

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:

Motions from February Meeting:

1. Accept the January minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed unanimously with no comments.
 2. Have a Spring Air Show on May 10th with a rain date of May 11th. Randy made the motion, Don Horn seconded and the motion passed.
 3. Adjourn the meeting: Randy made the motion, Eugene seconded and the motion passed.
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The February 13, 2008 meeting was held at the Parks and Recreation building on Wadsworth. The turnout was decent (11 members and 1 guest).

Jim Fowler welcomed the club members and got things going.

Jim asked if everyone received their January newsletter. All members present responded that they had. Don Horn went over the highlights of the January 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 with no comments. Jim also mentioned in the preamble that the new CVRCA website is up and running. www.cvrca-lynchburg.org

Jim opened the floor for old business.

Spring Air Show:

The spring air show event was motioned and passed during a previous meeting. After a small amount of discussion, the date of May 10th was promulgated with a rain date of May 11th. Randy made the motion to have the spring air show on May 10th, Don Horn seconded and the motion passed. There was a small amount of discussion about who was heading this up. Randy reminded everyone present that Mark Gryder volunteered to manage the air show and Gene Patzsch agreed to help. In addition, Randy said he would be able to help out as well.

Public Information Board:

Gary was not present to discuss this but did leave a voicemail with Randy before the meeting. Basically, Gary would like access to the board so that he may stock it up with information suitable for potential newcomers. He mentioned a welcome greeting, who we are, reference to the field rules and basic steps on how to join. He does not want to have personal ads on the board. Gary put out an e-mail a week or two ago explaining his vision in detail. Jim agreed to take on the action item of informing Mark Gryder to provide a key to Gary.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of new business.

Spring Cleanup

Mark was not present. Sam led a discussion about the general nature and purpose of the Spring Cleanup. We need to get this done prior to the Spring Air Show. As an action item, Mark was assigned to set the date for the Spring Cleanup during the next club meeting.

Harrisonburg Swap Shop:

Randy announced that the annual Harrisonburg swap shop is this weekend (February 16th) and that it is a worthwhile drive. Rough directions were provided. Todd spoke a bit about the traditions and history of the Harrisonburg club.

Website:

Many fond words were spoken about the new CVRCA website. The website address is: www.CVRCA-lynchburg.org. Jim posed the question of how to make it interactive to the point where a visitor could quickly and easily find out how to join and get going in the hobby. Todd suggested that Randy send Jim general steps to be taken to join. Sam suggested also including membership information about the AMA. In addition, Sam thought it would be prudent to have the application process in the Public Information Board as well as the website. John Clark suggested our website have a link to AMA. The general consensus that came out of the discussion was that the website is a good thing and heading in the right direction. Randy agreed to take on the action item of providing Jim Caldwell the general steps required for joining.

Field Regulations/Frequency Board:

Jim pointed out that each and every member needs to ensure they are in accordance with all field regulation while at the club field. He stated in particular the frequency board. Todd brought up that several members now fly 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum and there are no frequency pins for this. Following some loose discussion, Randy agreed to contact Mark regarding modifying the frequency board to accommodate the 2.4GHz guys.

Mowing:

There was a small amount of discussion about mowing for 2008. Once the mowing season begins, and if the field needs to be mowed, the interested person(s) need to contact Gary Cowden by Wednesday in order to book a mowing slot. Evidently someone put out an e-mail about adding someone to the "want to mow" list and this caused some confusion. Jim set this straight by confirming there is no such list and the process is carried out as just described. Jim closed this out by stating that we should have a recurring bullet item in the newsletter describing the basic elements of the mowing plan.

Budget:

Randy reported on how the 2008 budget looks compared to forecast. To date we have generated \$1572 from dues (77% of the budgeted amount). And that we need dues from about 10 more people to make the budget. (Note: After the meeting, 4 more people rejoined.) Randy stated he thought that we are in pretty good shape considering the time of year and the fact that we raised dues. Randy went on to say that we forecasted \$410 of additional income from concessions, fundraising and t-shirt sales. In closing Randy mentioned that one person donated \$26. Jim asked what led to someone donating such an apparently odd amount. Randy responded by saying that a senior member wrote a check for \$100 and said for that to cover his dues, another senior member's dues and to donate the rest.

