

# 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: 10/2/2008  
Called by: Jim Fowler, President  
Members present: 12  
Guests: none

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Next meeting:  
November 6th Club Meeting (Parks & Rec Bldg)  
301 Grove St  
Lynchburg, VA

### Important Upcoming Dates / Events:

November 6 – Club Meeting  
December 6 – Christmas dinner (6:00PM Colonial Restaurant 29S and Hwy 24)

Motions from October Meeting:

1. Accept the September minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed with no comments.
2. Have a Christmas dinner/gathering at the Colonial Restaurant – unanimous
3. Add money to the proposed budget to pay for Web hosting – passed by majority
4. Adjourn the meeting: Melvin made the motion, Jimmy seconded and the motion passed.

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Action Items from October Meeting:

1. Call board meeting prior to November meeting to finalize the wording for proposed revised bylaws – Fowler
2. Repair the shed – Gene & Randy
3. Come up with a plan to minimize the chance of another mower getting stolen. -- Gary
4. Investigate the possibility of acquiring theft insurance for the mowers. – Horn
5. Post small flags at the field to mark proposed changes to layout -- Patzsch
6. Revise the proposed budget -- Krotke

The October meeting was held at the Parks & Rec building. The turnout was 12 members and no guests.

Jim Fowler welcomed the club members and visitors and got things going.

Jim asked if anyone had comments on the minutes as posted in the September newsletter. There were no comments. Jim asked if we should accept the minutes as posted and they were accepted.

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

1. Randy to edit out discussion in August minutes about Todd's dissent on changing the meeting night. – Krotke reported this is done.
2. Change combination on shed and provide it on a limited basis – Fowler reported for Gryder that this is done.
3. Call board meeting prior to October meeting to work on wording for revised bylaws – Fowler reported that this was done but that the new bylaws are a work in progress. There is more on this subject in the Old Business section.

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

1. Board to present wording of new/modified elements of the bylaws reflecting the board's initiative to appropriate most club business matters to the board. Changes are currently planned to be voted on during the October meeting and take effect beginning January 1, 2009. - Fowler

Jim reported that the board did indeed convene and that significant progress has been made on the revision of the bylaws, however they are not ready to present to the club as

originally planned. There was discussion on how to proceed with the initial thrust aimed at having the bylaw changes voted on in time to take effect beginning January 1, 2009. There was discussion about possibly presenting AND voting during the November meeting; possibly sending out ballots; posting on website; voting at the Christmas dinner. In conclusion, Joe Radle stated there is no reason to rush this and let's let the focus be in getting it right and there was broad agreement on this. Jim took on the action item of calling another board meeting with the goal of completing the proposed bylaws. The bottom line for now is BYLAWS CHANGES WERE NOT PRESENTED NOR VOTED ON DURING THIS MEETING.

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

1. Stolen Mower. Gary Cowden reported that he went to the flying field the afternoon of Oct. 1 with the intention of mowing only to find the shed had been broken into and the red mower and string trimmer stolen. Gary contacted the police and he and the police followed the mower's tracks to the adjacent trailer park but did not locate the mower. They did find the string trimmer in the woods. Gary stated the police are treating this as an open case but indicated it is unlikely we will recover the mower. Gary contacted a couple local pawn shops with no success. Gary reported that we will be fine for this year with our current mowers (there's only a couple mowings left) but will need to purchase a new (used) mower for 2009. Gary reported the mower stolen was our best mower. Randy thanked Gary for all his effort. Several action items came out of this discussion:
  - a. The shed needs to be repaired – Gene & Randy took this on.
  - b. We need to take action to ensure this does not happen again. – Gary stated he will keep the only 2 mowers we have left at his house for now. Gene suggested locking the mowers down with a heavy chain. We should no longer leave the keys in the mower. This is an on-going action item that Gary will put some thought into.
  - c. The question was raised about whether we had theft insurance on this sort of thing. Randy reported that we do not. Don agreed to check into this (a renter's insurance sort of thing). Gene reported that AMA insurance does not cover this, only in cases of natural disasters.
2. Discussion about possibly modifying the field layout for 2009 including reducing the spectator area, moving the pit tables back, replacing the airplane catch nets with bales of straw, providing a larger runway/landing area. – Gene discussed his proposed modifications to the field that in effect would double the width of the takeoff/landing area at the expense of the spectator area. The ideas were well received. Randy asked about estimated costs and Gene stated he didn't have an exact figure but the project would be low on cost but high on work effort. Gene proposed we replace the safety barricade netting with bales of straw. Joe suggested rethinking that as straw is a pain to deal with in that when it deteriorates it is hard to get rid of. Jim suggested to Gene that he mark his proposal using little flags so that people can easily see the proposed changes. Gene agreed to take on this action item. Gene also mentioned that his field concept is more in line with AMA recommendations. Randy expressed doubt that the tables can be relocated without incurring some cost. Gene said he will try to nail down an estimate. No motions were generated out of the discussion.
3. 2008 Christmas dinner/gathering – Cowden. Gary suggested we get going on this right away as December will be here soon and places do tend to fill up. Gary suggested that

