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President's Prop-Wash



Larry Lewis

It's Crunch Time Folks! Before you know it, the 2007 Fly for Tots will be upon us and man do we have work to do. With just 4 weeks to go, we still have field improvements to accomplish, decisions to make, and LOTS of tickets to sell. Already, the level of talent we're expecting is huge, and it looks like we'll be getting that 200 pilot mark we've been hoping for. Of course, to reach this goal, we'll need ALL of our RDRC members to participate in this year's event. Last year, we only had a small portion of our membership actually register for the event. We're hoping this year will show a much larger amount. We have over 130 members in RDRC now. Surely we can get at least half of that number to sign up for the event. In all truth, it's not uncommon that registration forms show a small number of participants who are actually in the hosting club. This is the result of many things. Some folks feel their flying abilities don't

match that of the visiting modelers, and would rather watch. Some don't like crowds, or feel they won't get a chance to fly as much as they'd like. And of course, some are busy working at the event itself. While all of these reasons are understandable, I think it's still a very reasonable goal that we should have a high number of RDRC members supporting this event by registering for the event itself. Why, because of the very event itself, and what it represents. Charity. This is our chance at making a big difference in a child's life, and maybe, even recognizing the fact that we're truly blessed to have such a wonderful hobby and so many great friends in our life. So please, let's show the modeling community the true spirit of RDRC, and sign your name on that registration form this September. It's only \$10 folks, and it's going to a really great charity. With that, I would like to set another goal for this event. We'd like to see at least 75 members from RDRC sign on that dotted line. Come on guys and gals, let's get it done.

Ticket sales! This year, we decided to print more tickets than ever before. Our monetary goal this year is \$15,000, and we all know that the largest percentage of our event income comes from the sales of raffle tickets. With that in mind, we decided to print up 3000 tickets. Should we sell ALL 3000, that alone will put us at \$15,000! Can we do this? You bet we can, but we need members more than ever to make it all happen. In all honesty, I've had a bit of a time convincing members to accept any tickets to sell. I know it's not the most popular thing to ask of folks, and not all of us care to push tickets on co-workers, family members, or friends, but we really need the help of our members. Any amount you sell would be a big help. So please, get with me and get your tickets! I can break it down to any amount you want to sell.

Mike Hollowell has things looking good for the Mall Show event, and better yet, it's planned to take place the week end before our fly in. I'm sure we'll be selling tons of tickets, and exposing our hobby to a tremendous number of folks, as it's being held at Triangle Towne Center again. This mall show will play a huge role in getting the public out to our event, and I'd like to thank Mike publicly for offering his time to organize it. Also, Mike is working hard to get the media involved this year as well. With all of this, we should have a huge turnout this year.

So this is where we're at folks. We're looking at more public spectators than ever, and already it looks like our 200 pilot goal will be achieved. Now we need to fill the roles of the workers to run this show. Last year, I put together a Commitment List, and asked members to sign up for whatever task or location they felt they could serve. It worked out great, and 95% of those that signed up carried out the job. So we're going to do that very same thing this year. Some of you have already offered up your services in general conversation, but if you would, I'm asking that all of you participate in this sign up sheet. In all honesty, I can't remember all of those who said, "I'll help with"! Here's what we need for you to do. Look the list over, decide what you can help with, and e-mail me at RCLARRY@AOL.COM, or Dave Hockaday at dave@eastrc.org with your choice. Or, get with me by phone, or at the field. I'll have a copy of the list, and can pencil you in. Of course, we don't want everyone signing up for the same thing, so look at the list and see what tasks haven't been covered yet. Again, this worked out great last year, and should again. But we ARE close folks, and we need folks to commit NOW! Also, if you notice anything missing from this list, and would like to offer something needed, please don't hesitate to tell me.

Please look the list over as soon as possible, and get your name on it!

Lots to do, and lots to organize. Let's get to it folks. And again, thanks so much for being the supportive club you are. We continue to grow this club every day, and we've really established ourselves as NC's finest place to fly.

See you all at the field.

-Larry

Visit the club website at www.rd-rc.org

2007 Fly for Tots Commitment List

Please Volunteer!

