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All club members are urged to submit material to be published in the newsletter. The material must be received by the third Monday of each month. Text is easily submitted in the form of regular mail or e-mails sent to my address above, photos can be attachments in any format that your camera produces (or scanned photos).

### Editor's Note

## Club Meeting

**January 24 @ 7:30 PM**  
**Millbrook Exchange Park**

As of this month the club officers will be assuming their assigned responsibilities.

Larry Lewis-	President
Josh Bunn-	Vice President and Club CD
Dave Hockaday-	Secretary
Dustin Hedrick-	Treasurer
Jay Benson-	Safety Officer
Jim Charbonneau-	Editor

A special thanks to James, Teresa Fowler and Manny Huysentruyt for their many years of devoted service as President, Treasurer and Safety Officer.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Larry Lewis*

Happy New Year fellow RDRC members!

It's hard to believe another year has passed, and so much has happened it's hard to recall all the events and moments that made up 2006. But there are a few that will remain in memory for a long time to come. More than any, I'd have to say the 2006 Fly For Tots was the biggest and most memorable event I've had the pleasure of being a part of. Folks are still talking about it, and already making plans to attend this year's event along with more of their friends. Already it looks to be a record setter once again, and will surely grow into an even bigger event than years past. Also, I have to say my travels with RDRC's "Traveling Circus" was by far the best summer ever! We attended so many events, and developed a reputation as a great group of flyers in search of fun and adventure! We had several more members from RDRC as well other clubs join in with us, and it was not uncommon to see as many as 10 trailers lined up headed to "where ever NC" to support another clubs event. As always, we are inviting YOU to join up with the crew this year and hit the road for a great time. We haven't had a complaint from anyone yet! Also, 2006 saw a nice growth in the RDRC membership numbers. We as a club have become well known in surrounding areas as a great club to be a part of, and this has drawn many new people in our direction. We're thrilled to have them on board with us, and hope they join in with us to recruit more folks, young and old, skilled or learning.

As many of you know, we have several new club officers taking post for 2007, and I know they all intend to support you and RDRC with their best efforts. I hope everyone will join in with me in thanking all those officers from the last few seasons for all of their work, and selfless dedication to keep RDRC rolling down the tracks.

To start the New Year off in the right direction, the 2007 list of officers met for a breakfast meeting to discuss setting a new agenda for RDRC

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in the coming months. First on the list for our group was to take a good look at our current club by-laws. After a careful study start to finished, it was decided there wasn't so much a need to change any current by-laws, but the wording in several articles needed a touch up, or better clarification. A list of these **proposed** changes are printed in last month's newsletter (Dec, which can be viewed at the club's website), and we encourage all members to please look these changes over before our January meeting. These are all proposed changes, and we plan to vote on them as a group. We have published these proposals for two reasons. First, we want every member to have an opportunity to prepare their reasons for support, or opposition of any changes before the next meeting. Also, by publishing these issues, it will allow us to vote on them at the next meeting. Again, these are only proposals, and must be approved by majority before we adopt them.

I've said this before, but will repeat myself. This is YOUR club. Everyone has a "say so" in all our matters.

I'm really confident by saying all of the new officers you have elected this year, are eager and excited about serving the RDRC membership, and have big plans to propel our club to a higher status and well being. This wont be a difficult task, because we already have an awesome group to work with now, and RDRC is a top-notch organization.

Enough business! Let's talk FUN. Thanks to all the unseasonably great weather, flying activity at our field has been well above average the last few weeks. Who would dream we'd have temps in the 70's, in the MIDDLE OF JANUARY? Seems more like spring, or early fall, and a large number of us have taken advantage of it by filling the skies with planes. We're even seeing some new projects hit the skies in recent days. I know many of you have cleared the building tables and stocking up on building supplies. After much heckling and verbal abuse by my buddies, I'm FINALLY moving my big ole YAK 54 from UNDER the table, to the TOP! I just received the last few needed items for it via the UPS (United Plane Smasher's) this afternoon, and I am completely out of excuses not to start on it! It should be ready in plenty of time for our spring meet.

So what's your winter project for this year? We're hoping many of you will bring them in for "show & tell" items over the next several meetings. Meeting attendance usually picks up over the winter months, and it's always nice to have items of interest to talk about.

Speaking of activities, the annual BARKS swap meet will be held this coming weekend, and I know several of you have plans to sell, sell, and sell! Or,,,,,,,buy, buy, BUY!

Even if you're not buying or selling, this event has grown into a great social event, as we can once again say howdy to many of our flying family from around the State for the first time of the new flying season. If you haven't been to one of the BARKS swap meets, give it a try this year.

