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President's Prop-Wash



Larry Lewis

Hello Fellow Flyers,

The month of February has certainly flown by, and we're another month closer to our spring opener. April 11th is just around the corner and I know we're all ready for warmer weather. I must say it's been really cool to see the high numbers of members that braved the winds and colder temps to get in some flying these last two months. Already we've seen some of those winter projects making their maiden flights. I'm pretty close myself to burning some jet-a in my new Euro Sport, and Josh is firing back up on his Falcon jet now that he's done with the TBM Zero. Robert Vess has again introduced his little foam design of the early 90's, the 2EZ, and it's making a big splash in its *electric* version. Everybody wants one, but there are still a couple of little issues to work out with it. First, the CG we've been flying these things at is WAYyyyyyyy off! That's a simple problem to deal with, and Mr. Vess has already determined exactly where it SHOULD be. I wish all of you could see the detail and research Robert has been putting in to this little delta. He recently started using a really cool computer program called 'Solid Works', and he's using the 2EZ as a learning tool to get better skilled with it. Imagine watching flow fields on a 2EZ in 3D imaging as soon as you make the computation changes. WOW! I'm simply blown away by this programs capabilities and I think I could watch Robert work with that stuff all day.

With all the fly in's popping up on the 2009 schedule now, it won't be long before the "Traveling Circus" hits the road again. We've had several RDRC members' state they plan to join in on the action this year, and we're really excited about having some new faces in our crowd. Even long time RDRC member Bill Hubbert has said he WILL be traveling to some of the meets with us this year. Bill is also entering the world of gas (yes,,I said GAS) engines, and he's really excited about that. Bill will have all the help he needs making that adjustment and I know he'll really love it. In fact, we've had several members making the switch, or at least joining in on powering their planes with gas engines in recent months. They cost a little more to buy, but they are a lot cheaper to operate. And speaking of trying something new, Josh Bunn will be on the flight line with a Turbine in 2009! As I said before, he's close to finishing his new Falcon, and we plan to drag him to Fentress this year to have a bucket of fun there. If you've ever wanted to see a jet meet, you should think about going to Fentress with us. Or at least drive up for the day. It's only 2 hours away and makes for an awesome one day road trip. Just ask Cleveland Meeks. Also, several of the Rocky Mount club guys attend for the day. It's the weekend after Joe Nall and the weather is usually very nice. So mark your calendars ;)

Joe Nall!!!! Wow, it just a few weeks away now, and that's all I hear at my house. Not from me, but my WIFE! Holy Cow. It's Joe Nall this, and Joe Nall that! She is so excited about flying there this year. She hasn't been able to fly as much as she wanted the last two months, and now she's dying to get in some practice with her Gee Bee. She says she WILL be standing on that flight line this year, but NOT as a spotter! That's her main goal this year. To fly the Nall, and fly it well. I really don't think she'll have any problems doing that. But come on,,,,,,A girl,,,,,at Joe Nall,,,,,FLYING! Something has got to be wrong with that. NOT!!!! ;)

So what's up at our field? LOTS! I must say, things are running very smoothly these days and everyone is having a great time flying together. We continue to mix well with our different flying styles or aircraft type, and for the most part everyone has respected each others different styles of flying. Not that we don't have ANY problems, but they are few and minor compared to some clubs. It sure is nice to belong to such a great group of modelers.

Everything is a go for our spring meet. AMA has sent all the paperwork, sanctions etc, and the food folks are lined up to. As in past event, the proceeds from the food sales will go toward charity. This event will be a 'fly anything' event, and we sure hope you'll be a part of it. Just like FFT, we're not looking for the biggest, or fastest, or coolest plane, and we're certainly not looking for the most talented pilot. We're looking to bring ALL modelers of every skill level together for a day of fun and fellowship. Doesn't matter how new, or old you are to the hobby. Just bring your stuff and fly.



