



PRESIDENT'S Prop-Wash



Larry Lewis

Hello RDRC!

Oh Yessssssssssssssssss!!!!!! It's THAT time already. Time for FFT 2010!

This has been one of the fastest years I can remember (maybe its my age?) and FFT is upon us already. Lots to do, lots to buy, and lots to display! Display??? Of course! It's time to do our annual North Hills Mall Show THIS SATURDAY! Jason Jarvis has arranged all the details and we just need to

show up with our prides of joy. As far as I know, everything will go down the same as last year except we may be doing some flying across the road! I'll let Jason elaborate on that. Also, we'll be selling raffle tickets. Jacqui is suppose to pick those up Tuesday, and we can pass those out to all wanting to sell advance tickets. Have you guys seen the grand prize for this year? HOLE "E" SMOKE!!!!!! It's nothing short of amazing!

Repairs and upgrades have begun at our field in recent days. Still some painting to be done (hint hint Manny) and some mowing also. Allen has agreed to cut the back lot, while Randy Long has arranged to borrow the big John Deer again and furnish his time to cut the front field. Jacqui fabricated a new wind sock for us, so we'll know which way to take off! And Dave Hockaday has been hard at work keeping the web-site updated daily. It amazes me how much work goes into this event. Im so thankful we have the people we do willing to help out! This past Sunday, Josh Bunn and I tested out the new RDRC Pyro Explosion devices! Ka BOOOOOOOOOOMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM!!!!!!!!! These things are going to be GREAT! The war bird guys are gonna love this.

Although the economy is really tough on all of our vendors, several have come through big time. We are getting daily confirmations on prizes, and packages are starting to show up on my door step as well as Roberts. We just cant thank these people enough folks. A few of the distributors I talked to noted they are barely keeping the doors open, and of course some of them had to decline on sending items. We understand this, and hope things turn around soon. On the other hand, some of our sponsors actually stepped it up! Horizon Hobby, Hayes Hobby, and J-tec really knocked us out of our boots! Again,,, we are so very grateful to ALL of our sponsors. Please folks, take time to look at the names on the board this year, and make a point to thank them. Better yet, order from them! I know we all look ways to save a buck these days, but take note to the ones that are supporting us! I can assure you, it's not the basement bargain suppliers you find on the internet. Lets send support back to those who support us.

MEETING TIME!!!!!!

Geeez, Didn't we just meet a couple of weeks ago? Actually it's been a month already, and we have one last meeting before the FFT event. PLEASE FOLKS. I urge you all to come. We still have plenty of details to work out, and we could use your input in doing so. So please make room in your week to attend this months meeting.

I hate to end this months newsletter on a sad note, but we must. I'm sure most of you have heard of the passing of Bill Hubbard. This has been a tough year on RDRC. First we lost Big Jim, and now Bill. For those who don't know, Bill was one of the long time members left in RDRC. In fact, he was an RDRC member for 42 years! That's a long time to be a part of any organization. We are sad to have lost Bill, and we wish him God Speed. I always told Bill he was my inspiration for growing old.

I could only hope I would be enjoying the hobby as well as he did at age 83. Still very active **flying, and walking through the pits with a big smile on his face. We'll miss you Bill.....**

See you all Wednesday ,,
Larry





Jason Jarvis

A Few Words from the VP

Wow, I can not believe how fast this year seems to be flying by ! It must be true, time flies when you are having fun !

The big topic this month is of course Fly for Tots, I'm sure Larry will address this one, but everyone please plan to come out to the meeting this week. We need plenty of volunteers and to sell as many raffle tickets as we can. We have some time to make up this year, so we need everyone to pitch in to reach our goals.

If you haven't heard, we will have our pre-Fly for Tots mall show at North Hills shopping center again this year, Saturday August 28th. Everyone is welcome to come out, set up a plane or two for display and to share our hobby with the public while attracting some attention to Fly for Tots. North Hills was very accommodating last year, and was happy to have us back again this year. If you or your significant other does a lot of shopping, keep all the stores at North Hills in mind.

One topic I would like to touch on has been bothering me for a while now. When I first became involved with RD-RC one of the things that impressed me was that I could see anything and everything fly on any given weekend. Warbirds, trainers, helicopters, jets, aerobatic and 3D planes all together at any time. We still have that, I witnessed it this weekend, but I have noticed a disturbing trend to start referencing each other, sometimes negatively, as **"Helicopter Guys", "3D Guys", or "Warbird Guys"**. I know we have issues some times, and it is up to each of us to fly courteously and by the rules, but let's not drift toward being one of those clubs, divided and pigeonholed. We all love things that fly, let's be courteous to each other, and remember we have a hobby and club in common that makes us one big family.

