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**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER** 

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# PRESIDENT'S Prop-Wash

Howdy RDRC

Wow, the summer is in full swing now. The temp's are up, the skies are clear, and RDRC members are filling them with planes. Activity at the field has stepped up, and the Traveling Circus gang has been on the road. We've attended several fly-

in's already, and as usual, we were the clowns of the day! We recently visited the Swamps Balsa Buzzards, of Duncan NC, and with the use of my 33% Edge 540, we ALL discovered what a Balsa Buzzard really is. You'd never believe it, but there's actually a big winged bird out there, that chases model airplanes trying to EAT THEM! Well, it didn't actually go down quite like that, but it was a sight to see. I'm happy to say, both bird and plane managed to get back on the wing before hitting the trees. Only me,,,,,,,,,,,

Though we haven't had a lot of rain lately, the field still looks pretty good. We were taking notice to all the bare spots yesterday, and were talking about the needed rain before the "Fly for Tots". I'm sure we'll get some in the weeks ahead, and we'll be clean and green for the big event. We have a few field improvements to make in the coming weeks like, painting the flight stations, trimming the safety barriers, simple touch up items. As always, I'll be looking for volunteers.

Oh, I almost forgot, we have another fridge! A co-worker of mine felt sorry for us, and has kindly donated the one from his up stairs game room. He was even nice enough to deliver it and we got it set up Sunday. One thing I'll be doing before turning on the juice to it, is to add an out side louver to the building. This will allow it to pull in cooler air, so now we'll have supply of cool ones once again.

Ok, lets talk about something really important now, that being, the "Fly for Tots". It's almost on us now, and we really need to start the ball rolling. Already, we have some sponsors making commitments to our raffle. Robert Vess has been on the phone with a few, and you're goanna flip about our first place prize! Already, he's got a Dalton Aviation 35% Extra 260 lined up, and to pull it, Dave Johnston of Desert Aircraft has offered up a DA 100 engine. Holy Smack Bat Man! Next, we're looking for the radio to guide it. And speaking of sponsors, we need to get in contact with all of last years contributors, as well as new ones. This is just one of the things we will be talking about this Wednesday. Tons to do folks, and we need to get started. This year, I plan to have 2000 grand prize raffle tickets printed off. These will also be available online to help sales. Think of it guys, if we sell all 2000, that alone will equal last years total of \$10,000. Who can do it? We Can! We're setting a high goal again, but an achievable one, that being, **200+ pilots, and \$15,000**.

So please, try to make it to this months meeting. We need everybody's input, ideas, and support. Also, and most importantly, we have to choose our donation recipient for this year. So far, we have one or two mentioned, but we must agree as a group. One of these suggestions is a really cool one folks, and I'll fill you in on it this Wednesday. This doesn't mean it'll be the one, but one we can vote on. So, We'll see you there.....right?

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We'll after begging, and begging...and begging...it looks as if we're going to loose our newsletter editor. Jim has done an outstanding job, and has really set the bar as newsletters go. Unfortunately for us, Jim has taken on a new job (I thought this guy was retired) that requires a great deal of time and travel. We can't thank Jim enough for the job he has done, and the contributions has made to RDRC. Again, thanks Jimbo.

So who will take on the RDRC newsletter? Well, looks like we have a great candidate lined up already. Folks, lets all give a big hand to none other than....... Mr. Brandon Hockaday! Brandon has graciously offered up his time and skills to carry on with what most of us consider the most vital tool needed to connect and build a clubs strength, that being the newsletter. Thanks Brandon, your offer is appreciated more than you know, and we all look forward to working with you in the future.

And with that, I'm checking out for the month. There are lots of cool things ahead for RDRC this year, and I'm really looking forward to sharing the fun with all of you.

Oh. Just in case you haven't heard. We have a new hobby shop on the scene. Our very own Dave Hockaday and Sons have officially kicked off the *online* sales portion of East RC. Be sure and check them out at: www.eastrc.org they have several things listed already, with many more to come as the days roll by. Good luck guys, we're thrilled to have you.

Larry



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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).



A replacement refrigerator was given to us by Sam Gupton. Larry installed an outside air vent to ensure that it had a longer life than the old one.









Vanceboro's Fly-in the 9th of this month, when they were visited by RDRC Traveling Circus



Dave's John Deere, after winning the trash bag challenge













The Prize winners at the Vanceboro Fly-in

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