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PRESIDENT'S Prop-Wash

THE HEAT IS ON!!!!!

Holy Chicken Roast Bat Man!!!! The Joker has certainly turned the heat dial up these last few weeks. I don't know about you guys and gals, but this ole boy is ready for the fall! The heat has been intense these last few weeks, but still RDRC members have toughed it out and stood on the flight lines to burn fuel. Id say we're hooked on the hobby pretty bad huh? Recently,

Robert Vess, Joe Rafalowski, Jacqui and I loaded up our trailers and headed to KY for the annual "Jet over Kentucky" meet. It's held in the little town of Lebanon KY, and it has become one of the largest jet meets in the US now. When we arrived on a Weds afternoon, we were greeted by smothering heat and humidity. We unloaded our toys, and went for it anyway! Word was, it reached 104 degrees on the flight line, and boy could you feel it! NO standing behind a running turbine for me!!!! Still, even with all the heat and thunder storms, I was able to get in well over 20 flights between my Euro Sport and Falcon jets. Robert kept his King Cat in the air most of the time, and Joe Rafalowski treated us to some beautiful BVM F-100 flights. In fact, Joe won top honors for his efforts being awarded the *Vernon Kramer* "Award of Excellence". Vernon Kramer was known for his amazing building kills and attention to detail with all of his jet projects. They have named this award in his honor, and we all applaud Joe for being the first recipient for this prestigious award. All in all the Jet meet was a blast. It was well worth the long drive to get there. About 500 miles worth! Of course, we weren't the only NC folks there. Joe King and Greg Williams were on the flight line as well. Id say the NC gang had quite an impact on the numbers there.

If you'd like to see pictures and get a better idea of what fun we all had there, check out the RC Universe thread here http://www.rcuniverse.com/forum/m_9471799/mpage_17/key_/

So what's next on the schedule? Well, in just over a week several of us are loading up again and headed to Amish Country USA for another jet meet. Joe, Jacqui, myself, Greg, Joe King, Jeff Foley, Mark Farmer, Brad Foley, and Mike Saleby are headed to PA for the "Liberty Bell" jet meet. Hopefully, Robert Vess and Bill Fillmore will be in the group as well.

Come On Vess......It'll be fun! This is a great jet meet located in the heart of PA. Absolute beautiful country side, and located close to Hershey Park. We're really excited about going. And of course, Jacqui will be taking measurements for custom wing bags while she's there!

You will always like some people more than others, but it's important not to dislike the one you like the least.

Jim Charbonneau 1995.

Jackie Sacks!!!!!!

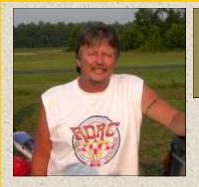
WOW! Talk about a business taking off fast! It all started at our First in Flight jet rally back in May of this year. After years of request by me and some other RDRC members to make wing bags, she finally gave in! If you haven't seen any of her latest designs, you need to! These are very high quality bags, and they look great. Of course, starting a new business like that these days, you need things like web-sites, logo's, business cards etc. Thanks to a couple of RDRC members she now has all of that going now also. Jason Jarvis was kind enough to start up a web-site for her. In the coming weeks, Jason is going to teach her how to run the site. Jason did an awesome job on the site and you can check that out at www.JacquiSacks.com. Although the site is brand new, it's had a ton of hits already. Be sure and check it out. Of course, now she needed a Logo to put on the site, business cards, and ultimately on the wing bags themselves! That's where Robert Vess stepped up and created yet another really cool design. This dude is full of creative ideas and it amazes me what he can come up with in a short period of time. When you log into the web-site, you'll see his work at the top of the home page. This will also be featured on business cards and logos in the near future. In fact, Jacqui is picking up her first sign today! She's really excited to say the least. Although she will make bags for any model out there, her main intent is to produce custom wing bags for models not typically covered in the industry. There are several companies offering bags for Yaks or Extra's, but little of non offering quality bags for jets or scale type models. Already she has made ties with a few jet distributors and one local importer of large scale models. Let's just say the sewing machine hasn't stopped yet! Oh.....I have to thank one more person before I move on here. That being Matt Balazs. Matt is the guy that actually came up with the name Jackie Sacks! While several of us were having lunch together last season and trying to talk Jacqui into doing this, he jokingly said she could call them Jackie Sacks! As Jacqui said, it sounded somewhat comedic, but considering most of us acted like kids anyway, we'd remember a name like that! Well, turns out they were both right! So THANKS Robert, Jason and Matt.

