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## President's Prop-Wash



Larry Lewis

Holy Cow!

Another month has past already! Seems just a couple of weeks ago we were having our June club meeting and already it's time for the July gathering! Just in case you haven't been to one of the latest meetings, we're now meeting at the Pullen House off Durant road. This new location is really working out nicely, and seems to be much more convenient for most of our members. So we hope to see you there

this Wednesday.

Quite a bit has happened in the last four weeks, so I'll try to cover it as best I can.

Fly Ins! As in the past, the RDRC Traveling Circus has been burning the roads down and attending/supporting area clubs, as well as out of state event. Recently, several of us attended the 2009 "Rally of the Giants" gathering in Hamburg Pa. Even though we battled the rain for most of the trip, we all had a great time. This was by far one of the most beautiful flying fields we have visited. Just some of the RDRC gang attending were Robert Vess, Myself, Josh Bunn, Mark Glazer, Drake and Dane Edwards, and Mike Vaughn. We also had several of the Rocky Mount gang under the tent with us. Mark Farmer, Joey Joyner, Kenny Kicklighter and his wife, and Jimmy.

Next on the list was Henderson RC's first annual fly in. Talk about an RDRC turnout!!!! We had no less than 20 RDRC members attend this event. Most of us met up for breakfast and enjoyed shooting the breeze and knocking back some good food. The Traveling Circus added a few new faces to the group as well. Non other than Bill Hubbard himself was in the crowd! Bill was initiated in the typical fashion to the Traveling Circus crowd, and we even taught him the secret TC hand shake!

*Shhhuuuuusshhhh Bill,,,,,,don't tell anyone our secrets! ;)*

Also in attendance was the very likeable Ken "Mr. Yak" Wade. This was Ken's first trip with us, and I'd say he must of liked it because, he right back in the convoy this past Saturday. Robert and I feel Ken will be easy to ruin, and he'll be as immature as the rest of us in no time at all! Another familiar face in the crowd was Jose!!!!!! He didn't make the breakfast event, but made it to Henderson in plenty of time to put on a show.

Pat Taggard was even in the crowd!

Seriously though, I think if you asked any of these guys what they experienced riding along with the RDRC gang, they'd tell you it's all about having fun. We sure liked having them along and look forward to seeing them more often. So,,,,,,like we've been telling all of you the last year or two, load'em up and hit the road with us. We promise you'll have a good time.

So what's on the horizon for RDRC? Well,,, I'm glad you asked! ;)

## **Mall Show**

Or should I say RDRC Expo 2009? Folks, we have one heck of a mall show brewing up thanks to Jason Jarvis. Jason as many of you will remember had taken on the responsibility of organizing this years mall show events. Things were looking good for Triangle Town Center again until,,,,,,. Apparently, they have determined that EVERY square inch of the mall should be considered rentable space, even if it IS for a charity event. It was going to cost RDRC \$200+ to put our planes on display, and we could not sell raffle tickets while there. So Jason set out to contact other sources and locations. In the end, he made a great connection with the new North Hills Mall and they are really excited about us being there. Not only that, but they're giving us the PREMO set up location to do it in! I'll let Jason give all the important details at the meeting. After all, this is his baby! But I will tell all of you now, set aside August 22<sup>nd</sup> on your calendars. You don't want to miss this one folks. I've been by the location for a quick peek, and it's absolutely GREAT! This should be our best display event ever.

## **Fly For Tots**

Yes, it's almost here again! This has been the fastest year I can remember folks. Seems just a few months ago we were dropping our jaws in amazement when we announced \$26,500.00 had been raised, and here we are already, getting things set up for the 2009 event. But set up time it is, and set up we will. Already we have a couple of new sponsors and the grand prize this year will is going to blow peoples mind! It's awesome to say the least. Chris Hockaday will be updating the FFT web-site in the days to come, so be sure to keep your eyes on that. Also, we should be getting raffle tickets produced very soon, so we'll be passing those out to members to begin advanced sales. Hey, you'll want to buy a few of them yourself when you see them! Of course, there are several things we will be doing to the field itself in the weeks ahead. One of which is to remove the chain link fence on the north end of the pits. We are talking about the rear sections of fence, not the one attached to the shelter itself. We discussed the presence of this fence at the last meeting, and pretty much all agreed it creates more of a nuisance to members on the weekend, and definitely creates a problem during FFT. Removing this fence will open up the pits area more and not cause an obstruction to modelers getting to their planes. It also allows us to move the tent line and models further back, making it a safer area to be in during the flying event. We'll save the fence materials and use them in the fall project. That being, moving the building and shelter to a better location. Yup. Lots to do folks! We'll talk more about all of this Wednesday, so be sure to make it there. ;)

