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President's Prop-Wash



Larry Lewis

Man, what a difference one-week makes! It was just the other day, we were all out at RDRC, wearing T-shirts, and tearing up the sky. Then, out of nowhere, Old Man Winter has reared his ugly head! As many of you are sitting home, watching TV, or building that winter project, I'm stuck here at the office waiting to see a snow flake fall. Actually, I'm praying for RAIN ONLY, but please don't tell my wife!

The 2008 flying season is upon us now. Already we've seen lots of new planes showing up at the field, and hearing about several projects on the building table. I've managed to get the first of many new planes in the air recently. That being, my new Quique Pitts Python. I only have a few flights on it so far, but all uneventful, and rewarding. But as luck would have it, my flights have been cut short by engine problems. Just a quick phone call to DA, and a few dollars more, I should be back at it. Robert Vess is in the final stages of finishing his Python now, so we'll have two of them busting holes in the clouds soon. Also, I'm just before flying something totally new to me. Recently I purchased a ready to fly Jet from a fellow modeler. He had stopped by our field while on business in Raleigh, and was flying this really cool jet, a Falcon 120 with a Jet Joe 1400 turbine. Plane flew GREAT, and had no problems at all getting in and out of our runway. I was really impressed with the plane, and turbine, as well as the price of each. Then it happened,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,. He said it was for sale! You can fill in the blanks from here! So keep a close eye on the sky folks!

I got a call from Neal Wall last night, telling me his new Hanger 9 P-47 jug made it's first flight this past Friday. Neal said all went well, and his personal test pilot, Drake "Mr. Mustang" Edwards did an excellent job of driving through the sky. He said he just needs to get it propped right, and he'll be ready for combat.

Have you guys and gals noticed all the pylon action going on lately? For some unanswered reason, we have a LOT of quickies showing up, hanging left turns low and fast. Our favorite plumber Wess, has TWO of them at the ready. And like the humble Wess he is, he's talking a lotttttttttttttttttt of smack! Sooo,,,,,,,,, That new in box Viper I had going to the BARKS swap meet, wont be going to the BARKS swap meet!!! Nor will that Nelson 40. Matter of fact, it's on the building table right now! ;) Of course, there IS that OTHER guy out there with a Nelson powered Viper!!!!!!!!!!!!

Speaking of BARKS, they're just a week away. I'm sure a lot of you have been digging through your stock in search of UN-needed items. But most of you are just looking forward to seeing old friends for the first time this year, and looking for that awesome deal. BARKS has become as much a friendly gathering place, as it has a place to sell and buy. Drake Edwards was nice enough to reserve many tables for any of us who wanted to sell, and several folks have done just that. Should be a lot of fun. We'll see'ya there.

As I said, the 2008 flying season has arrived, and RDRC has lots of plans in store for all of us. All of our fly in dates have been set, and AMA has approved our sanctions. Our first meet of the year is the annual Spring Meet. This year's date will be April 19th. Weather permitting, I know it will be a big hit as always. And before you know it, the FFT will be on top of us again! So hurry up and finish those new projects folks! We have a spot reserved just for YOU on the flight line!

Well, I guess I better get back to work now. As most of you are enjoying the falling snow today, I'm in the office catching up on paperwork. Yeah,,,,,,,,, good ole DOT ! ;)

Hope to see many of you next weekend at the BARKS swap meet.

-Larry

See y'all at the meetin'!!! This Wednesday!!! January 23rd!!!



Josh Bunn

A Few Words from the VP

Happy New Year to everyone out there. As I am writing this article it has turned cold outside and the weather man is calling for snow. It's hard to believe that 2007 is over. I am looking forward to the new year. I know there are a lot of new airplanes being built for the new season, just remember to double and triple check everything twice. I even have somebody else look over my bigger airplanes to make sure ever thing is working correct and that I have not missed anything. Also remember safety. I know that we had a few injuries this year and I would like to see us not have any at all. Remember if you are on the flight line to let the other pilot know what you are doing, like landing, taking off, etc, etc. Make sure you have your plane restrained or have someone hold it for you, don't taxi in and out of the pits. After you land you should kill the engine once the plane is at the pilots station. I have been asked a few times by club members about the new pilots program, so I will try to have another meeting to discuss this topic. I will get Brandon to post something when I come up with a time and place. Don't forget about paying your dues by February 1, all the lock combinations and online password will be changed then. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting and at the field.

-Josh





Minutes of RDRC meeting November 28th, 2007

By: Secretary 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 37 members were present. New members present were: Jason Jarvis.
- The minutes for the November 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 and reported a good year-end condition, with more money in savings that was originally budgeted
- A report was given by Larry Lewis about Steve McFaddin in the Kinston club and his giant scale accident that resulted in personal physical injury.