we consider Colonial again as the previous experiences there were good. Club members generally agreed and stated they really like the large back room provided. Having a Christmas dinner at Colonial was motioned, seconded and passed unanimously. When the discussion turned to setting a date/time, Caye took the initiative to phone Colonial (during the meeting) to see what was available. Caye reported that in terms of Saturdays in December only December 6 was available. Therefore the Christmas dinner will be at the Colonial Restaurant (29S and Hwy 24) on December 6 at 6:00PM. Thanks to Caye for her ascendancy in this matter. There was discussion that the Christmas dinner will also contain elements of a club meeting details for which were not clarified.

4. Nominating Committee reports and floor nominations accepted – Booth/Gryder

Jimmy Booth announced that the nominating committee has concluded the following regarding 2009 Officers and Board members:

- a. President: Gary Cowden
- b. Vice President: Bob Wallin
- c. Sec/Treasurer: Tom Hunnicutt
- d. Field Marshall: Mark Gryder
- e. Board: Jim Fowler, Sam Richardson, Jimmy Booth.

It was reported that all listed individuals have agreed to serve. Jim announced that floor nominations were now being accepted; none were made. It appears that voting on this will not be needed during the November meeting. Jim thanked the nominating committee for their work. Don Horn expressed he was not certain he would continue with Newsletter production for 2009. His main concern was centered on capturing the minutes. He doesn't mind doing the newsletter but does not like recording minutes. His concern was with whether the new Secretary/Treasurer would record and transmit the minutes in a fashion similar to how Randy has been doing. Gary stated there should be fewer newsletters during 2009, although that was disputed by Don. In the end assurances were given to Don that minutes would be recorded and Don agreed to continue with the newsletter.

5. Review Club dues. Vote on changes if necessary at November meeting – Krotke (\*\*See next item).
6. Board of Directors present to membership proposed 2009 budget – Randy reported he did complete a proposed budget for 2009. Copies were passed around. Randy began the discussion by talking about the expenses portion of the budget. He noted that proposed spending is up significantly from 2008 (approximately a 38% increase). This is mostly due to the proposed purchase of a new (used) mower. Note: The proposed budget was made before the red mower was stolen and the estimated \$500 was planned to be treated as a contingency in case one of the mowers kicked the bucket. It appears now highly likely the money will indeed be spent on a used mower. Randy noted also that he included money for brush hogging, as requested. Randy proposed two levels of contingency spending via “Special Projects” both of which were rejected. Jim Fowler requested the *budgeted* Special Projects (\$200) be moved outside of a spending category and the *non-budgeted* “Special Projects Contingency” (\$1000) be discarded. Jim Caldwell asked that money be put in the budget for website hosting. He believes the amount will be in the \$85-\$100 range. Note that for 2008 Jim paid this bill and did not request reimbursement. All members present had no problem with adding this expense as

the website is extremely well worth it. There was a small amount of discussion on postage and newsletter costs but in the end it was decided the amounts proposed were OK. The topic then turned to the income section. Randy stated he did not put much thought into where we should set dues for 2009. He estimated \$2900 income from dues and said there are many ways we can get there. The way this sort of thing normally works is if dues are raised you lose members. Randy said that he worked with Todd a year ago to estimate the number of members who would not rejoin based on raising the dues for 2008. The estimate turned out to be totally inaccurate, as we did much better than anticipated. Gary reminded everyone that in effect the cost of membership did not really go up from 2007 to 2008 (if you didn't want to mow). Earlier in the year Jim had hinted at the possibility of reducing dues based on the club doing well financially. After some general discussion we decided to leave dues where they are at for two main reasons: 1] The 38% increase in proposed spending and 2] The dues increase (2007-2008) did not have the effect of reducing membership.