2010 Fly for Tots!

Unbelievable! A year has passed already, and FFT is on us already. We're only 8 weeks out folks! I must admit I have been so busy with work and family affairs; I have hardly applied myself to preparing for FFT. Here is a LOT to do and a short time to do it. This week I'll be getting the yearly letters out to potential sponsors, hotels, and other attendee's. We still need to put together the grand prize, get tickets printed, and start selling them. We'll talk in more detail this Wednesday at our monthly meeting so I hope you all can make it there. Lots to do as always, but I know we'll get it done. For now, I ask all of you to make an effort to sign on a new sponsor or look for donations to make this year a success. It'll be hard to beat last year's event, but we always seem to pull it off don't we?

Before closing I need to address a couple of topics. Mainly it concerns comments forwarded to me about flight line safety and rules. There is a deep concern with some members about the style of flying going on at RDRC, or more directly, the safety in which some members are not adhering to while flying. We need to discuss these topics at the monthly meeting and se if we do in fact need to update our club flying rules, or just reinforce the ones we have. I will say this. RDRC is a very diverse club representing every type of model and flying style out there. And that's one of the things that make our club so great. I don't think we ever want a club that restricts all of us to flying a race track pattern all the time, anymore than we'd want a club that required you to fly only 3-D all the time. But we do need to respect each others style, and give everyone a chance to *Do Their Thang*. So long as it is done safely! Anyway, we'll hear out the concerns this week and see what course we need to take. For now, try to stay cool and get in as much flying as you can. Hope to see you this week at Pullen House.

Larry



Minutes of RDRC meeting

By: Secretary Dave Hockaday

Minutes of the RDRC Meeting June 23rd, 2010

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Larry Lewis.
- 25 members and guests were in attendance.
- The minutes of the May meeting were read by Dave Hockaday. The minutes were passed as read
- The treasurers report was given by Dustin Hedrick. Dustin stated that we have total funds of \$8,717.02 and discussed the club expenses for the month. It was noted that a fire ext had been purchased for the club and was in the shed.
- The safety officer's report was given and it was discussed to have help when checking out new and/or repaired aircraft to insure correct control surface operation and other safety related items. No safety issues required discussion. Mark mentioned to be sure and read the safety column in the RDRC Newsletter.

Old Business

The First in Flight Jet Rally was discussed

- o 70 Pilots were registered
- o 11 States & Canada were represented
- o Great turnout and support from city of Wilson was exceptional
- Larry explained the differences between CO2, Dry Powder, and Water fire ext's.
- The Pylon Racing event at Old Julian Airplort in Burlington was discussed
- The discussed the need for a new Windsock, and the status of same.

New Business

- The memorial for Big Jim was discussed, and services are scheduled for 6/26. It was agree to name the fall Giant Scale meet as the "Big Jim Memorial Fly-In". It was agreed to buy a plaque and a brick at Victory Junction in Jim's honor, considering how much he loved this event and the kids it was helping.
- A breif discussion was held upcoming FFT and the loads of things to do in preparation for the event.
- There was no contest report.

The meeting as adjourned at 8:35.

Internet Access at RDRC

High speed internet access is available at the RDRC field for those of you with laptops, iPhones, netbooks, and other wireless devices. We have installed a feed for our cameras and weather equipment, and included a wireless router for support of other wireless devices. Some of you had mentioned wanting to help support the internet feed for the field data streams in exchange for secure wireless access at the field. If any of you are interested in this, send an email to: wb4iuy@teara.org If anyone wants to chip in, we'll pass along the rotating security codes to those who support the system.





Mark L ofgren

Safety Officers Report

SAFETY FIRST—Club members are expressing concerns about a variety of safety issues that stem from the different types of airframes we see at the RDRC field and the different types of flying styles. The conflict might stem from the club's rules that were drafted when the majority of members flew sport, pattern, and scale planes. Things are different now, so we need to talk about it. Next week's meeting will open the membership to suggestions for safe flying for all. Please attend the meeting to present your suggestions that can be used to develop guidelines, not strict impossible to enforce rules, that meet the general needs of the club as it strives to provide a safe flying location for all interests. Bring suggestions, not gripes or personal attacks.

