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President's Prop-Wash



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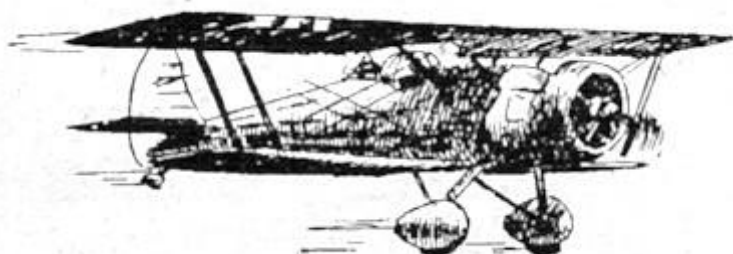
Howdy Folks,

I know it's been a while, and we didn't get a news letter out last month. Truth is, I've been as busy as a cat in the sand box. And our news letter editor has been up to his ears building a hobby shop for the rest of us to enjoy! But I did want to get in a few words prior to our meeting this month, and try to catch a few folks up on what's been happening lately. As many of you know, we had our annual Spring Fly In this past Saturday, and we had a great turn out for the event. There were 75 registered pilots, and lots of spectators to enjoy

the day. East R/C was represented by a table full of really cool raffle prizes, and we had a great variety of planes on the flight line. We did however experience something RDRC has been fortunate enough to avoid in past years. RF interference! And as much as I hate to say it, it was pretty bad. Several pilots on 72 MHz radios were losing planes to radio hits. It didn't matter what brand, or whether it was PPM or PCM. Also, all of the hits were coming from the same general area. The north east side of the runway, or what most people call, the big tree on the left! All in all, there were about 8 planes lost Saturday, and we have reports of two others lost just a few days prior. At the time, they didn't know we had RF noise in the area. Nor did we! After realizing there was a problem, we ceased all flying, called a mandatory pilots meeting, and informed everyone what was going on. It was a hard thing to accept, and even harder thing to announce, but it was the only right thing to do. Channels affected ranged from channels 29 to 54, but more may be affected. All of those flying on 2.4 experienced no problems at all, but many chose to sit it out just in case.

As of Monday, we have formed a talented team of experts to tackle our RF issues, and we feel confident they will both locate, and take measures to correct this problem. First thing of course, is to locate the source. The "Team" as I refer to them consist of, Tom Albright, Dave Hockaday, and A.B Gentry. A. B. is a member of the Tar Heel Flyers club in Elm City, but has volunteered his services to help us out. Also, the Tar Heel Flyers have offered ALL RDRC MEMBERS the use of their field until we get this problem fixed. They do however ask that ALL people taking them up on this generous offer, place their RDRC MEMBERSHIP CARD on the frequency board. This was a very kind offer from them, so please be sure and thank them when you get the chance.

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Back to the Rf issues..... Another thing you may have heard in recent days is the VERY generous offer East R/C has made to all RDRC members. If you DO NOT already have a 2.4 radio system, and were thinking about switching, East R/C has made the offer of selling new 2.4 systems AT COST,,, + tax! Again, this is for RDRC Members, and it only applies if you DO NOT HAVE 2.4 systems already. And by the way, it's not just Spectrum systems, but FASST also. Dave and his crew have made this offer so that we can keep RDRC members flying while we sort these issues out in the days or weeks to come. So please, if you already have a 2.4 system, let's not take advantage of their kindness, and let just those on 72 MHz have the opportunity to keep their planes flying with us.

I'll keep everyone updated on our situation, and hopefully have more news to share Wednesday night at our monthly meeting. Also, we will be having a committee meeting this Thursday night to discuss next steps in correcting this RF issue.

OK, enough bad news. Let's talk good news! First off, the drink fund seems to be holding its own these days. In the past, there was a little problem with the honor system we had going, but all that looks to be working out fine now. Jacqui made a SAMS run this morning, so we'll have a new stock of drinks in the fridge in the next couple of days.

Runway improvements were made, and we managed to fill most all of the low spots we had in the grass runway. Though we still have lots of bare spots, they are smooth! This was confirmed at our recent fly in by our very own Manny Hysenty,,HiesIN tri,, High Sin Try,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,Ohh,,,,,,you know who I mean!!!! That's nutty guy with the big war bird!!!!!! Thanks again to all who came out and helped. Now,,,,, grow grass growwwwwwwwwwwww.

Though I have lots to talk about, we're going to keep this really short for now. Brandon and I will have much more for you in the coming days, and we'll try to get a regular news letter out in the next week or two. I might even get ole Robert Vess to write up a cool article on our recent trip to the Langley Full Scale Tunnel. Wow, what a blast that was!!!!

He has some really neat pictures to go with it. But until then, please try to attend our monthly meeting this Wednesday night.

See Ya then,
-Larry

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

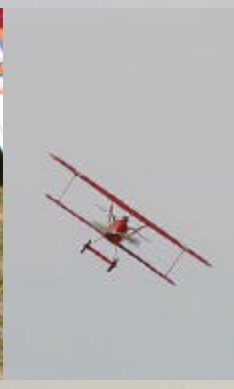


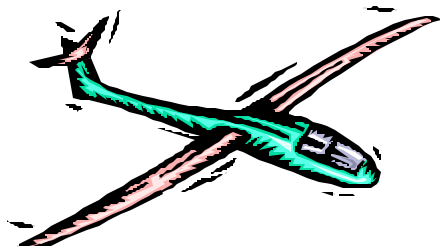
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All club members are urged to submit material to be published in the newsletter. The material must be received by the second Saturday of each month. Text is easily submitted in the form of regular mail or e-mails sent to my address above, photos can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

Note from the Editor

What's up everyone? Once again, I'm sooo sorry I couldn't get out a newsletter last month,and this one is kind of short and sweet. I have been absolutely swamped, and believe it or not, this newsletter typically is anywhere from a 4 to 8 hour project. Either way, hope to see you guys at the meeting!

- Brandon Hockaday





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