In closing (I'm surprised you read THIS MUCH of my non sense!) It's looking like RDRC has a great year ahead of it in 2007. As years before, we already have 3 big events planned, and we're not done yet. One big change this year will be our annual giant scale meet. I'll let Josh Bunn spell out the details, but we have been awarded the opportunity to host the Dist 4 IMAA Mini Fest! This is going be a blast folks! So get that big bird on the building board NOW!

Hope to see you all next Wednesday night.

*Larry*



## VP Josh Bunn's P r o p - W a s h

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday.

The New Year means new things, and I was thinking about the past year as I was sitting down to write my first post for the newsletter, and all I can say is WOW, the club has grown in a lot of ways. The membership is up, the field looks great and all the previous fly-ins were a great success.

I have never seen this club as active as it is today. It used to be; that a few members came out to the field during the week and now it seems to be the norm to have a fair size group on any given nice day, I think this is fantastic. It's also amazing how diverse our club is. No matter what your thing is, from the boom and zoom guys (warbirds) to the flip-flop guys to the scale and heli guys, you can find it in this club, and I like it all, I will tell you that this is not the norm in many clubs.

It's great that we have a lot of spectators out at the field watching and asking questions. If you see someone under the shelter watching, take the time to talk to them, you never know when this might be the next club member. If you see a new member at the field, take the time to talk to them and get to know them by offering your help. I would like to say that help comes in many forms, and goes beyond just flying a new airplane for that person. I have seen on more than one occasion, a beginner catch a mistake that a seasoned pilot missed, which could have resulted in a crash. One of our club's strengths is that we have many young pilots, who are enthusiastically learning to fly, which is important to the growth of RDRC and the hobby.

I know this New Year will be even better than the last one. From time to time, I will post things that I see going on at the field concerning aircraft and or their set ups. One that I have seen a lot in the last three months is control linkage. Always make sure you do not have any slop in the linkage, if you are using a metal clevis with a threaded rod, use a jam nut so rod can't turn in the clevis, also make sure you have some way to lock the clevis so it cannot come out the control horn, fuel-tubing works well for this.

Well, I'll shut up now and I hope to see every one at the meeting as we have a lot to talk about.

*Josh*

So what's wrong with flicking a cigarette butt? It makes them just GO AWAY, plain and simple, right? WRONG! Did you know that cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, which persists up to ten years in the environment, and what makes it worse, we run a lawnmower over them and scatter them even more. To help keep our field clean, we are forced to fine anyone (including visitors) caught discarding a cigarette butt on the property \$1,700,000.00 for each butt, payable to the Club by the following Tuesday. Chuckle, chuckle... Seriously, pick-up even your smallest piece of debris before you leave the field. Thanks.

# It Happened at the Field

Bill Cockayne's 1½ year kit built "Concept Model's, Fleet series Bi-Plane., has a 89" Wingspan and is powered with a Zenoh G-38 (Nice)



Joe LaSala with yet another exceptional Aviation Models 260 Extra, w/102" WS. It's powered by a twin. Cylinder 3V100



Michael Hollowell taking advantage of a beautiful day to put his Heli through it's paces.



Club member Jerry Willette, who annually visits us from up state New York has arrived. His packing of his personal hobby shop has continued to improved to protect new additions to his fleet.



Ummmmmmmmmm



Charles (Nothing Stock) Cutis brought out his recently completed Red White and Blue. Chris Babeck brought his new Edge and Nexstar. Both enjoyed a fabulous January afternoon.



Cleveland Meeks picking up the pace for the crowd.



These Spectators brought along their Lab, who just knew he had died and ended up in "Bird-Dog Heaven"



Just when some thought they had it down pat, Larry Lewis starts hovering one handed, raising the bar a notch or two. Can he make it any harder!

