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President's Prop-Wash



Larry Lewis

WOW !!!!!!! What can I say? Another RDRC FFT is in the books, and I'm still amazed by what just happened. After last year's event, many of us wondered, "Can we ever top this?" Well, we not only topped it, but again we far exceeded our goal! Though most of us knew the 200 pilot goal was not going to be the biggest challenge, raising \$15,000 was sure to be something we would all have to work hard at. Of course, the largest percentage of our income is raised through the sales of raffle tickets. I want to thank each and every one of you who worked so hard in the selling of tickets, and promoting our event to both co-workers and the general public. We've estimated that nearly 2500 flyers were passed out, and we sold approximately 2500 tickets as well.

This is awesome to say the least! Many things made this year's event the success it was. Starting with the "Mall Show" that was organized by Mike Hollowell. Though I did not make the show myself, all reports said it was a big success, and gave the public great picture of what they could expect. Apparently it worked!!!! We had a huge response from the public, and we were able to share the hobby we love with so many folks. Or better yet, potential members! Like years past, several people from the public made a point to thank us for what we were doing, and promised to come back.

Another thing. I don't usually like to single folks out, but I have to this year. Though last year's event was a HUGE success, but, wasn't without it's problems. One of which was the concessions. We simply were not prepared for the crowds, nor have a system in place to move things along. After seeing all this take place last year, and having to make several trips back to town for supplies, Jacqui Lewis decided to take matters in to her own hands this year. She set up a plan, and followed through with it. Needless to say, the concessions were the smoothest running activity of the whole event. Along with my wife, I really want to thank Megan Benson, Sage Stockton, Zoe Fach, Rebecca Prather, Rachel Lewis, Parissa Fahtallahzadeh, Heather Lewis, Shannon Wall, Ken Wade, Phil Soper, Matt Houton, Mrs. Lofgren and friends, and all the others who gave their time to make concessions so great. The thing is folks, these people were willing to give up their chance to see the show, while they stood under tents, and behind the buildings to serve all the masses. Forgive me if I missed your name guys. I'm running on memory here, as I haven't been able to locate my list of names since the event! AWESOME JOB, and we all really appreciate your help.

I also want to thank ALL those who worked our event, and helped in getting the field ready both before and after the dust had settled. Work started the Wednesday before the event, and clean up actually went well into the next week. A lot of work takes place to put on such an event, and I don't think most people know the dedication needed to take on such a job. I can't thank all of you enough,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

I plan on sending out another letter soon, recognizing each and every one of you who helped us so much. But I can list several of them now. In no particular order, they are:

Dave and Dustin Hedrick, Dave Hockaday, Robert Vess, Bob Richards, Jacqui Lewis, Heather Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Allen May, Rowwwwwwwwwland!, Jay Benson, Megan Stockton, Neal and Shannon Wall, Josh "Hot Dog" Bunn, Mark Lofgren, Ken Wade, Matt Houton, Blair Price, John Knoy, Dave Langridge, Brian Long, Roger Williams, Phil Soper, Parissa Fathallahzadeh, Manny "Man Nanny" Huysentruyt, Cleveland Meeks, Jim Charbonneau, Mike Hollowell, and many others,,,

And what a show it was folks! It's still hard to believe all the folks who turned out for us. I think every RC club in NC was represented by at least 2 members, All of them were so appreciative for what our event was about. And how about the noon time demo's? WOW!!!!!!!!!! Our demo segment of the show was second to none! We had everything in RC aviation represented, and the crowd LOVED it. Things ran so smooth, and all of our participants pulled out all the

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stops and went for it. You name, we had it! Standing there Saturday (well,, running back and forth!) I looked out across the runway and thought,,,"Holy Cow,,,,,,,"Quique is IN DA HOUSE" !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Better yet, you folks need to hear the comments he made about our event. I'll leave that to Robert Vess, as he was the one getting the words from Quique himself in a later phone conversation. And I think it goes without saying, but we really appreciate ALL those who put it on the line in front of the crowds. It's not the easiest thing at times to fly in front of hundreds spectators, knowing ALL EYES are ON YOU!

