

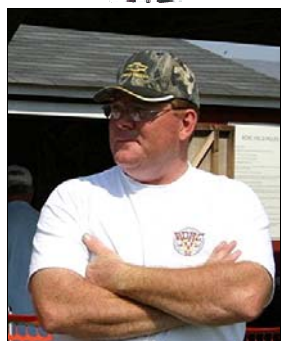


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PRESIDENT'S

Prop - Wash

Wow, was a cooker we've had going lately folks. Did you ever think you would want to see a week end rained out? I'm sure most of you have seen the condition the field is in now, and know we really need some of the wet stuff to bring back the color. The pits look like,,,,,well,,,,,,the pits! With our annual Fly for Tots fast approaching, we could surely use a good 3 day soaking. Other than the grass being reduced to a crispy critter, tings are great in

RDRC. Membership is up, and we've recently had several more people inquiring on becoming new members. A few of these are from other clubs as far as 60 miles! We've had several guest flyers in the last few weeks, and from all we've read or heard, they had a blast flying with us, and now want to be a bigger part of it. We're thrilled about the reputation RDRC has built, and hope to see it grow even more.

Just this past weekend, many of the RDRC Traveling Circus loaded up their trailers, took off work early Friday, and pointed the convoy toward Atlantic Beach. We attended the 2007 Summer Sizzler, hosted by the Crystal Coast RC club in Havelock NC. I'm tell'n ya folks, this event is rightly named! A sizzler is was, in both temperature, and action. To start off the week end, many of us went down on Friday night and dropped off our trailers. Then, we all got together and headed to Atlantic Beach for an awesome sea food dinner. One of the cooler things about this trip was the presence of our wife's! Yes, three of the Circus goers brought the better half to enjoy the week end with us. In my case, I even brought my youngest daughter Rachel, and her best friend Kirsten. Anyway, we have a great dinner, then head back mainland to get in some foamy action. You know, it's not a complete night until the Circus gang break out the foamies! We were having a great time flying behind the liquor store, when we noticed cars starting to stop. Soon, we heard cheers coming from the car windows, followed by request, "hey, fly it over here,,,,,do a flip thing, make if go higher" Of course, we HAD to produce. With a few minutes, we had a little group standing near by oooooo'n and ahhhh'n our every trick! Yup,,,we had us some RC groupies! So Robert, Dustin, Jay, and myself did all we could do to entertain the masses (just two girls and a guy!) when all of a sudden,,,,,, there THEY were! The Wife's!!!!!!!!!!!!!! They snuck up on us drive'n my pick up truck. We never saw it coming. We just thought it was another car load of hot beach chicks wanting to be near some real talented pilots! Oh the shame,,,,,, lol

But seriously, we were glad to have them join us for some parking lot action. Now they know what we're up to after those long days at the field. ☺

So we exhaust all our batteries, and head back to the hotel, when all of a sudden, up drive Neal and Shannon Wall ! What's so amazing about that? Well, just a few hours earlier, Neal was laid up in a hospital bed in the Wake Med Heart Center! They were supposed to go to the beach with us, but Neal had some rather serious heart issues a couple of days prior to the trip. He was released from Wake Med Friday afternoon, and instructed to, go home, and get some rest. But as luck would have it, he and Shannon past Dave Hockaday bust'n down hwy. 64 east while headed home to Rockey Mount. Dave had driven that way to team up with Brian Long for the trip down. Apparently, some words were past between the two cars, and Neal just couldn't stand it any more, He got to think'n, Shannon got the talk'n, Neal got the talk'n, Shannon got to,,,,,, well,,,,,,you can figure the rest out. They got home, packed a few...

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clothes, (bathing suit in Shannon's case!), and headed to Atlantic Beach! Neal said he could think of a better way to relax than sitting near the flight line. And soon after their arrival, up pulls Dave and Brian, trailer in tow. We has us a big ole crowd now! Most of us spent the next hour or two in the parking lot sharing jokes and talking about life's joys. It was great!

So Saturday morning arrives. All the men folk gather up, and head off for a bite to eat, and hit the Sizzler fly in. The women were close behind, only they had OTHER plans. They all set sail for a day at the beach. From what I hear, they had a great time as well. Lots of cool waves, hot sand, as my daughter put it, Hotties on the beach?

