

“FLY FOR TOTS”

How It All Started!!!!!!!

Modelers and their desire to reach out to the local communities.



RDRC is a locally based model club, comprised of members with a common interest, model aviation. We have the privilege of being part of a wonderful hobby that brings people together from many walks of life. Our hobby has opened many doors to people throughout the world, and proven to be a great bonding experience for thousand of families through the years. We have a passion for our hobby, and we strive hard to share its rewards with all those we can reach. This years recipient for our Fly For Tots will be the **“Victory Junction Gang**

Camp”. We are very excited about it, and as in years past, we have set our goal higher yet. This years goal is \$15,000 and 200 pilots. Its is going to be a lot of work but with your help, we are certain we’ll reach this goal. RDRC is thankful for any amount we receive from contributors, and all sponsors will be given public acknowledgment for there contributions. On behalf of RDRC we would like to say thank you for your generosity, and hope you will join us September 15-16 for a day of fun. Sincerely Raleigh Durham Radio Control.

History Lesson

Many years ago a group of modelers set out to reach the community that they lived in. Thus in 1991 **Fly For Tots** was born. It had its humble beginning with just a small turn out of 20 pilots and a handful of spectators. Slowly over the years it has grow little by little with the help of many different people. Only now are we seeing the results that we had hoped for so many years ago. As people come and go there is always the same goal, and that is to make the lives of children better. With out the help of so many, things could not have become what they are today.



THIS IS WHERE THE “FLY FOR TOTS “ ENTERS

The members of RDRC wanted to take the hobby we love so much, and use that passion, combined with the flying talents of our members to bring some joy to a child’s life. The **“Fly For Tots”** fly-in was created to be a fundraising project. Its goal is to raise as much money as possible in a two day period, and donate 100% of all proceeds to a local charity. We do this mostly with the sales of raffle tickets for donated prizes, and monetary



contributions by non model industry companies. Each year, RDRC has managed to grow this event to something bigger and bigger. We continually set our annual goal higher, and provide an outstanding public air-show to all those who attend. As a plus this event is free to the public spectators, and we make every attempt possible to get the public up close, and personal with both the pilots, and their model planes.



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Victory Junction Gang Camp

The **Victory Junction Gang Camp** enriches the lives of children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses by providing life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun, and empowering, in a safe and medically sound environment.

GENERAL INFO

ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW.

We would like to invite you to be part of one of North Carolina's premier flying events. RDRC is holding its annual **Fly-For-Tots** this September and we would like for you to join us. We are looking for donations for our event. We donate all the proceeds that we raise to a local charity. Last year's event was a huge success thanks to donations from both the modeling

industry and outside organizations. This year we are going to donate all proceeds to the **Victory Junction Gang Camp**. We are very excited that our club has decided to make the donation to this charity. Please also visit our web site for updates and more info. www.rd-rc.org



YOUR BANNER CAN JOIN THE LIST OF OTHER GREAT CONTRIBUTORS

RDRC has put this event on for many years now. We are only at the tip of the Iceberg when it comes to what we can do. Last year alone we donated \$10,000 dollars to **Smiles for Little Faces**.



SOME OF LAST YEARS SPONSORS AND THOSE WHO DONATED



Horizon Hobbies, JR, Hobbico, Futaba, Hobby Lobby, Desert Aircraft, Aerotech, Northern Tool, Carden Aircraft, Duralite Flight Systems, Extreme Flight RC, Flying Giants, Foley Manufacturing, Hobby Masters, Jerry Pope, JTEC Radiowave, KC

Hobby, Long Beverage Inc, NC Rotor and Wing, Piedmont Plumbing, Quique Aircraft Company, Radio Active Airshows, RB Auto Graphix, RDRC Membership, Scootworks, US Foods, Vess Propellers. Plus many more.....



THIS IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLE OF LAST YEARS RECORD TURN OUT

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TOP RC PILOT

DEMOS

Jets, Helicopters, Giant Scale Aircraft, Scale Model Aircraft, and Much More.....

Please Help us With This Great Charity



This is a Sanctioned AMA event. It is open to any type of model aircraft. We just want people to come out a have a good time with us. This is also a public air show free to spectators. RDRC is looking to make this the best event we have ever had.

AMA SANCTION #: **07-0172**

100% of proceeds will go to Victory Junction Gang Camp

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A North Carolina Club's Good Deeds

The Fly-for-Tots program was originally started in the mid-1990s as a drive to collect toys for underprivileged children in local foster homes. Each year the effort has managed to donate a large number of toys and a check for roughly \$500.

Although the toys were much needed, it became clear that this charity could better meet the specific needs of families and children with the cash that was donated. Every year we would get a little more than the year before, and we always looked forward to the day we would deliver our donation, and the event continually grew.

The Raleigh Durham Radio Control (RDRC) club's enthusiasm toward holding events and their willingness to offer their hands to get things done added a great deal to the success of the event. In 2004 we made a larger effort to pass out event flyers to local businesses and hobby shops and at fly-ins we attended across the state.

A couple simple things such as low-volume music played through the speakers and noon demonstration flights turned out to be real crowd pleasers. Our efforts paid off as the donation grew to \$1,500.

What did we do to make it even bigger? The January 2005 event included help from major hobby distributors. Raffle tickets were event, listing the larger prizes so advanced ticket sales could be made at other flying events, places of work, etc.

forums free of charge. We used these to invite modelers from all locations.

This heavy online activity attracted the attention of model distributors and hobby shops, and it encouraged Horizon Hobby, Hobbies, and Hobby Lobby to send demonstration pilots and great prizes.

It was inspiring to have modelers and the public offer their gratitude to our club members for all their efforts. They also told us what a great time they were having and that they appreciated what we were doing. Even our charity recipient—"Smiles for Little Faces"—was there to enjoy the event.

In the weeks following the 2006 event we received many E-mails and telephone calls from modelers, the public, and sponsors letting us know what a great time they had and how they look forward to participating in next year's event. This experience has been moving for many of us in RDRC, and we highly recommend that any club that is considering holding such an event move forward with it.

The most important tools your club will need are willingness and cooperation of its members. When you hand that check to your selected charity and see the appreciation in the representatives' eyes and then hear later how your club's efforts made the difference in a child or a family, you'll be inspired for life.

RDRC thanks all those who helped us reach our goal for the 2006 Fly-for-Tots fly-in; we raised \$10,000! AM

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