I especially want to thank all our sponsors, who gave so willingly, and helped us reach our mark. This event is all about charity, and charity they showed. Our raffle sale is the primary tool we have in raising money for our event, and it was simply amazing how many items we had on hand this year. In addition to our regular sponsors, we also picked up a few more this year. Namely, East RC, Toy Land Hobbies, King RC, Hayes RC, Glens Hobby Shop, Right On Signs, Smart Fly, Extreme Flight RC, Hang It RC, and others. PLEASE take the time to look over our list of sponsors again, and let them know how much we appreciate their support. And by all means, support them as well. These folks not only support our event, but they keep us flying year round.

I also want to thank my long time flying buddy, and all around good guy, Robert Vess. As in years past, we had Robert manning the microphone all day Saturday and Sunday. Robert's way with words, and knowledge of this great hobby, brought it all home for all those present. He made it possible for all those present, to get the full picture of what this hobby is all about. Fun and fellowship. I think it's great to have an announcer who can enable all those present to understand what their looking at, and better yet, start that fire for them to join us. I can tell you for a fact, I have two DOT co-workers that are totally consumed by our hobby now, and e-mailing me on a daily basis as to what plane to buy, where to buy it etc. This event has so many benefits folks,,,,,, but none greater than our chosen reason. To help children in need. As most of you know, this year's charity is the "Victory Junction Gang". This is a NC based organization, therefore making it local as we have always set out to do. When we started out this year, we set two VERY high goals, but what we knew were achievable ones. First, we were shooting for 200 registered pilots. A number I'm sure has never been done in a NC fly in, and second, to raise an amount of \$15,000.00 ! This folks was quite a goal for a two day event such as ours, and one that wouldn't come easy. We knew it would take many people with a strong will to succeed with this goal. But we also knew we had the group, and the club that could do it. I'll never forget the feeling I had, when Dustin Hedrick handed me that folded piece of paper, telling us all what the final total would be,,,,,,. It was then, and still is a very emotional moment.

Pilot Registration,,,,,, 201 Pilots
Check to be written the Victory Junction Gang,,,,,, \$17,000.00

Again, all of you will be hearing more and more details in the coming weeks, and I know I have so many more "Thank You's" to send out verbally and by mail. Honestly, I can't thank all of you enough for your support. This year's event will truly go down in history as one of the great ones. Please, make a point to be at this months meeting (this Wednesday) so I can personally thank all of you. I really do love you guys,,,,,,.

And NOW. There is no time to rest! We have yet another big one to pull off guys! J RDRC is hosting this years District 4 Giant Scale Mini Fest. With non other than Josh Bunn as CD. Lots to do and we only have 4 weeks to get it all together. It's gonna be a fun one, and I hope you all make it out to enjoy the fun.

See ya at the flight line,,,,,

-Larry





Secretary's Report *Dave Hockaday*

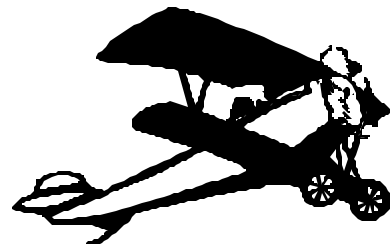
- The meeting was called to order by President Larry Lewis at 7:35 p.m.
- President Larry Lewis checked for any new members and guests that might have been present. There were 31 members were present. New members present were: Gerard Prestley, Brian Bledsoe, Frank Marino, & Joe Horvath.
- The minutes for the July meeting were read and approved as written.
- Safety Officer Jay Benson had no reports of safety violations at the field.
- Dustin Hedrick gave a treasurer's report. Power bill is dropping, thanks to new refrigerator. It was discussed to transfer some money from checking to savings. RDRC now has a SAM's Club card. Locking money bags have been acquired for the FFT event.

Old Business

- Runway was described as good, with the exception of one small hole resulting from a recent Edge 540 crash.
- It was agreed to have gravel hauled in to the road leading into the field, at the end of event season at the RDRC field.
- Mike Hollowell discussed the upcoming Mall Show. He also displayed the AWESOME new banner for the FFT event he made. Mike mentioned needing lots of help for the mall show.
- Sell tickets!

New Business

- It was agreed to cut the entire field two more times prior to the FFT event.
- It was discussed to move all tables & drums prior to the FFT event. It was agreed to destroy some of the tables that are in bad shape.
- RDRC agreed to buy a new gate for Allen, since he's setting up the new parking area for RDRC.
- The bad hole in Bethlehem road has been repaired.
- It was agreed to have 6 operational flight stations during the event, to be monitored by the pit boss at the FFT event.
- The Saturday nite FFT events will be Film Festival, live music, Nite-Fly, & Pig Picking.
- The meeting was closed at 9:10pm





Now For The Fun!!!