Email me at <u>clipclop@mindspring.com</u> with any suggestions if you can't attend. Perhaps it is time to draft a "Proposal for Safe Flying for All Members Regardless of Airframe or Flying Style" to be voted on by the membership. Hopefully, any proposal will be less verbose than the title!! See you at the meeting.

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2010 August

8/7/2010 -- Hickory, NC (C) BOB WILSON MEMORIAL FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Ernest Masche CD PH: 828-310-8823 Email: ifly_rc@embarqmail.com. Visit: www.wham-rc.org. 1000' grass and paved runways, primitive camping, no hook ups, lots of parking. Breakfast and lunch by Drowning Creek Fire Dept. \$7 landing fee, 50/50 drawing and pilots prizes. All types of aircraft welcome, great fun and fellowship. Sponsor: WEST HICKORY AERO MODELERS

8/7/2010 -- Winston Salem, NC (C) RAMS SWAP MEET. Site: Gate 9 Coliseum Anex. Gerald Simmons CD PH: 336-817-1070 Email: sonyt@aol.com. Visit: www.riversiderc.com. Food, drinks, air conditioning, prizes, drawings, raffles. Visit web site for more info and directions. Sponsor: RI VERSI DE AERO MODELERS SOCIETY

8/14/2010 -- High Point, NC (C) WARBIRDS OVER DIXIE. Site: Ccrc Flying Field. William Garner CD PH: 336-869-3431 All RC warbird models except ones that are electric powered. \$10 landing fee, beautiful grass flying field. Registration 8:30AM, prizes, food, fun, pilots choice awards, t-shirts. All frequencies. Sponsor: CENTRAL CAROLINA MODELERS

8/21/2010 -- Greenville, NC (C) RC HELICOPTER FLY IN. Site: Frankie Coburn Memorial Field. Frankie Coburn CD PH: 252-714-2679 Email: ramhorn@suddenlink.net. Visit: www.ncspacecowboys.com. Any RC helicopter can fly gas, glow, electric, turbine, food and drink on site, 2.4 will not be impounded, 72 will be impounded, vendors welcome, take bypass around Greenville and follow the signs, come and fly with us and have a great time, reg starts at 0800 fly at 0900 Sponsor: NORTH CAROLINA SPACE COWBOYS

8/21/2010 -- Hubert, NC (C) 4TH ANNUAL NEW RIVER MODELERS FLY IN. Site: Stenhouse Field. Carl Zavalney CD PH: 252-224-1264 Sponsor: NEW RIVER MODELERS ASSOCIATION

8/27/2010 - 8/29/2010 -- East Bend, NC (C) 9TH ANNUAL RANDY COVINGTON ELECTRIC FLY IN. Site: Riverside Rc Airfield. Mark Covington CD PH: 336-983-9126 Email: covingtonrandy@gmail.com. Visit: www.riversideaeromodelers.com. Open flying, Stryker and T-28 racing, night flying Friday and Saturday. Steaks Friday, spaghetti Saturday. Call Tony Simmons PH:336-985-3696 or soyt@aol.com by 08/06 for your steak. \$5 landing fee per day, start time 10AM. Sponsor: RIVERSIDE AERO MODELERS SOCIETY

8/27/2010 - 8/29/2010 -- Wilson, NC (A) EAST COAST HLG FESTIVAL. Site: Club Field. Richard Proseus CD PH: 252-236-2201 Email: rproseus@yahoo.com. Events 441(JSO). Friday is informal flying and practice rounds. Sat and Sun AM prelims followed by finals. Lunch provided Sat and Sun. F3K rules enforced. USA Team selection qualifier event. Sponsor: DOWN EAST SOARING SOCIETY

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Submittals:

All club members are urged to submit material to be published in the newsletter. The material should 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).



Thoughts from the slipstream:

Summer heat, but still a bunch of flying going on. Last weekend the high was 101.7 degrees F at 4.17pm!! Just about the time I left for cooler places!

Don't forget the meeting this Wednesday (28th July 2010) at the normal meeting place at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there to get the safety points sorted out. One thing to remember is that when someone calls out LANDING you should NOT wander out onto the runway to put your aircraft down!! Have the courtesy to wait until the plane has landed and the pilot has brought the aircraft to a halt. Just common sense after all.