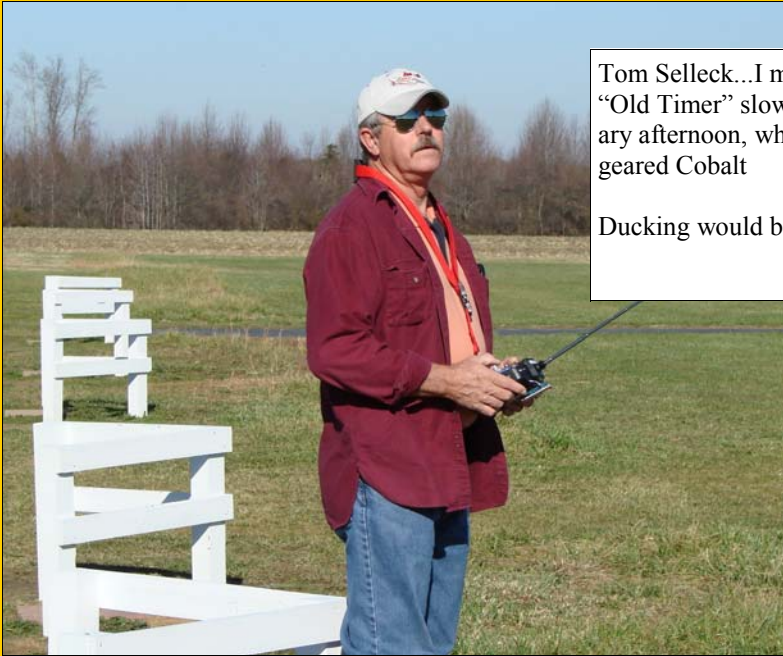


Manny Huysentruyt converts an electric Spitfire to Enya 15 fuel, and it flies the way he likes it, Fasssssssssst !

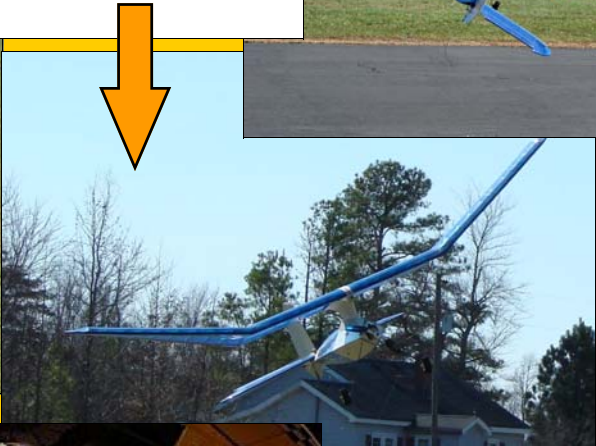




Matt Houghton with his new P-51 Top Flight Kit build, which is powered with a Super Tiger 90. He isn't fooling anyone, we all know he's gearing up to take Manny on!



Tom Selleck...I mean Blair Price, flying his "Old Timer" slow and easy on a warm January afternoon, which is powered with a geared Cobalt  
Ducking would be good ...Photographer.

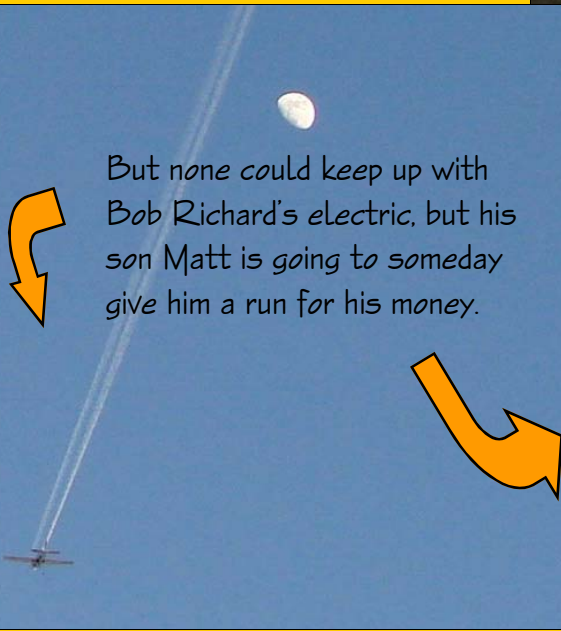


Even while as far away as California, Drake Edwards finds the time to promote RDRC's Website.

# EVENING HUCKIN



But none could keep up with Bob Richard's electric, but his son Matt is going to someday give him a run for his money.



Matt Richards (right) kept Mark on track during his last Freestyle program.

## MARK LESEBERG Man of many talents

In addition to his numerous IMAC and Invitational wins, Mark is a professional pilot with 4,500 hours. He also has 600 aerobatic hours in full-scale Extra 200 and 300L aircraft and has flown with Patty Wagstaff. As if that weren't enough, he is also the 2000 Nevada State Golf Champion.

At this year's Joe Nall Fly-in, also held at the Triple Tree Aerodrome, Mark met 12-year-old Matt Richards, who started flying last year. Matt was awestruck at meeting Mark, and Mark saw the enthusiasm for model aviation in Matt's eyes. Mark invited Matt to fly his Dalton Aviation 100cc Extra, and he immediately got the bug for IMAC. Matt went on to place third in Youth Masters in the Basic class and plans to enter the Sportsman class next year. Mark invited Matt to call for him in his final Freestyle round—the thrill of a lifetime for a 12-year-old, aspiring RC aerobatic pilot.