— Matt's Annual Bash —



— Pre FFT Mall Show —



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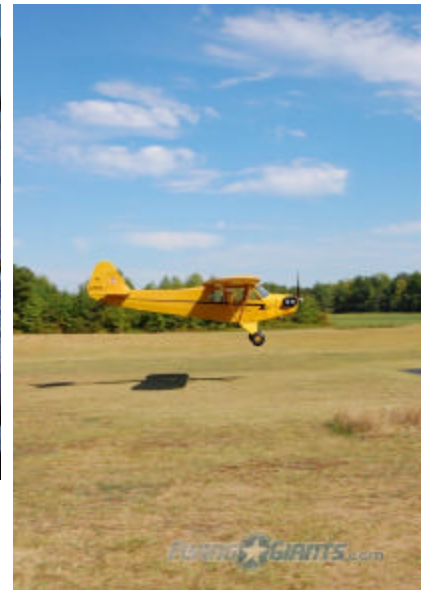
Fly-For-Tots '07!!!



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During the raffle drawing....



Full scale Cub doing a LOW pass!



After a REALLY LOW inverted



Left to Right: Larry Lewis, Joe Rafolowski (JR), Jeff Holsinger (JR), Justin Smith (Hobby-Lobby), and QuiQue Somenzini (JR)



Josh Bunn and Alex Porter aka TEAM EAST R/C BABY!!



Justin Smith from Hobby-Lobby

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Dan and Justin from Hobby-Lobby



Robert Vess flying Jeff Holsinger's Turbo-Prop Yak!



QuiQue flying a heli for the very first time... at our field!!!



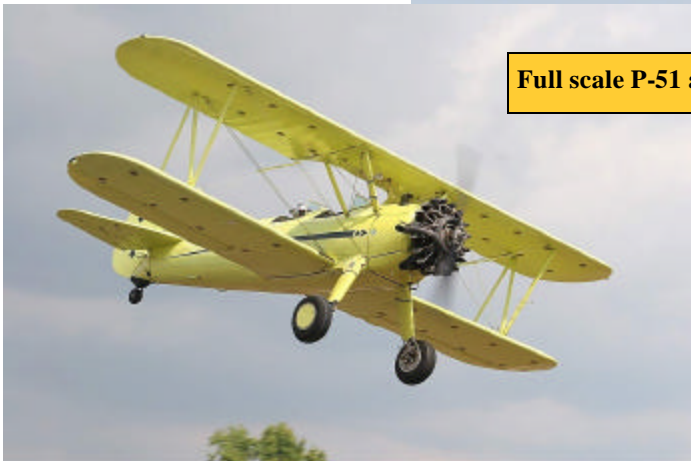
RJ doing a one wing landing on his



1/4 Scale!!!



Full scale P-51 and Stearman fly-by!!!



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Some more full scale...



Mr. Jim Charbonaeu



Bryan Long, Cleveland Meeks, and Josh Bunn, Running the registration booth....



Bob Richards helping out Higer Plane Productions...

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QuiQue and Matt Richards with QuiQue's new Pitts Python



Matt Richards and Alex Porter help hold QuiQue's Python



After a few tries, the flying pig finally flew! It wasn't long, but I think it was longer than the Wright Brothers....so it counts!!!



Speaking of the Wright Brothers....



And ya can't have flyin' pigs, without flyin' lawn mowers!!



The Fly-For-Tots 2007 Re-Cap by Chris Hockaday

Before I get to deep into the event I want to thank the President of Raleigh Durham Radio Control (RDRC). Mr. Larry Lewis is one of the best R/C pilots out there and, in my opinion, one of the best Club President's a group could have. I think I have said this before, but I will say it again....If every club had men like Larry in office, our hobby would be on prime time television on a daily basis. He put in many sleepless nights, blood, sweat and tears and without his dedication we would not have had the event that we had. Josh Bunn, Robert Vess, Jay Benson, Dustin Hedrick and many, many others have come together to make the 2007 Fly For Tots a HUGE success. This was the smoothest event that I have personally ever attended and I am proud to say that the RDRC field is my home field. The guys in this club are some of the best in the hobby and I can't say enough about all of the RDRC members who worked the event and kept things moving in a positive direction.