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

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The economy,,,,,,yuk! We all know it's tuff, and like most small businesses, hobby shops are taking a big hit. Even the major model distributors are being forced to take action in one form or another to keep things rolling through these times. But it's the local hobby shops we ALL need to be thinking about now. Folks, these guys depend on US to keep the doors open. In that, I mean that it's we, the modelers, that bring the dollars into their stores and make it possible for them to provide us a place to buy. What troubles me is when I hear about folks trying to work them down on their price, or bully them in to price matching something on the internet. Come on guys. Is it really worth saving two dollars on something that we'd let our LHS be forced in to closing the doors? Heck No! I know times are tough, and we ALL are looking for ways to save money. But I really don't thing a few dollars saved on the internet is going to make the difference in you staying in the hobby or not. But if everyone does this, it puts a tremendous strain on the LHS's themselves. Sadly, one of our LHS's is now going out of business after 20+ years of service in our area. We don't need this guys. It's up to us to support these guys, in the way they have supported us. I don't think many of us have thought about it, nor has the LHS itself mentioned it, but I will tell you this. In just its first year and a half of operations, East RC donated more than \$20,000 in gifts to sanctioned events all over our state. Yes,,,I said \$20,000,,,,,, And we are willing to haggle them down a few bucks or send our money to some un-known distributor to save a few dollars. Then, when the doors are closed and we don't have a LHS to go to, what will those people say then? Better yet, what about when they need a few simple items to finish that new project? Or how about a gallon of fuel? I know this. I love having a LHS to pick up those little, or big things. I love having a LHS I can just hang out at when I want to get away from the house for a little while. I love being able to SEE the item I want to buy and put my hands on it, inspect it, and size it up BEFORE I spend my hard earned dollars. And more than any of that, I love the support I get from these LHS's, and the service they provide to us throughout the year. Will they always have every little item you want? Of course not, but they can try. And we modelers must keep this in mind, especially in these tough economic times, it takes money, and lots of it to run a hobby shop. It's not always as simple as us saying, "*You should order this, or stock that, or buy THIS brand*" But it is their job to try, and I really feel these guys ARE trying to do that. But just like you and I, they are faced with many new problems every day. This is where WE come in folks. We MUST show our SUPPORT for them. I seriously doubt any of us have given thousands of dollars to them and expected nothing in return. They have donated to us for two reasons. One of course is advertisement. Hello,,,,,it's a business! But secondly, and what I think is more important, it's because they care about us, and just like us, they love this hobby. There are a million easier ways to make a living other than running a hobby shop. But we're blessed enough they chose US over something else. So come on friends, let's do the right thing here. Ok? I'll drop this for now, but please folks, think about this for a while. We can't afford to loose these guys, and they certainly can't afford to loose us, but that shouldn't be considered a bargaining chip for us.....

I hope to see you all at the field soon. The weather is getting better, and the days are getting longer. It won't be long before those 9 hour flying days are back ;) As always, I look forward to it.



Larry



A Few Words from the VP

Josh Bunn

Well with me the war bird business. There is always a need to learn how to make repairs to the wings around the retract area. Most of you know I had a bump up on the war bird and I have some repairs to do. I was talking to Larry about matching the paint and he reminded me about the article that Roy Vaillancourt had on his web site on how to use exterior latex paint to make the repairs to the plane.

This is the link to the web site <http://www.vaillyaviation.com/Intro.html> .

Just look down the left hand side and you will see the two articles on this.

The great thing about latex is you can get it in just about any hardware store and the color will match perfectly. An added bonus if the stuff is safe to paint in your shop, and you do not have to worry about getting sick from the fumes. Once I get the gear back in to the plane I will let every one know how it turns out.

Also remember to pay your dues, we will start check to see who has and has not paid them. As of the last meeting if you are flying on 2.4 you must put your membership card on your transmitter. I will be going around in the next few weeks and make sure everyone has a holder for your membership card.



-Josh



Minutes of RDRC meeting

By: Secretary Dave Hockaday



Minutes from last months meeting, January 28th.