John (Smiling) and Ken Kiesler





## **“Drake’s Travels” Plus the “RDRC Traveling Circus”**

*Drake and Dane Edwards*

### **Markum Park Club**

December 17th, outdoor swap meet was hosted by Broward County Radio Control Association in West Fort Lauderdale Florida. The Markum Park Club has been at this location since 1970. The unique thing that they do with these outdoor swap meets, is that they don't just have 1 per year but 3 or 4 a year. The weather was perfect. 70 sellers showed up to sell out of their trunk of their car or their van. Each seller was charged 3 dollars to participate. Buyers were free. This would be a good blue print for future outdoor swap meets that RDRC might want to sponsor. I myself found a half built Bud Nosen P-51 for 10 dollars, like I need another one, a crashed Zenoah G-62 for 50 dollars and 5 1/2 inch P-51 Tru-Turn spinner for 20 dollars, plus numerous other items. Go to <http://www.bcrca.org/> for more club info.



### **Sarasota RC Squadron**

The flyin took place December 9-10. Sarasota RC Squadron is located at a local land fill on top of 200 foot “Mt.Trashmore”, just kidding. They are 3 miles east of I-75 and have over 300 club members. Their club is one of the major players in Florida. Go to their website [www.sarasotarc.com](http://www.sarasotarc.com) for pictures and club info. The weather was terrible in the 60s and windy. The only good part was that the wind was down the runway. The pilot count did go to 54. Normally this is one of the better attended flyins, mainly due to Nick Zirolini being the CD. This is his local club in the wintertime anyway, and yes every famous RC pilot does belong to a local club.

Go to [http://www.ziroliplans.com/home\\_frameset.html](http://www.ziroliplans.com/home_frameset.html). The interesting story at this flyin was 13 year old Kirby Cole of Clearwater Florida. I've seen Kirby for the past 5 years at different flyins and he has turned into quite the pilot. Unfortunately Kirby hasn't traveled outside of Florida for the rest of us to see his skills. He's a hard charger with his Top Flite P-51 powered by a Zenoah G-45.





The Traveling Circus attended Nelson Hole's Electric Fly-in, which was held on his property near Pilot Mtn. NC

Nelson Hole



As Always. Jay Benson was the first to get into flight.



Matt Richards



Nelson Hole provided the whole gang with never ending food and desserts.



Danny Allen rushing to get out of the way



Josh Bunn and Larry Lewis surprisingly waiting for Danny to get out of the way.



Anthony Viencek broke out the hit of the day, his flying hydroplane race boat.





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Event:

**Joe Nall**

Dates:

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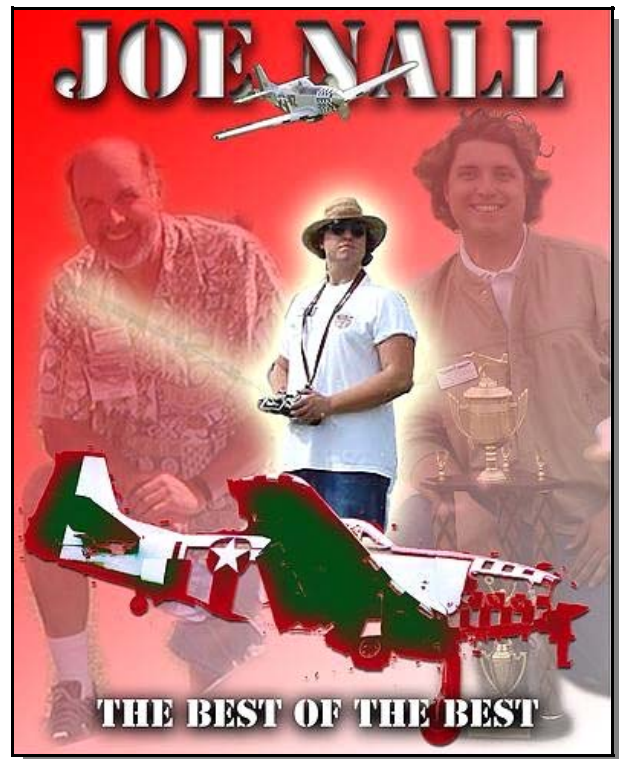
Notes:

**AMA and IMAA required to fly**  
SPECTATORS MUST BE AN AMA MEMBER, OR GUEST, OR FAMILY MEMBER OF AN AMA MEMBER

Spectator fees are

\$5.00 per day

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