Saturday morning started with a "Pilot's Meeting" and we jumped into open flying. We started the "Noon Time Demos" and the crowd was really lovin' it. In no particular order, we had Jeff Holsinger, from Team JR, very smoothly flying his very awesome Turbine powered helicopter, Joe Rafalowski from Team JR flying his BVM King Cat at 199.999 MPH way down low, The RadioActive AIRSHOWS crew flying their "Flying LawnMowers", Quique Somenzini, from Team JR, flying the mess out of his Pitts Python and later flying a beautiful routine with Jeff Holsingers Torbo Prop QQ Yak 54 (an equally incredible airplane), Justin Smith, from Hobby Lobby, wowed the crowd with one of their new SebArt Katanas and later did some over the top 3D after Dark with a killer light setup on a foamie that he designed (The Judge), David Hayes was found with his beautifully crafted and award winning Rockwell Thrush, giving us many super scale crop dusting low passes, the Warbird owners in attendance flew a mass warbird routine that was fast, aggressive and loud, The OUTLAW's flew their OUTLAW's.... this is something that you have to see to believe. Matt Richards, Flying for 3D Hobby Shop, gave a great demonstration on the stix, flying one of there prototypes. If I am forgetting any of the demos....please forgive me.

We had a very cool treat around Mid-Day with several full scale fly-by's. We got to feel the rumble of a P-51. His first pass was around cruise, maybe half throttle, but the second was at WOT and amazing. We then were visited by super low fly-bys by a J-3 Cub, RV-8 and Piper Cherokee.

A big thanks go out to all of you who helped out in the concessions and kept every one hydrated and full of delicious hot-dogs and hamburgers. You were very much appreciated!

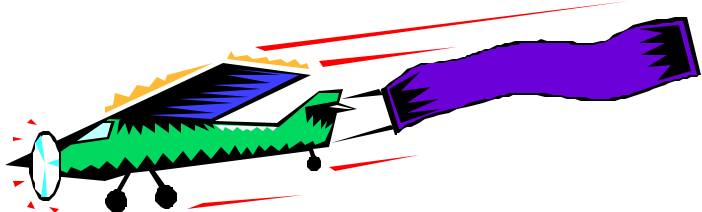
As they moved the flying continued. Several heli's were out in the mix ripping it up, as were all types of aircraft. Everything from a Fun Scale Stitts Bipe to a fully functional full scale flying pig could be seen at the 2007 FFT! Justin Smith from Hobby Lobby said it best when he said that David Hayes was "Hogging the runway". There were Hotliners, SailPlanes, Micro and Giant scale electrics and gassers, Jets, Ductec fans, Helis...you name it...it flew at the 2007 FFT's!

As the sun began to set the flying continued long into the night via glow wire, led's and spotlights and we were all privileged to watch Fred Midgett's band "The Distractions" perform. Let me tell you that always knew Fred to be a good drummer, but I had no idea he was THAT GOOD! If you are a musician you will know what I mean when I say it was grooving and that Fred is no amateur. He was dropping paradiddles, triplets, odd meters, and just plain ole' wacky tricks and fills. If you are not a musician, well, I am sure that we can all appreciate a talented man on the skins and in Fred's case, the skins are very nice digitals. They did some very cool Zeppelin renditions and whaled out many of their originals. Needless to say, I had a great time.

Once "The Distractions" show was over, Mr. Midgett switched modes and moved things over to the big screen, where he shared his other talent with us....Film. We were treated to our very own Higher Plane Productions Film Festival and it was very cool. Some of his best work with pieces ranging from cinematic and epic to goofy and playful. If you have not seen any of their videos, scroll up and follow the link to a piece that he edited from this weekend.

As things winded down, everyone was back at their camp sites and homes by 2 AM.

