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PRESIDENT LARRY LEWIS'

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Club Meeting

April 25th @7:30
Millbrook Exchange Park

AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!



How else could you describe the RDRC spring meet of 2007? With **84 registered pilots**, lot of us are still reeling from what we saw yesterday, and I think it just enforces what most of us think about our club. We have become known as a club that likes to have fun, and enjoys sharing this hobby with our friends, and the public. Though we have some awesome talent, lots of really cool planes, and a really nice facility to bring it all together at, it's our members as a whole and our eagerness to have a great time that makes us what we are. I received so many pleasant comments yesterday from area clubs about our club, and how much they appreciate the effort we put forth to put on a good show. It's so nice to hear those type things, and only makes us want to work harder on the next one. Even after the raffle prizes were given away, the people stayed. Planes were in the air until dark! With the exception of a few flight line complaints (people cutting in line) everything went as smooth as silk. We had no conflicts between 3D planes or war birds, or heli's, and everybody seemed to respect each others style of flying. This isn't always the case at a some events, and I'm really thankful that our attendees work so hard to do it right when they fly with us. And how about the weather!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We can only thank one Man for that, The Big Guy upstairs. Ya see, even HE loves our hobby to! ;)

And as always, I really want to thank those club members who worked so hard at setting the field up, filling pot holes at the entrance, moving barrels and tables, hanging flags, setting out signs, and all the task it takes to put one of these events on. And I especially want to thank those who worked the transmitter impound. I know Roger Williams, and new member Michael Pasternak never left the impound ALL DAY! Also members Pat Taggart and Steve Sauls who gave relief. Thanks guys. A whole lot rides on what you do in the pit, and I can say, there were no complaints, and no mishaps, thanks to your work.

And how about all the really cool raffle items! We were blessed to have contributors like East RC donate a nice “Sky Baby” ARF plane, KC Hobby donated a new Futaba 6 ch FXE 2.4 radio, Vess Props donated several of their awesome new props. Better yet, they offered up the generosity in giving the winner of each a trade out for ANY size they needed. *I like it Vess*. And Hobby Masters of Raleigh made us a great deal on a new Spread Spectrum DX7 radio. Thanks to all of these most generous contributors for their support, we generated over \$700.00 in ticket sales alone! Simply awesome.

As expected, the 2007 flying season is off to a great start for RDRC, and I truly feel it's gonna be one to remember. And of course, we have two more BIG events to look forward to holding. Already, area clubs and members are talking about the 2007 Fly For Tots, and how excited they are about coming. I have no doubt; it's going to be bigger and better. And if that's not enough, we have the honor of hold Dist 4's IMAA Mini Fest. This is sure to draw a large crowd of giant scalers for several states, and with Josh Bunn CD'n it, it's going to be great.

I also want to thank Duke Memorial Baptist Church for again providing outstanding, fast food service at the event.

On my closing note, I do need to mention one big item, and one we have to address at this months meeting. It's a word we all have heard, and caused many clubs their land. That word being noise. It's no secrete we've had some complaints in recent months, and for the most part, all is good on the home front. But we seriously need to look at being good neighbors, and maintaining a good reputation with those neighbors who have worked so well with us in recent years. **Don't panic**, just be at this months meeting, and let us explain what needs to be done. We plan on being at our site for years to come. ☺

So until Wednesday.....

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Minutes of RDRC meeting February 28, 2007

Secretary's Report *Dave Hockaday*



- The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis at 7:45 p.m.
- President Larry Lewis checked for any new members and guests that might have been present. Despite a full house, no new members or visitors were present.
- The minutes for the February meeting were read and approved as written.
- Dustin Hedrick provided a Treasurer's for March. Good financial condition was reported. Dustin discussed various bills that had been paid, and announced that the grass cutting contract had been awarded under budget.
- Safety Officer Jay Benson had no reports of safety violations at the field. A discussion followed about making sure PCM radios had failsafe programmed, and that many were operating on PCM without programming this feature. A reminder was made for people using Spectrum Radios to remember that they should always pull and use a pin, to help keep pilots from becoming complacent about the use of the frequency board and control system.
- Jim Charbonneau was unable to attend the meeting. It was noted that there were 117 paid members as of the meeting night.