The fly in itself was awesome as well. Attendance was really good, with lots of people from the public watching all the action. They did a good job of getting the public involved, not short of promoting them to cheer us on with daring maneuvers! You know,,,,,,,"lower,,,Lower,LOWER"!!!! There was plenty of rudder touching going on.

The heat was intense, but we took the needed measures to keep safe and cool. We actually had two fans blowing under our tents all day! Yeah,,,,,,,"we're wimps! We had a great time, and really want to thank David Jones, and the CCRC gang for putting on such a great event.

Now, it's just about time for OUR event. Dave Hockaday has been busy getting our web-site up to date, and putting up the Fly for Tots info. Robert Vess has the flyers worked up, and the raffle tickets will be in circulation by the time you read this. This year, we had 3000 tickets printed up. This is a good chunk more than last year, but we actually ran out last year. We will certainly be counting on club members to sell sell sell !

Also, like last year, Dave will make ticket sales available through our web-site, so people from all over the dates can purchase one, Think of it guys. 3000 tickets, \$5 each. We sell all of those, and that's \$15,000 alone just in ticket sales! We really need your help in doing this. And speaking of help, we will have the commitment list up and running soon, and desperately need our members to start signing up for the different task needed to run this event. Last year went great, and we're really counting on the RDRC members and family to jump in again this year. A few things will be done differently, and should make things a lot smoother for both the workers, and attendees. one of which, Alan, who owns much of the land we park on ,has offered up another section of land for parking! This will be a huge improvement over last year. This is the one we really need you on members! So please, don't hesitate to volunteer your help ☺

We're back in business on cool drinks again. Thanks to Sam Gupton, (fellow DOT co-worker) who graciously donated the fridge from his game room. We made a couple of simple changes to the building that should keep this one going for a long time. Another change we'll be doing is the addition of speed limit signs to our drive way. I met with land owners for approval, and all is a go on that now.

Before I finish up this month, I really want to throw out a huge thanks to our very own Brandon Hockaday, who has accepted the challenges of the RDRC news letter. We really appreciate you taken on the job Brandon, and we're all looking forward to working with you in the future. The news letter is such an important tool in our club, and serves as a binder that keeps all of us connected as a club. Thanks buddy.

With that, I'll leave you to read the rest of the story. I know we have several great pics in this month's issue, and I hope you enjoy them all.

Keep your eyes and ears tuned in for more Fly for Tots info.

Larry





A Few Words from the Vice President...

Josh Bunn

Looks like summer is in full swing, and the club is growing. You could not ask for better weather than there has been the last month. I hope by the time you read this newsletter the runway should have been repaired. Larry has been hard at working organizing the toys for tot's fly-in, so let's try to give Larry as much help as possible. I have been talking to other clubs about how they handle training there new members. One Idea that came up was that they have a calendar where club members sign up to be out at the field, for one or two hours of that day, to do nothing but help any member with problems they may have or learning to fly. I won't to know what the membership thinks about this. I think this would be very helpful for new members they can look at the calendar and know that when they go out to the field there will be someone out there to help them. I have heard more than once from new people that they don't won't to bother others when they are out at the field, as they fill that they are cutting in to that person flying time. I hope see all of you at the next club meeting.

Josh



Minutes of RDRC meeting June 27, 2007

Secretary's Report *Dave Hockaday*

- The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis at 7:34 p.m.
- President Larry Lewis checked for any new members and guests that might have been present. There were 23 people present, 1 was a guest.
- The minutes for the April meeting were read and approved as written.
- Dustin Hedrick provided a Treasurer's for April. Good financial condition was reported. It was noted that refrigerator problems contributed to an electric bill increase. A replacement refrigerator was donated by Sam Gupton and installed, and a ventilation louver was installed in the building to help with keeping the refrigerator cool.
- Safety Officer Jay Benson had no reports of safety violations at the field.

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Old Business

- Sound level checks were discussed. Larry has the sound level meter and mentioned that measurements will be made randomly to determine the levels of various airplanes.
- Speed limit signs have been prepared and are ready to install. Larry will get approval from the property owners before these are put up.
- Runway repairs were discussed, and it was agreed that an announcement to the membership would be made before these were done. These will be done very soon.
- A search is underway for a badge company who can duplicate the club membership badges. Larry mentioned that the last company who did them is out of business. Dave Hockaday agreed to use John Knoy's badge and look into this.