## TRASH PICK UP

You read it right! Trash pick up. In recent months trash has been a real problem at RDRC. Seems we have plenty of use with the barrels, but little attention given to emptying them. It's a common sight to see our trash barrels full of busted planes, food wrappers, and cardboard boxes. Problem is nobody wants to be the one that empties them. Also, we've had quite a foul odor drifting up and down the flight line as a result of standing rain water in the bottoms. Well, the gentleman that does our mowing now (and a fine job of it at that) has offered to empty our trash barrels by-weekly for a very reasonable price. This offer was discussed at our last meeting and voted on. So, we now have a pick up service being put in place, and hopefully will not face the problems of flying off a land fill anymore. But still we need you guys to help. Please, do not take advantage of this service and overwhelm our cans with excessive trash. Especially trash from home or business. Yes, we're paying to have it hauled off, but it's for trash created AT the field. We will also be getting lids made for the barrels to prevent water from getting in them. Who knows? We might even get a bucket of paint and purty them up a bit!

## DRINKS

Although we're not losing money lately, we have noticed profits have dropped a bit. It is apparent drinks are walking off again. Also, we need to monitor who goes in and out of the building more. I'm talking about non-members. We have no problem selling a drink to visitors, but we should be the one going to the building to get it. I have had a few reports lately guys on four wheelers driving up, going in the building, and leaving with a couple of drinks. Yes, maybe they paid for it, but who knows. Read into that the way you want, but the bottom line is this not a required service offered with our membership dues. Jacqui has been kind enough to keep the fridge supplied with drinks as much as she can. She offers her time to run to the store, buy the drinks, and stock the fridge when she comes out. Hey, she'd rather be flying to! Sadly, I've heard reports of folks complaining and making smart remarks about not having drinks in the fridge, or not having the brand they want. The brand thing is no biggie. Jacqui has always said she'd be glad to buy what you guys and gals like to drink. Just leave a little note on the fridge door, or talk to her. But the complaining thing needs to end now. She does this because she cares about the club and wants you guys and gals to have a cool drink when needed. Anyone feeling the need to fuss about it needs to take over the job! Nuff said,,,,,,,,,,,,, Lets talk about good stuff some more.

And that will begin Wednesday night, 7:30 at the Pullen House. Hope you folks can make it out. We have plenty to talk about, and hopefully look at. Yes, LOOK at. Lately members have been bringing several of their new projects to show off to us all. THAT'S what makes meetings good, not business items. Although we do have to take care of the business items each month, it's the general conversations and socializing we like most. Well, at least I do! (*keep your comments to yourself here!!!*) lol

With that, I'll leave you to the rest of the newsletter. Take care, fly safe, and join us at the field.

Larry



## A Few Words from the VP

Another month has gone by and it hot outside. There has been a lot of activity at the field and new airplanes in the air. A few weeks back some of the club members went up to Warbirds over Delaware. If you are into warbirds this is a must attend fly-in. With it being an IMAA event the airplanes are all giant scale. They had over 200 pilots and every type of aircraft. Myself, Manny, Drake, and Dane were there from the club. There were pilots from as far away as Canada. At noon time they flew 44 world war one airplanes at one time.

There was also a groundhog that did not like all the noise and took out a little revenge on an air plane. If you go to you tube and do a search for “Warbirds over Delaware 2009” you can see the video of this, its very funny.

Jason has been hard at work on the mall show, and its looking like it will be a great show.

One thing I have been asked in the last few weeks by club members is how do I become a circus member. Well if you are a club member then you are a circus member. There is only one rule. **YOU MUST HAVE FUN.** If you have never been to a fly-in with the gang then you do not know what you are missing. I would encourage ever one to try to make at least one fly-in this year. You will have a great time and will laugh so much your side will hurt for the next week. I hope to see every one at the meeting





## Minutes of RDRC meeting

By: Secretary Dave Hockaday

### Minutes of the RDRC Meeting June 24, 2009



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 22 members & 1 guest present.

There was no secretary's report for this month.

Safety Officers Anthony Wiencek and Mark Lofgren had nothing new to report. Mark recommended using a glove if having trouble starting a engine. It was reminded to keep airplanes on the other side of runway when doing 3D.

Dustin Hedrick gave a treasurer's report and stated that the treasury is in good condition and under budget.

#### Old Business

The new CO2 fire extinguisher is installed in the building. It was obtained for free from someone Larry works with.

#### New Business

A motion was made to have the trash cans emptied by the lawn maintenance person for \$20.00/month, and passed.

A discussion was held and motion made to remove the last two sections of fence on the north end of the field, and passed.

A position of Field Marshall was discussed, to determine maintenance needs to be done at the field. John Kiesler was asked to do this job, and he accepted.

Mall show- it was learned that it would cost \$ 200.00 to rent the space for the show. A motion as made to not do this, and it was voted to not hold the show at Triangle Town Center. It was agreed to look into the possibility of a mall show at either Crabtree Valley Mall or North Hills Mall. Jacqui Lewis agreed to check into the North Hills location.