Things kicked off at 8 AM, Sunday Morning, and the flying resumed. We were all impressed with many perfect flights from the Demo pilots once more. Unfortunately Quique Somenzini had to leave Raleigh early in the morning due to a family emergency, but we appreciate him making the time to be a part of this great event and we wish him all of the best and are keeping him and his family in our thoughts. All of the demo flights from Saturday were repeated for the Sunday spectators who may not have been able to enjoy them the previous day, but it did not matter to anyone who was present on Saturday. It was a real honor to be able to watch these guys in their groove and to be able to see it twice in one weekend was phenomenal. Watching Jeff Holsinger fly his Turbo Prop powered QQ Yak 54, from Quique's Aircraft Company, on Sunday and then pass the transmitter off to Robert Vess is something I will always remember, not to mention the opportunity to marvel over Jeff's handy work inside the aircraft. Justin Smith switched things up and brought out another SebArt aircraft from Hobby Lobby. He took the Su-29 up for a round and put it through his usual heavy stress tests and proved the airframe a very aerobatically worthy one. Chris Hinson gave us a literal live film to watch with his smooth and crisp aerobatic flight of the Extreme Flight 100CC "Yellow and Black" Yak 54 prototype. This is an impressive airframe and I am toying with the idea of buying one of these babies, once available...if I can keep it hidden from my significant other. Later in the evening I saw a new low wing version of the famous Hobby Lobby "Tele-master", but this one is called the "Funster". HL Rep Justin Smith and HL Sales Manager Dan Wensell passed the radio back and fourth while putting it through it's paces and I was very impressed with it's graceful characteristics. I saw a ton of electric airplanes this year and it was really cool to see so many people getting into that side of our hobby.



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Several vendors setup to show off their stuff. The K/C Hobby crew were down in full force and the guys were up to their usual, flying a H9 Pulse after Dark and Josh could be found dragging the vertical stab of a J-3 Cub down the runway, inverted. The East R/C guys and beautiful gals were out and they flew a few prototype aircraft during the fly-in as well and had a static display of models out for everyone to see. Hang-It R/C came down from Nolensville, TN to hang out with everyone and to show us some of their very cool modelaircraft storage systems, brushless motors and they even brought a ton of goodies to give out to attendees. Higher Plane was out promoting their new DVD's and the Mercury Adhesive line....very good stuff, by the way..the movies and the glue! And there was SO MUCH MORE!

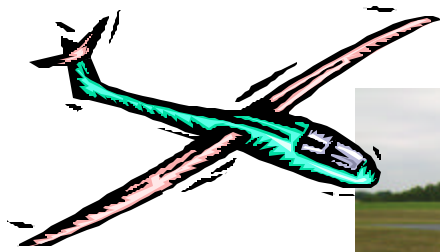
Open flying came around and all of the usual suspects came to the flight line to punch a few million holes in the sky. Early in the evening the raffle began and the RDRC Club President, Larry Lewis, led the action. Many Vendors, Individuals and Distributors graciously donated thousands of dollars in super cool prizes and I think everyone that won something felt like a winner, but more importantly I feel like everyone who participated in the event felt like a winner and that they had contributed to something much greater than this hobby. The futures of other human beings! The entire purpose for this event is to bring everyone together to raise money for a particular charity, while setting goals for the club and the event, while having tons of fun and enjoying the camaraderie that we share within this club and the great guys in our surrounding clubs, like the Tarheel R/C Flyers, The Wilson clubs, The Johnston County Club and many others. This years goal was set at \$15,000 and we went beyond that and landed at \$17,000 and all of that is going to the VICTORY JUNCTION GANG CAMP! WOW, guys! It's hard to believe. Now, just think about the kind of difference that could make for a handful of kids! That's a big deal and I am very proud to have been able to share the same 5 acres with everyone who attended this years RDRC Fly For Tots!

We'll see ya' next year!

-Chris Hockaday

Sept. 23rd @ the field





Some club members and there new planes!!!



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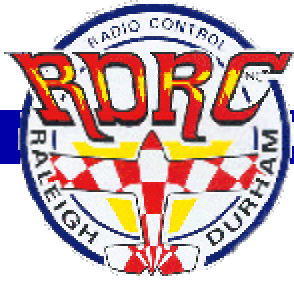
All club members are urged to submit material to be published in the newsletter. The material must be received by the second Saturday of each month. Text is easily submitted in the form of regular mail or e-mails sent to my address above, photos can be attachments in any format that your camera produces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

Note from the Editor

As most of you know, we finally have the doors of East R/C open now. We've been open for a few weeks now. But everything has still been pretty overwhelming. So I'd like to apologize once more for any lacking of content in the newsletter. I will always at least try my best to get you as many pictures to check out as possible! Never forget that I'm always open for any content you'd like to be considered for the newsletter, be it pictures, articles, or whatever!

- Brandon Hockaday





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