

# 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: 7/9/2008  
Called by: Jim Fowler, President  
Members present: 11  
Guests: none initially, and then Michelle & Tyler Barns showed up

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Next meeting:  
August 13th Club Meeting (Flying Field)

Important Upcoming Dates / Events:

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting

*September 13<sup>th</sup> Fall Air Show*

Motions from July Meeting:

1. Accept the June minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed with a small amount of discussion about who actually won the SAD patch.
2. Accept Chris & Tyler Barnes into the club. Both were voted in.
3. Purchase used bush hog if deemed suitable.
4. Adjourn the meeting: Mark made the motion, Sam seconded and the motion passed.

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Action Items from July Meeting:

1. More information on runway project phase 1 including cost estimates and if permit needed: Gryder
2. Put out email asking club if we want to change meeting night (vote by proxy is allowed): Horn
3. Check into used (PTO powered) bush hog: Gryder
4. Find out who bush hogged recently: Krotke
5. Start organizing for fall air show: Fowler

The July meeting was held at the club field. Earlier in the day it had rained fiercely but by late afternoon things had calmed down. The turnout was 11 members and 2 guests (for a brief period).

Before the meeting Sam talked about an informal heli fly event that he and 8 or 9 other people attended in Montvale on Saturday, July 5.

Jim Fowler welcomed the club members and got things going.

Jim asked if everyone received their June newsletter. All members present responded that they had. Jim asked if we should accept the minutes as posted and as described in the newsletter. They were accepted with the disclaimer about the wrong person being awarded the SAD patch.

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

**Make and install new backing material for info board:**

Don Horn and Mark Gryder announced this has been done and that the tacks that were in there are now in the frequency board. Consensus was that it looks much better.

**Information on runway repairs:**

Mark Gryder talked about a material called Geotex and how there's a ton of information about it in blogs. Ken Glover asked why not just use packed dirt. Mark said that packed dirt can turn to mud and that the Geotex prevents grass and weeds from growing in the covered area. Mark went on to discuss his vision of a 2 phase project where phase 1 would be to start at the south end of the current runway and extend a new runway south almost to the ditch. This new runway would

be twice as wide as the current one and would help both airplane and heli pilots. If phase 1 works out, Mark would like to continue with phase 2 by leveling the current runway, make it twice as wide and also cover it with the Geotex material. Much discussion ensued. Details about how the material gets pinned down were covered. There was discussion about securing permission from the land owners and acquiring a permit. There was discussion about whether a permit is actually needed. Jim said once we have our detailed plans together we will ask the appropriate authorities about the permit. In addition Jim said that we should not be afraid to approach the land owners once we know what we want to do. No motions or votes came out of the discussions as Mark did not have any cost estimates prepared.

**Consult with Powell's on runway repairs:**

This action item was put on hold until we get a handle on what we want to do (if anything).

**Check with Parks & Rec about the possibility of changing meeting nights**

Randy reported that Thursday was available. There was discussion that keeping it the same helps some people and hurts others, while changing to Thursday helps some people and hurts others. A decision was made for Don Horn to put an email to all club members asking their opinion and to respond. Don will compile the results and bring them to the next meeting. The responses to this email query will serve as a vote for this issue. The formal vote will occur during the August meeting.

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**Jim opened the floor for discussion of old business.**

**Bush Hogging:**

Mark reported that someone bush hogged the adjacent fields and did a remarkable job. While all may seem jovial he was a bit perturbed that the person responsible did not coordinate this effort through him. Mark stated that as Field Marshall he has the responsibility of planning and coordinating all field maintenance. Randy reported that no bill or receipts have been submitted related to the recent bush hogging and the general consensus of the members is that we should be grateful. Mark agreed but pressed that he should have been in the loop so as not to waste his (and Sam's) time looking at used bush hogs. Ken said he saw a green tractor parked at the field for several days and believed it belonged to Nathan. Randy was tasked with contacting Nathan to determine if he did the bush hogging.

Mark announced that he has found a used bush hog for \$250 and if he and Sam believe it to be in good shape and suitable for our needs he would like permission to buy it. Randy stated that since bush hogging was not in the 2008 budget it would be classified as a special project and as such requires 2/3 majority for approval. Mark made the motion, Sam seconded and the motion passed.