Membership:

Randy started off by posing the following question: "Does anyone know our longest tenure dues paying member?" Several people guessed, but no one got it: John Trent, 16 years.

The current roster has 55 total members on it, 45 of which are dues paying. Of the 45 dues-paying members, 25 have paid for 2008 and 20 have not. (Note: After the meeting, 4 more people on the roster paid their 2008 dues.)

Jim asked when non-dues-paying members are dropped from the roster. Answer: Members *must* pay by the March meeting. Note: March 12th is the next meeting.

Randy reiterated his desire to grow membership.

This concluded new business.

New Member:

Jesse Engledove introduced himself as an old retired steel worker, eager to learn more about the club and about flying. Randy reported that Jesse has paid his club dues and has shown proof of AMA. Jesse was voted in unanimously.

SAD Patch nominations: None

50/50 Raffle: Not administered.

Review:

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

End of minutes.

- **For Sale**



- J3 Piper Cub constructed from a kit, 76" wingspan and 50" long, LA 40 OS engine, complete, ready to fly.
Also included in the Price: brand new Futaba T6XA-FM radio. Price \$450.00. Contact Lou: 907-2750. E-mail: jennielle@comcast.net.
- Two Ohlsson & Rice 23' ignition engines with rear intake. One original box in fair shape and a set of instructions.
One Rogers ignition engine probably from the 1930's. Power rating unknown but it is a small engine about the size of the Ohlsson.
One McCoy .098 glow engine.
Contact: Charlie Biggert, Huddleston, VA. Phone 540-297-7081. Make offer.
- Ohio R/C Giles, 28%, Kit built. Ultracote, 1.60 OS FX< pitts muffler. All servos, receiver, new battery, realistic pilot figure. Will help you set up on your radio. \$400. Contact: Randy: randyg911@verizon.net
- Sig Hog Bipe, with Irvine 77 2-stroke, Futaba FP-R 148 PCM high band receiver, 5 cell 6-volt 2700 mAH receiver battery, Futaba 9201 servo for ele. 131S rud, 132 thro. 2 131S aiel Great flying bipe. \$450.00 Contact Gene Patzsch . gpatzsch@comcast.net or 434 239-3311 (H) 434 258-6722 (C)
- Hanger 9 Ultra Stick, OS 70 surpass 4-stroke, Futaba 127DF 7 channel rec low band, 6 Futaba 3004 servos, 1 148. 2000 mAH battery. Tail Drager. Great second trainer. \$350.00 Contact Gene Patzsch
- Glow fuel by the gallon. Contact Gary Cowden, 993-2862

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: 993-2862 or garyandnancy@netzero.com

This'n'That:

The AMA now has a link to our website. Check it out yourselves:
<http://www.modelaircraft.org/clubsearch.aspx>

And don't forget to check out our own website:
www.CRVCA-lynchburg.org You will need a password to have complete access to the site. You need to register and provide basic information at the on-line registry. You will receive an e-mail informing you of your successful registration with a few days.

IMAC News: From a recently received e-mail.
Hello Fellow RC Aviation Enthusiasts,
My name is Ty Lyman, and I am the IMAC representative for Virginia. You are getting this email because it contains some information that you may be interested in, or you may know fellow club members who might be interested. For those not familiar with IMAC, it is the International Miniature Aerobatics Club. We are a SIG of the AMA that governs, organizes, promotes, and hosts scale aerobatics competitions in the US, Canada, Brazil, Australia, England, and probably a few others I've forgotten to mention.
The attached document contains information specific to events that are being held in VA – or very nearby – during 2008. IMAC is a rapidly growing part of the RC community, and I would like nothing more than to see a number of new faces at our home events. Please

take a few minutes to share this information with club members, and if you have any questions about IMAC, please feel free to contact me. Wishing you all 10's. Ty Lyman