Randy agreed to make all the requested changes and present the revised proposed budget during the November meeting for vote.

7. Vote on the Charity (if any) to receive contribution – There was some apparent confusion about why this seems to be in our system and shows up each year. Eric Welfare explained the history of this by talking about our previous relationship with D.A.R.E. Randy asked if there was anyone who had a special affection for a charity that we could consider donating to. There was no input. The decision was made to not make a charitable donation this year.
8. New members pay dues for next year and become members this year – Randy reminded everyone to let people know that starting in October people pay full-year dues and get the remainder of this year plus all of next year.

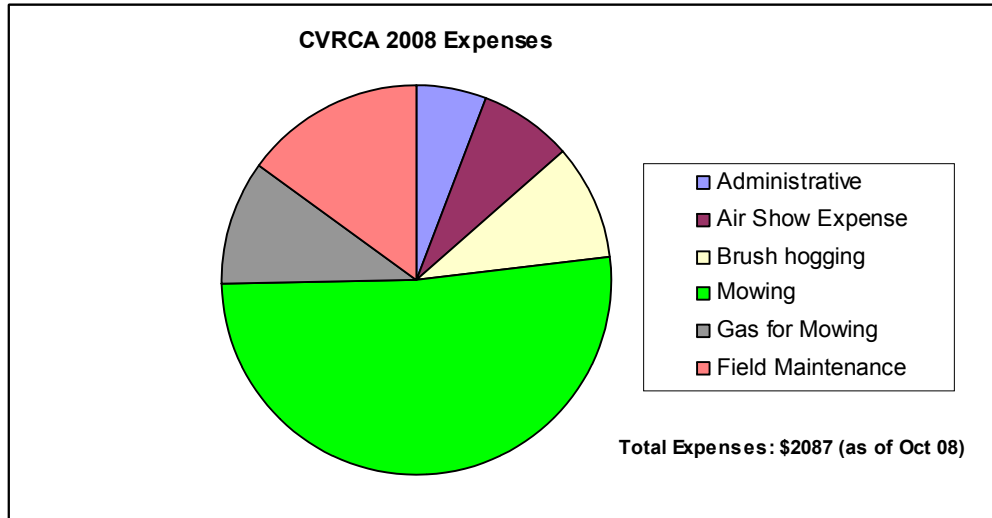
**Jim opened the floor for discussion of reoccurring business.**

SAD Patch nominations: Joe Radle nominated Don Horn for an incident involving a separation of landing gear from a Flip 3D. There were no other nominations therefore Don won by default.

50/50 raffle: Not Administered

Miscellaneous Input:

Gene suggested including a copy of the budget in the “New Member” package so that people can get their minds around the expenses associated with our club. Gene has heard some moaning and groaning from a few members who have no clue about why we have dues and expenses. For those yahoos that seem to believe that there should be no expenses associated with running our club, please take a look at the pie chart below to gain insight on why we charge dues and where the money goes.



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

End of Minutes

## Safety First:

Mark Gryder wants to remind everyone to **NEVER** taxi into the pits.

## For Sale:

- Glow Fuel by thye gallon. Contact Gary Cowden 993-2862
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- Hobbico Accucycle Pro Series charger \$10 Contact Randy Krotke 525-2576 or randyg911@verizon.net

## Club Happenings:

Election of new officers at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Parks/Rec Bldg.

Christmas Dinner at Colonial Restaurant, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The Colonial is at the intersection of Rt. 29 and Rt. 24, south of Lynchburg.

## This'n'That:



This cartoon from new member, Joe Radle, should serve to remind us that we have a full-scale airport across the street from our flying field. Occasionally, full-scale aircraft fly low over our field. *Please remember that they have the right-of-way!* Glider pilots take note.

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)