Old Business

- Larry Lewis mentioned that he was to talk with Mr. Richards about the proposed driveway maintenance and modifications.
- A search is underway to locate someone with a motor grader to do some work on the field and driveway. If anyone has any leads, please get this information to Larry Lewis.
- It was reported that the situation with the refrigerator and drink money is now under control.
- It was suggested that we have a simple audit in January to go over the financials for '07, and to discuss the financial plans for '08.

New Business

- The Spring Fly-in is scheduled for April 19th, Larry Lewis will get the AMA paperwork completed for this.
- The Fall Fly-For-Tots is scheduled for September 20-21st, Larry Lewis will get the AMA paperwork completed for this.
- The Giant Scale Fly-in is scheduled for October 18th, Larry Lewis will get the AMA paperwork completed for this, and Josh Bunn will take care of the IMAA paperwork.
- The RDRC Club Fun-Fly is scheduled for January 1st
- It was discussed that the club dues are due, and require a new AMA card before renewal can be done. The deadline for this is February 1st, at which time the locks on the Shelter & Impound will be changed to the new codes, as well as the log-in code for the RDRC Members Only section on the website. It was requested that the online renewal/new member form have the address to send funds to changed.
- The roster will be updated with new & paid members.
- The some of the tables at the field are getting in bad shape. It was suggested to have a table workday at the field sometime in January. Jay Benson agreed to take charge of this.
- A discussion of the field entrance sign was held, and agreed to update/repair our sign.
- Hobby-Lobby has donated a Senior Telemaster kit. East R/C will host a club build at the new shop location for all interested members, and will supply the misc. materials (covering, adhesives, etc) to complete this club project.
- Robert Vess made the nomination that all existing club officers be reinstated for the next term. All officers agreed to accept the nominations, and the club voted/approved this.
- The meeting was closed at 9:00pm

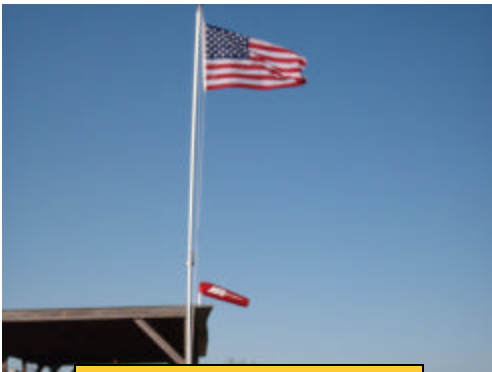




Now For The Fun!!!



New Years Day Fun-Fly @ RDRC



Man it was windy!!



Doing the Taxi Race



Setting up for Limbo

Continued...



Jan. 6th @ the Field



Some members New Planes



Austin Smith and his new Senior Telemaster, that he built in one night!



Dave Hockaday and his new 84-1/2" GeeBee "Y" Racer!



Michael Hollowell's new B-25, Extra 260 and Blade 400 Heli.



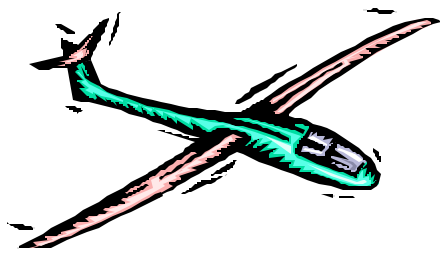
Larry Lewis and his new Pitts Python!



Neal Wall and his new P-47!



Me and my new F-18 and Cap 232



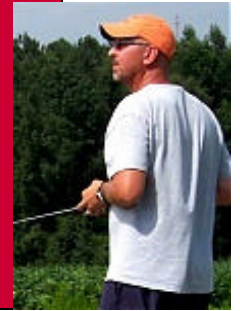
Open for business!!! Do you have an ARF kit that you just can't wait to get in the air, but you just don't know when you'll have time to build it? Then give Neal Wall a call! He will build it for ya in no time!

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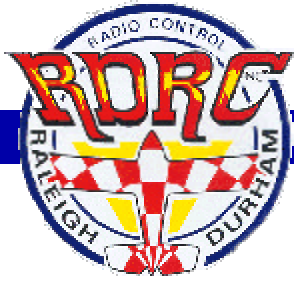
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Note from the Editor

Well Happy New Year everyone! I do believe we have a fun-filled year ahead of us. Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't already. All the lock combinations and online password will be changed on Feb. 1st. Also if you haven't renewed by Mar. 1st, your name will be temporarily removed from the current roster until you do so. Hope to see everyone at the meeting on Jan. 23rd!

- Brandon Hockaday





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