Virginia Scale Aerobatics '08

Ty Lyman, VA ARD

Friday, February 15, 2008

Subject: Virginia Scale Aerobatics Events in 2008

Dear Fellow RC Aviation Enthusiasts,

As IMAC's Assistant Regional Director for Virginia, I'd like to take a moment to highlight a number of scale aerobatics events scheduled for this year in our state. I understand that not all clubs are interested in this particular facet of our hobby, but I hope you will present this information at you next club meeting for those members who are, or might be interested in becoming involved with IMAC. 2008 is shaping up to be an exciting year for IMAC in Virginia. We have returning events, as well as the potential for two new events. Please view the schedule below:

March 1, 2 – 2nd Annual Frozen Toes IMAC Boot camp – Ashland, VA - this is a two day pilot's seminar focusing on helping the newer IMAC pilot. A one hour judging refresher will also be offered. Please contact tylyman@verizon.net for additional details.

May 3, 4 – FARM East Coast IMAC Opener – One of the longest running contests on the east coast, the FARM contest takes place on a private full scale strip in Bealton VA. The FARM contest frequently includes a full-scale aerobatics demonstration and located only three miles from the famous Bealton Flying Circus.

May 31, - June 1 – Butcherfest II – Asland, VA - In its 2nd edition, the Butcherfest is shaping up to be another outstanding event. Taking place at a private field, Butcherfest offers plenty of “play-time” before and after official contest activities. Amenities include plenty of camping / RV space, and overnight hangar facilities.

Additional Mid-Atlantic Events

March 8, 9 – Tarheel Challenge – Rocky Mount, NC Early on the schedule, but showing promise as a great new event with many of the SE Region's top pilots already committed to attending.

March 15, 16 – South East Region Judging School – Fayetteville, NC – A must attend for any and all IMAC pilots. This two day seminar teaches the fundamentals of being a scale aerobatics judge, and puts them to practice with a day two practical session.

Additional Information about all these events can be found at www.mini-iac.com .

I hope you will take a few minutes to share this information with you fellow club members, and I sincerely hope to see many new faces on the IMAC circuit this year.

Thanks very much,

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Ty Lyman

P.S. you are more than welcome to duplicate this form as a handout if you wish.

Notes from the editor

With warmer weather on the way, it's time to do a bit of "pre-flight" to prevent disappointments at the field. Check the fuel tanks and fuel lines. Tanks can split or leak at the stopper, and fuel lines can split or become brittle. It's a lot easier to replace them now than to do it after you have soaked the inside of your machine with fuel, or to take off and have engine failure on climb out.

Batteries need a little attention too. If you have a charger that will cycle your packs a few times, now is the time to do that. If you don't have a fancy charger, at a minimum, charge batteries (NiCad or NiMh) for 24 hours and then spend some time with the Tx and Rx on and move the controls for a while. Recharge and repeat. If you find that a pack is not holding a charge or is just bad, replace the pack. Tower Hobbies sells Rx and Tx packs for most radios. A company in Dayton Ohio will build almost any type of battery pack you want. They build packs for electrics as well as Rx and Tx packs. I have been using them for many years and have had no problems with them. They also have lots of stuff for electrics and many other items. Their web address is www.radicalrc.com

Action Items

- Key to info board to Gary Cowden (Jim Fowler)
- Set date for spring clean up (Mark Gryder)
- How to join info on website (Randy Krotke, Jim Caldwell)
- 2.4 GHz pin for frequency board (Randy Krotke, Mark Gryder)
- Mowing plan info in newsletters (Don Horn)

Calendar of Events:

Next meeting: March 12th 7:00p.m. @ Parks and Recreation Building, Wadsworth Ave.

Spring Air Show: May 10th. Rain date: May 11th.

Spring Cleanup: Watch for more information/dates.