Meeting began at 7:37pm

There was one new member present, Scott Beer

Treasurer Dustin Hedrick couldn't make it, so President Larry Lewis gave treasurers report. Club funds is still in great standing
Dustin had passed the word along that we still need bids for this years grass cutting contract. At point of meeting, approx. 70 people had renewed. Everyone was reminded that dues are due.

Old Business

It was brought back up that we still need to get loads of gravel hauled in for the path that the club had agreed upon last year. Larry Lewis is working on this.

New Business

Discussed the idea of installing more power outlets.

Went over the stipulations of Associate Members

Decided to start displaying membership cards in plastic pouches on transmitter while flying. This way everyone knows if someone is flying, whether or not they are a member, since most people use 2.4Ghz now, and have no need to impound their transmitter. Josh Bunn is working on getting pouches.

Discussed what to put on brick that the club agreed on purchasing for the path at the Victory Junction Gang Camp.

Went over some AMA rules

Jason Jarvis brought up that he got the application to fill out for having the mall show before the Fly-For-Tots.

Larry Lewis informed everyone that the sanctions are taken care of for the spring fly-in

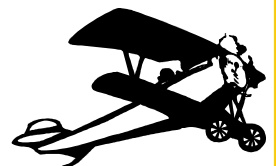
Discussed whether or not to stick with IMAA fly-in in fall, or to possibly change it to a warbird fly-in. It was decided to keep it a IMAA meet.

Official part of meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

For show and tell, Larry Lewis and Robert Vess showed cores for 2EZs and discussed everything needed to make one, and how to make one.

Dave Langridge also showed pics, plans, and some parts from a giant scale motor glider he is starting to build.

John Knoy also showed the East R/C Flying Machine prototype that he built and explained his history with the plane and what it can do.



I have just received this from Jim Webb of the Hanover RC Flying club. Looks like it could be a good trip out with an indoor electric flyin after the swap meet.

Dave D

Reminder - 1 Month Away

Dear Model Aircraft Enthusiast,

This is an invitation to a Swap Meet and Indoor Electric Fun Fly sponsored by the Hanover Radio Control Flying Club. Please forward this invitation to your club membership distribution list and feel free to post the information and/or attached flyers on your club's web site or other forums or networks you participate in.

Hanover Radio Control Flying Club 7th Annual Swap Meet and Indoor Electric Fun Fly.

Saturday, March 21, 2009 - Swap Meet 9:00 am to 1:00 am and Indoor Electric Fun Fly 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Prizes and Concessions

Swap Meet Admission \$5 - Tables \$8 each

Fun Fly Spectator Admission Free with Swap Meet Admission, \$2 for non-HRCFC Club Members, free for HRCFC club members.

Fun Fly Pilot Landing Fee - \$5 for Non-HRCFC Club members, free for HRCFC Club members. Pilots must present a valid AMA membership card. Transmitter impound for non-2.4GHz transmitters.

Location - Fairmount Church - 6502 Creighton Road Mechanicsville, Virginia

Watch for more details - http://hanoverrc.org/swap_meet.htm

Questions or Table Reservations - jimewebb@comcast.net



February Club Meeting!!!