Christmas Party- Jacqui Lewis will check into dates, and get back with the club at next month's meeting.

Fly-for-tots- Larry Lewis will contact sponsors. Horizon has already stated they will help out.

Larry Lewis asked all member to try to get sponsors.

Contest report- none

The meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m.



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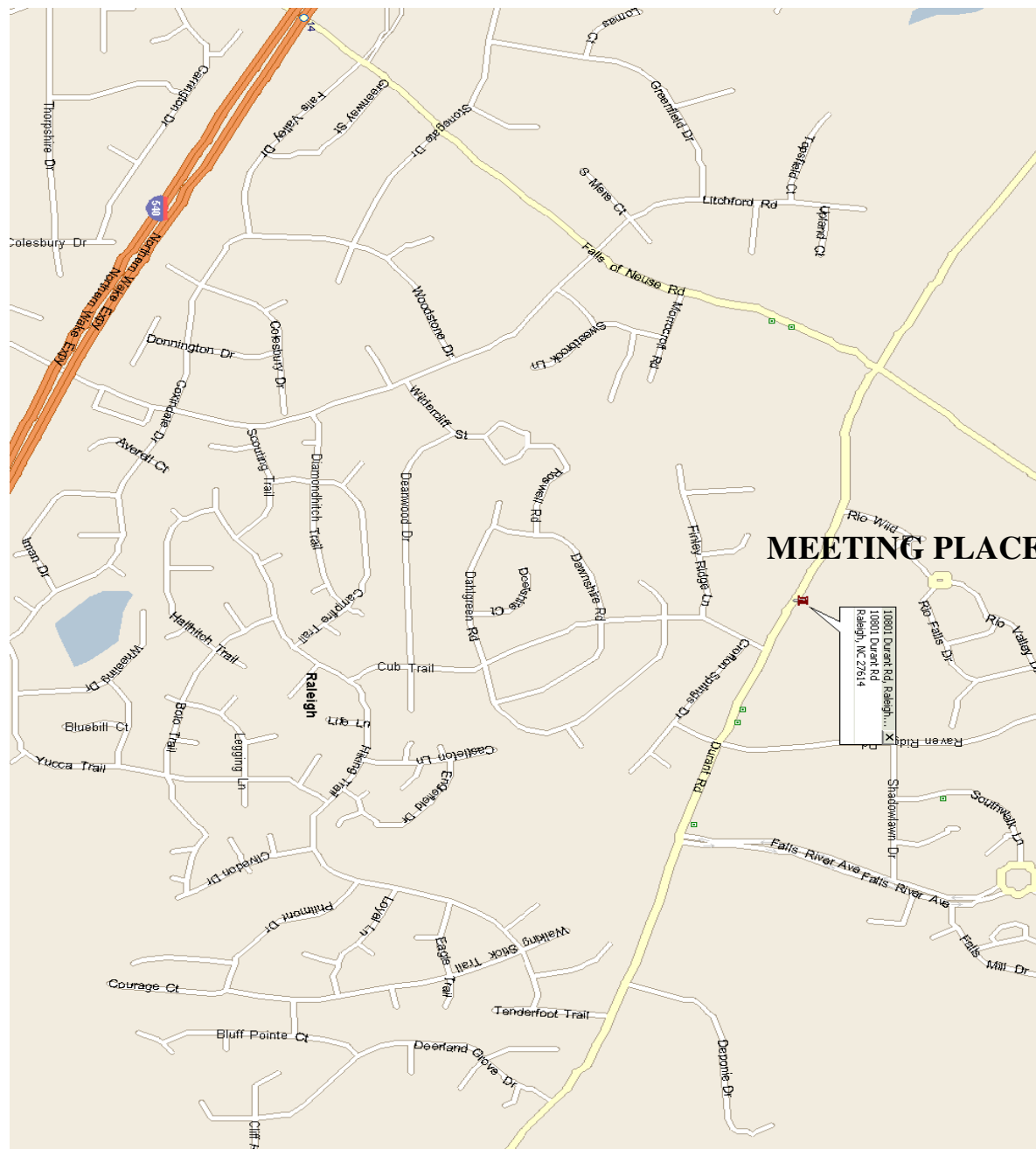
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### Submittals:

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



### Note from the Editor:

**Not a lot to talk about as Larry has said most of it. Don't forget the EAST RC and SCOTWORKS street party this weekend. 9 til 4 in Vance Street, Zebulon. Be there or be...somewhere else :) Seriously though folks, last years party was excellent and this one looks like it is going to be even better!!**

**<http://www.eastrc.org/events/2009/> for more details.**

**And for those thinking of joining the Circus on a trip, all I have to say is, don't do it if you hate laughing!!! :) it is the best fun I have had for years!!!**

**Dave Langridge**



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