To schedule yourself for the week you prefer: Contact Gary: 434-993-2862.

We anticipate mowing will commence around April 1. Mark Gryder will be paying FOR THE MOWING SERVICE at the end of each month. People that pay for gas and mower parts still need to submit receipts to Randy Krotke for prompt reimbursement.

Calendar of Events:

- April 19th -- Spring Clean Up at the field (Rain date April 26th)
- May 10th -- Spring Air Show (Rain date May 11th)
- May 14th -- Club meeting at 7pm at Parks/Rec. Bldg. on Wadsworth

Club Roster 2008

Beard, Todd	434-525-1976	Gryder, Robert	434-348-1280
Beard, Sylvia	434-525-1976	Harper, Richard	434-238-7725
Booth, Jimmy	434-332-7305	Horn, Caye	434-821-2850
Bowen, Bill	434-610-1837	Horn, Don	434-821-2850
Britt, Tyler	434-846-3767	Hunnicut, Tom	434-946-9259
Caldwell, James	434-525-8299	Jenkins, William	434-846-4398
Clark, John	434-851-HELI	Kirby, David	434-384-2727
Clark, Patrick	434-851-HELI	Krotke, Randy	434-525-2576
Clawson, Richard	434-525-2578	Lindsay, Fred	434-239-8006
Cowden, Gary	434-455-6030	Lindsay, Melvin	434-846-5303
Cowden, Sean	434-993-2862	Loizides, Lou	434-386-5776
Cowden, Evan	434-993-2862	McDaniel, James	434-993-3660
Crance, Danny	434-610-9722	Neumann, Ronald	434-248-5473
Current, Timothy	434-385-4545	Patzsch, Gene	434-239-3311
Diamond, Nicholas	434-847-8412	Pruitt, James	434-384-5107
Engledove, Jesse	434-385-7264	Rakes, Richard, Jr.	434-993-3121
Falwell, Calvin		Richardson, Sam	434-929-2746
Farrand, Matthew	434-316-3301	Sommers, Eugene	434-332-1107
Fensterman, Damon	434-525-0188	Staples, John	434-239-2275
Fowler, Jim	434-525-2864	Teaff, Richard	540-463-2818
Franklin, Tom	434-528-1455	Thibodeau, Robert	434-283-7380
Franklin, Tom	434-528-1455	Trent, John	434-239-7849
Gray, Stephen	434-993-3148	Welfare, Eric	434-847-4728
Gryder, Alison	434-384-1280	Wingfield, Dave	434-386-3870
Gryder, Mark	434-384-1280		

Notes from the Editor:

Get to the Air Show early! May 10th is also Graduation Day at Liberty U and many other schools in the area. Traffic may be heavy.

Come out and support *your* club. Even if you don't want to fly or run a booth, you can have fun and a hot dog! Visitors like to meet people who enjoy the sport.

Remember that this Saturday is **Clean Up Day**. Your help will be greatly appreciated! The more people who come out to help, the quicker and easier the task will be and the sooner we can all start flying! Things needed: chainsaws, string-trimmers, pruning shears and YOU!

If you have comments or would like to contribute an article and/or pictures to the newsletter, please contact Don Horn. E-mail: cvrca_editor@yahoo.com