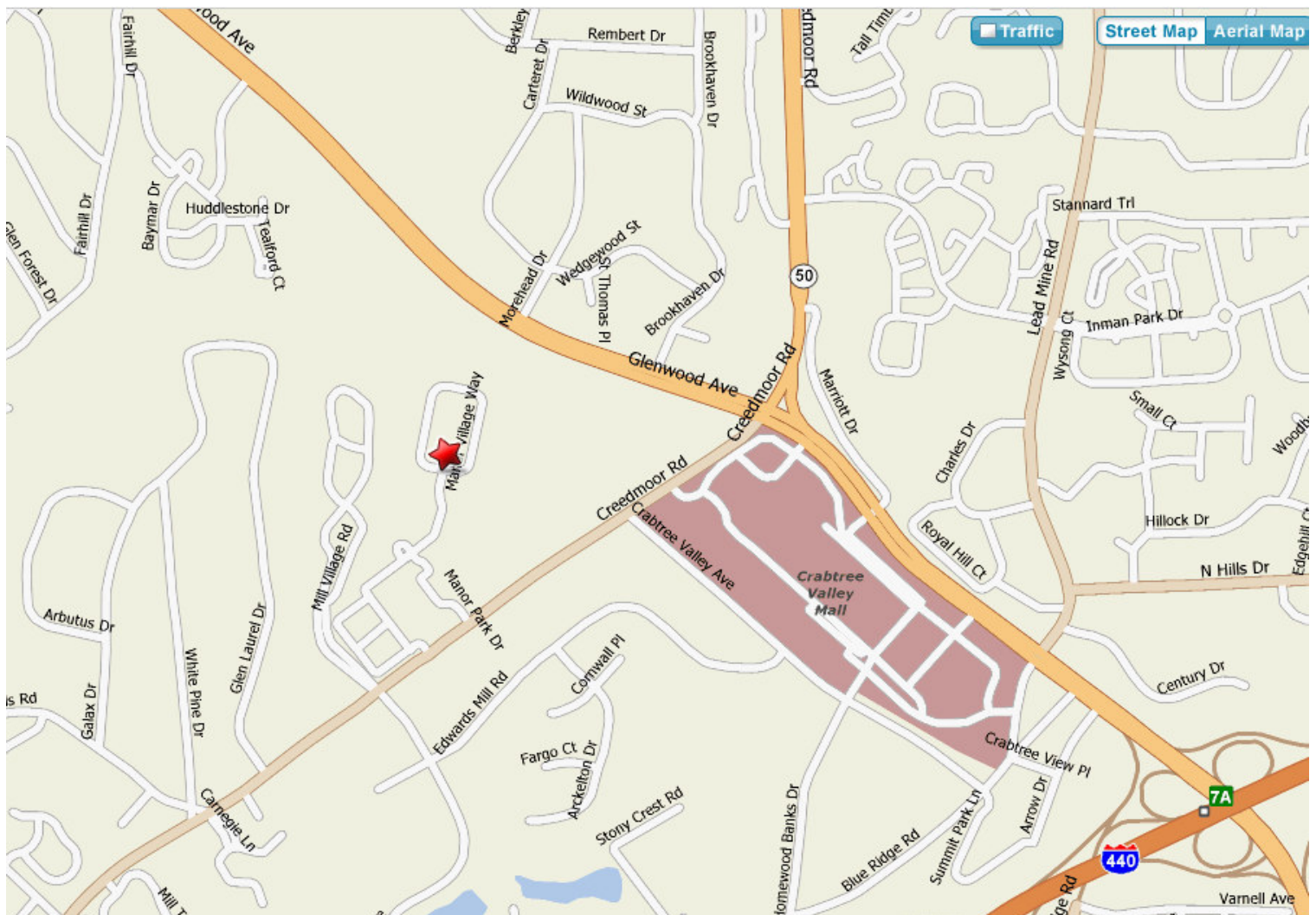
February Meeting Place. After checking out a couple of spots located by RDRC club members, it has been decided to have the Jan RDRC meeting at a location found by Manny H. This month's meeting will be held at **Camden Manor Park Apartments** club house. It's located off Edwards Mill Rd. That's just up the hill behind Crabtree Mall. We have been provided **the lower club house** facility (this place is so big they have TWO club houses!).

The physical address is:

**Camden Manor Park
4500 Manor Village Way
Raleigh NC 26712**

When you get there, keep right and travel to the lower North West end of the complex. Pretty much, you just keep going down hill and turning right. When you see the swimming pool, you're there. They will be providing chairs. We might be a little cramped if we have a really big turnout, but should be ok. If you get there early, you can enjoy the pool table, foosball, air hockey, big screen TV, etc etc etc!

I want to thank Manny for finding this place, and also want to note, he has taken care of any monetary issues needed for us to use this place. Thanks Manny. If you guys have any trouble getting there, just call me at 215-3946





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