1. **Parking: Setting out cones.** Larry Lewis
2. **Parking Directors: Spectator area:**
Pilot Area:
Camping Area:
3. **Signs: Setting out on road side:**
4. **Food: Cooking or selling;**
5. **Tents:** 18 X 30 Impound / Raffles Dave Hockaday
10 X 20 Food / Concessions Dave Hockaday
10 X 10 Various Use x2 Larry Lewis
6. **Tables: Food / Raffle / and Impound** Larry Lewis
Josh Bunn
7. **Sound System:** Dave / Dustin Hedrick
8. **Registration:** Larry Lewis
Josh Bunn
Martha Richards
9. **Impound, Scanner Area:**
10. **Trash: Collect bags, deliver to disposal site: Saturday:**
(Trailer will be provided by Larry) Sunday:
11. **Coolers: We need several for drinks, Ice etc:**
12. **Air Controller/ Flight Line Ops**
13. **Raffle Ticket Sales at Event:**



A Few Words from the Vice President...

Josh Bunn

Wow, has it been hot the last few weeks. I think all my grass is dead. Looks like everything is coming together for the fly-in. Please anyone that can help out please give Larry a call. The giant scale fly-in is also coming together, and I will be needing some help for that event as well. This event will be on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We should have people from all over the east coast at this event. If you have not seen some of these giants please come out and watch. There should be a good mix of planes. I will keep this short because I am sure Larry will be long winded, and Brandon will need all the space he can get.

-Josh



Minutes of RDRC meeting July 25, 2007

Secretary's Report *Dave Hockaday*

- The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis at 7:35 p.m.
- President Larry Lewis checked for any new members and guests that might have been present. There were 26 members were present. Neal Wall, Shannon Wall, and Chris Hockaday converted memberships from associate to full.

- The minutes for the June meeting were read and approved as written.
- Safety Officer Jay Benson had no reports of safety violations at the field. The recent LiPo fire in Chris Hockaday's Telemaster Senior was discussed.
- Dustin Hedrick was not able to attend, and a financial report was given by Larry Lewis. Good financial condition was reported.

Old Business

- Runway repairs were discussed, and was noted that the asphalt runway maintenance is now completed. The grass runway work will be done after the 3-day IMAA Mini-fest.
- Dave Hockaday is working with a badge shop to product a tri-color badge member, like those that were last made for the membership.
- Speed Limit signs are completed and ready to be installed.
- Bob Richards discussed the possibility of having gravel installed on the path to the field to help hold dust down.
- The new refrigerator is in place in the building and in good operation.
- New tables have been purchased and are in the building. They are 4', 6', and 8' long. These are for use at club events.

New Business

- Michael Hollowell is in charge of the mall show, scheduled for the weekend prior to the event. The date is Saturday, Sept 8th. He will be the point of contact for this activity. It is to be set up in front of Sax 5th Ave. Dell & Sears will be providing the computers and monitors for the Flight Sims at the event. Setup will be from 8-10am. Operations are from 10am-5pm.
- Our event is now on TV-14's Event Calendar
- A Sponsor Listing is going to be provided by RB3 Graphics
- We are planning for about 200 pilots for this event.
- An additional 4-1/2 acres has been procured for aux parking for the event. This should help greatly with the parking congestion we experienced last year. The parking area will be marked with the nice striping unit provided by Northern Tool Company.
- RDRC will need all tenting available from membership. If you have tenting or shade units, please contact Larry Lewis with this info.
- We will have an enhance vendor row this you. There should be lots of R/C displays and vending available to visitors.
- Photography is wanted for the event to capture all of the activities for the archives and promotion / post-event magazine ads.
- Sell raffle tickets!!
- The meeting was closed at 9:00pm & foamie/heli flying began in the parking area outside



Now For The Fun!!!



July 22nd @ the Field



Retrieval of the Jerry's Big Boy from the "Evil Tree Demons"

July 29th @ the Field



Traveling with the Circus...



July 21st – Goldsboro



Continued...



July 28th–29th Fayetteville IMAC Meet



**Congrats to: Matt Richards, who finished 2nd in Freestyle
Josh Bunn, who finished 4th in Sportsman
and John Gurley, who finished 2nd in Basic**



August 18th - Kinston



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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 second Saturday 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).



That's right, after many years of trying, Larry finally got his wife on the sticks!!! He better start putting in some more hours, because now he has to support the hobby for TWO!!!

Mike Hollowell's brand new C-130!!!



Note from the Editor

I would like to take a moment and apologize for any lacking of content in this newsletter or any in the near future. I'm sure most of you know, but I, as well as my dad Dave Hockaday, and my brother Chris Hockaday have been up to our ears. We're getting super close to having the doors to East R/C officialy open. The closer we get, the less free time I have. Which means I don't get many chances to make it out to the field or fly-ins right now. So I would once again like to urge members to submit any photos or information they can for future newsletters untill things settle down a bit. Thanks and see ya around!

- Brandon Hockaday





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