**T-Shirts:**

It was reported that T shirts would cost us \$6/ea with no minimum order. We will make a decision on how many to order during the next meeting. Randy stated that having an inventory of shirts to try to sell at events is fruitless as the only ones who buy them are club members. Don

was asked to place a notice in the newsletter to email him with shirt size and quantity if you want any.

**Jim opened the floor for discussion of new business.**

**Special Needs Scouts:**

Mark reported that Teresa of the Special Needs Scouts of Lynchburg contacted him about possibly having us host a barbeque and fly event for the disabled kids. In addition, she requested that they be able to shoot fireworks. Randy expressed concern about the fireworks. We decided that the time frame requested did not provide ample time to prepare and that Mark should decline the proposition. Mark said that he would tell her about the planned fall air show (Sept 13<sup>th</sup>) and that the kids could come to that.

**Fall Air Show:**

Jim Fowler spoke passionately about the value of air shows (not just monetary) and how we should continue to have them but more club members need to support the event. During his discussion it was decided we will plan to have a fall air show and the date of September 13<sup>th</sup> was set (with a rain date of September 14<sup>th</sup>). Mark stated that air shows are too much work and we should just put out the signs and come out and fly. Jim ardently disagreed and stated that personally contacting people should get them more committed. Jim had several bullet items that he thought should be components of future air shows:

- More people involved in work activities
- More people flying
- Money handled by 1 person (concessions & raffles)
- Everything purchased with tickets (Caye suggested most people, especially young, are accustomed to this)

In addition, Jim laid out the following responsibility areas for which there should be (at a minimum) two people assigned:

- Overall Coordinator
- PA (Don suggested finding a semi-pro announcer, if possible)
- Raffle
- Intro Pilots
- Flight Simulator
- Public Relations
- Impound

Jim stated we need to zero in on specific duties and make people responsible.

Randy warned of the potential of meetings turning into long drawn out conversations about mundane air show activities and how the overall person in charge needs to handle coordination outside the meeting environment.

**Jim opened the floor for discussion of reoccurring business.**

**Membership:**

The current roster has 52 total members on it, 42 of which are dues paying.

Randy was delighted to say that membership continues to grow and that we should strive to keep it going.

(Note: Larry Abrams called after the meeting and stated he is going to re-join)

### **Budget:**

Randy reported on how the 2008 budget looks compared to forecast. To date (for 2008) we have generated more than \$500 from dues compared to what was forecasted. We continue to be financially strong.

Jim made a brief statement about finances by stating that the board will soon convene to start work on the 2009 budget and there is a possibility club dues will be lowered for 2009 reflecting the fact that we continue to spend less than we take in.

### **Miscellaneous Input:**

Sam announced that the Olympics starting up soon will impact the sales of nitro fuel and as such if you want to order fuel contact him soon.

SAD Patch nominations: We had to dig deep, but Mark came up with a crash event involving Fred and a Mustang. Fred is the proud winner of the SAD patch this month.

50/50 raffle: Not Administered

IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE AUGUST MEETING AT THE CLUB FIELD.

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:**

From Mark Gryder, Field Marshall: A great habit to develop!  
*Before you turn on that Transmitter, reach up and touch your frequency pin which should be hooked to your antenna. If you don't touch it, don't turn on the TX.*

### **For Sale:**

- Glow Fuel by the gallon. Contact Gary Cowden. 993-2862

### **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.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Fall Air Show: Sat., September 13<sup>th</sup>. Rain date, Sun., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Next meeting at the field: August 13<sup>th</sup>.

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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](mailto:cvrca_editor@yahoo.com)

## T- Shirts

CVRCA Will be ordering T-shirts soon. They will be the same as our last order, gray with dark blue printing. The shirts will be \$5.50 for sizes S-XL. For larger sizes, add \$1.50 per X. Also, if you would like a pocket, add \$1.25 per shirt.

If you would like a shirt please tell us how many and what size you will want. Also, if you want the optional pocket.

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Or, tell us at the August meeting.