New Business

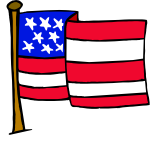
- The Fly-For-Tots event was discussed in detail. A vote was taken on various charities that were discussed. The possible charities were Smiles for Little Faces, Franklin County Social Services, St. Jude's Hospital, Duke's Children's Hospital, and the Victory Junction Gang. The Victory Junction Gang was voted as being the charity of choice for the FFT 2007.
- Raffle tickets for the event were agreed upon, and Larry Lewis is to have these printed. These will be sold by members, sold on the day of the event, and sold online from the RDRC website.
- It was discussed to begin the sponsor search, and Robert Vess will head up accumulating the Sponsor listing/data/prizes. Anyone who has info about prospective sponsors should let Robert know of the info.
- The RDRC website is to be updated with the event info like last year, and allow for online purchasing of the raffle tickets.
- It was discussed to try and get assistance from the Boy Scouts or CAP to help with packing and general operations on the days of the event.
- Help will especially be needed in concessions on the days of the event.
- Michael Hollowell is in charge of the mall show, scheduled for the weekend prior to the event. He will be the point of contact for this activity.
- A press kit is to be prepared by Dustin Hedrick, and placed on the RDRC website for download. This is to be used to secure prospective sponsors for prizes, supplies, and services for the event.
- Brandon Hockaday has accepted the job of the RDRC newsletter editor. Please contact him at brandon@eastrc.org to place info in the newsletter, forward photos, etc.
- It was discussed that the porta-johns were cleaned after a recent storm that made for a bit of a mess.
- It was discussed to look into the possibility of having a special T-shirt made for the event, both for the pilots and another version for the RDRC staff. Dave Hockaday is looking into this.
- The meeting was closed at 9:30pm.



Now for the fun!!



July 4th Club Cook-Out and Fun!!!



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The guys prepare their planes to haul trash!!



July 8th at the Field



L to R: Bob Richards, Josh Bunn, Larry Lewis, Neal Wall, & Matt Richards.... Just chillin'!!



We had some guest flyers from Jacksonville and Roanoke Rapids. This is a couple of their giant birds!!



Man, we had a great turnout!!!



It temporarily rained cats and dogs, but That didn't stop Dave!!



Jay Benson huckin' his Yak

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Higher Planes Productions was out shooting some footage



This is what the flight line was like all day!!!



Jay Ingle huckin' his Yak

Jay Benson was flying his Focke Wulf and Dane Edwards was flying Neal Wall's P-47 in this Dogfight. Man I mean they were right on each other's tail. All of a sudden the Focke Wulf came up and took a piece out of the P-47's wing. But I think this Dogfight was a tie. Although the Focke Wulf didn't have any damage (other than some balsa from the P-47 lodged in it's cowl), it still landed dead-stick. The P-47 on the other hand flew around one more time with part of the wing and an aileron missing, and still landed with the engine running! Man it was definitely a great "mid-air", and everyone was in good spirits about it. Both planes are still flying today!



But of course, Larry and Neal thought that it was a victory for the P-47, lol

Traveling With The Circus...



The Summer Sizzler '07, Morehead, NC



Then of course all the circus threw in a hand to retrieve Dave's Taxi 2400



We also had Drake and Dane Edwards, as well as Manny and more at the "Warbirds Over Delaware, '07". I only have a couple of pics, but I know they were representing RDRC in full force!



Be sure and promote the Fly-For-Tots as much as possible people!! For more info on how to lend a hand contact Larry. If you want to download a copy of the flyer, there is a link on the club website. It's coming up soon!!!

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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).

2007 FLY-for-TOTS
RC Fly-In & Public Airshow

Sept. 15-16

All proceeds to support : 

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over 300 planes, jets, and heli's

★ **Awesome Raffle Prizes !**
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- take Hwy 401N through Rolesville, NC
- about 2 mi. north of Hwy 96, turn right
on Darius/Pearce Road
- follow road to end and turn right
- field is 1/2 mi. on left

for detailed information visit: www.rd-rc.org

Note from the Editor

I'd like to take a moment and thank Jim Charbonneau for all that he did for the club. We're really gonna miss having you around all the time. It's an honor to take your spot as editor.

Once again, everyone be sure and promote the Fly-For-Tots event as much as possible. We only have a couple of months left to prepare.

Just so everyone knows, if you have any photos that you would like to be considered for the newsletter please feel free to send them to Brandon@EastRC.org. Thanks and I'll see you at the field/meeting!!

Brandon Hockaday

P.S. Feel free to check out www.EastRC.org, hehehe.





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