Old Business

- A discussion about the condition of the flying field took place. Filling cracks, patching, and sealing of the runway will take place after the April Fly-in, and will be at no cost to the club. Grading and reseeded of the grass field will take place after the last event of the fall, to allow time to build the necessary funds to do this job correctly.
- Larry discussed that help is needed to manage the Spring Fly-in on April 21st. Hobby Masters of Raleigh sold RDRC a new Spectrum DX7 radio system at cost for our main prize.
- The Franklin County Airport static display on March 31st was discussed. Setup for the event is to be at 8:30 a.m., and a tear-down time was unknown.
- Larry discussed the mowing contract in detail, and mentioned that the winning bidder was also on standby for possible "after-season" cutting, to be determined by the weather.
- Josh Bunn mentioned that the first meeting for the instructors in the New Pilot Program will be held at the RDRC field on Sunday, April 1st, at noon.

New Business

President Larry discussed the RDRC Club Charter paperwork. This is a huge undertaking, as he has already used all of the forms that were sent to him, and he is only at the "B"s in the roster! This must be done each year, and the AMA requires much info about the membership and club. Additionally, the landowner has again (as he is each year) been additionally insured for his protection.

- New Name Tags for members was discussed. This has been done in the past, but many new (and older) members do not have nametags. It was unsure who the last person was who had these made, perhaps Cleveland Meeks or George Abbott, and Larry will look into this. Larry needs a list of those who need name badges, so please contact Larry and let him know.
- Drake Edwards announced a possible group trip to the Toledo show in Toledo Ohio, April 13-15. The cost will be approximately \$100 for the trip to cover lodging and such. Please contact Drake or Dane Edwards for more info about this.
- Bryan Long asked the group about the AMA's buddy box program to see if anyone had received their units yet. Based on feedback from other members, it looks as if the AMA buddy boxes are taking approximately 12 weeks to arrive.
- It was noted that the Porta-Potties had been relocated to prevent tipping in high winds.
- The first 50/50 drawing was held at this meeting, and the club's portion of the funds covered the cost of our meeting location! The winning RDRC'r was Terry Campbell.
- The formal meeting was closed at approximately 8:30 p.m.
- A Show-n-Tell program was provided by Bob & Matt Richards on one of Matt's new contest planes. Jim Steffens demonstrated a safety starter holder he was previously spotlighted in the AMA magazine with. A cool sailplane stand was also shown and demonstrated.

Proposed Field Rules Change Posting

A new possible alternative flying location at the field has been discussed at previous RDRC meetings, and a test for this possible location was set up at the southwest end of the field. This proposal is to edit section #3 of the Field Rules to include the use of the alternative flying area at the southwest end of the runway for hovering and extended flying by Helicopters, Foamies, and Micro-Electric models. This is not a requirement, but rather an alternative area for these types of aircraft to operate. A change would also be made to the 5-man rule to allow additional pilots to operate in this area.



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Submittals:

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).

WOW, What can I say! The fly-in was great, we had 83 pilots and over 130 airplanes. You could not ask for a better day as for the weather. I would like to thank all the people who made this event great, and all the great prizes we had to give away. This really shows a lot about what this club is made of, and all that happened was with very little advertisement.

RD-RC is know as a group of people who are having fun and who are always are pushing the envelope as far as flying. Other clubs look forward to us showing up at events, because they know we are a fun group of people to be around, after all this a hobby, right? The definition of Hobby is: "An activity or interest pursued for pleasure or relaxation and not as a means of occupation." A friend told me something a long time ago about this hobby and why he likes it so much. He said that when you see people at the field flying they are always in a good mood, smiling, joking and doing something they love, and there is very little negativity. I have thought about this a lot over the years and I think he is exactly right. There are a lot of people who use this as a release from their day-to-day busy schedules. I see people come out to the field all the time and never take an airplane out of the trailer and fly, but when they leave at the end of the day they are happy. I think that just being around good group of people that are cutting up and have fun; it is as good for you as going on a week vacation. Plus the fact it's like going to the circus, you'll never know what might happen.

I say next time you are out at the field take a good look around at the all the folks out there, everyone and I mean everyone will have a smile on there face and is loving what they are doing. Just remember this is a hobby and make sure you are having fun at it.



Special Note from your VP

Members, please remember to take all your transmitters to the impound area when you arrive at the field.

Meet and Greet Our Newest Members



Dave Langridge pictured with his wife Cyndy
Son Ryan and Daughter Rebecca



Scott Saxon pictured with his wife Theresa

Kinston, NC



Fayetteville, NC