See you at the meeting and on the field !

Jason



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

Jim Gharbonneau 1995.



Minutes of RDRC meeting

By: Secretary Dave Hockaday

Minutes of the RDRC Meeting
July 28th, 2010

- The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Larry Lewis.
 - 17 members and guests were in attendance.
 - One new member and one guest introduced themselves.
 - Michaels and Askew-Taylor were brought up as sources for foam board and Depron.
 - The treasurers report was given by Dustin Hedrick. Dustin stated that we have total funds of \$7,174 and discussed recent club expenses of \$531.50 including grass mowing, toilets and power.
- The club discussed and approved the expense of \$100 for a memorial brick at Victory Junction for Jim Charbonneau.

Old Business

- The fall giant scale fly-in will be named **“The Big Jim Memorial Fly-In”** in honor of Jim Charbonneau.
 - Jims Victory Junction plane will be donated to Victory Junction. Josh Bunn will handle this.
- Discussed flying a plane at Fly for Tots in memory of Jim, a club member will read “High Flight” by John Magee**

- The minutes of the June meeting were read by Jason Jarvis. The minutes were passed as read.
- A safety discussion was lead by Mark Lofgren. Recent events have prompted members to question a need for additional rules. Some expressed an interest in additional rules, others prefer to enforce existing rules **and apply a “common sense” approach. Mark circulated suggestion forms inviting members to document safety situations and propose reasonable and enforceable solutions.**

New Business

The mall show was discussed. Jason Jarvis is handling arrangements with North Hills. The show will be held on August 28th.

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.



Fly for Tots

- Discussed tasks, volunteers and assignments.
- Larry Lewis is working on a sponsor appeal letter.
- Robert Vess has flyers designed, 2,500 copies will be printed within a week.
- Robert is contacting additional sponsors.
- Bob Richards will contact Waste Industries
- Membership agreed on a landing fee increase of \$5, new fee is \$15.
- A call was made for additional volunteers.
- Jeff Phillips will again handle pyrotechnics. We should expect more pyro this year !
- Helicopter rides were discussed, with potential parking and landing area conflicts being an issue.
- Parking layout was discussed, including a new layout for campers, with the intention of better utilizing parking and flight line space.
- A local church will handle food on Friday..
- Arrangements for the AMA tent were discussed.
- Discussed the possibility of replacing the Scootworks tent canopies.
- Local media was discussed, along with frustrations of recent years. Larry will contact the Rolesville Buzz, who did an article last year.
- Voted to purchase 250 Fly for Tots t-shirts at an approximate cost of \$1,240. Jason Jarvis is handling arrangements.
- Discussed on-line sales of tickets and difficulties experienced last year.
- 3,000 raffle tickets will be printed.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:19

Show and Tell

- Ken Wade shared his Great Planes Shoestring.
- **Larry Lewis displayed Jacqui's new Jackie Sacks wing bags.**
- Dave Hedrick shared his EPP electric foam eagle.



Safety Officers Report



Mark Lofgren

SAFETY FIRST Revisions to the current field rules are near completion and will be posted in next month's newsletter for members' review and comment. Such an important piece of business requires careful attention and input. Fly-for-Tots is the club's primary concern at August's meeting, so the revisions are tabled for a month to avoid distraction.

Please email any suggestions for the revised rules to clipclop@mindspring.com.

The proposed, revised rules are a "tweaking" of existing rules to reflect the changes in members' flying interests, not a massive, oppressive list of do's and don'ts. The club still operates under the field rules as posted in the RDRC website. Remember to fly from a flight station; huck, hover, zoom and boom east of the paved runway; don't taxi into or out of the pits; don't fly over the pits; give priority to landing aircraft, especially deadsticks; loudly call out your intentions; and be considerate of others.

Mark Lofgren

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The passing of Bill Hubbard.

Please pass on my thanks to the members of the club. I enjoyed reading all of the comments posted about my dad. I knew he was a special man, but it was really nice to read how much the club members thought of him. I enjoyed meeting several members who came to the wake. Now, I can put a face with a name. I was amazed to learn that he had been a member of the club for 42 years and that he has taught many to fly. He loved the time he spent at the field flying his airplanes. I find comfort in knowing that he is probably flying his airplanes up in heaven as we speak.

Ken is working on gathering early pictures of dad when he first joined RDRC. He is planning on sending them to the club. I understand that the club is interested in doing a project on the history of the club. Dad would have loved that. I look forward to reading more about that project and will check out the website frequently to see the progress.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Lynda Cummings

Sent in to the RDRC reflector by Stephen Schmidt
on behalf of Lynda Cummings, Bill Hubbards' daughter.

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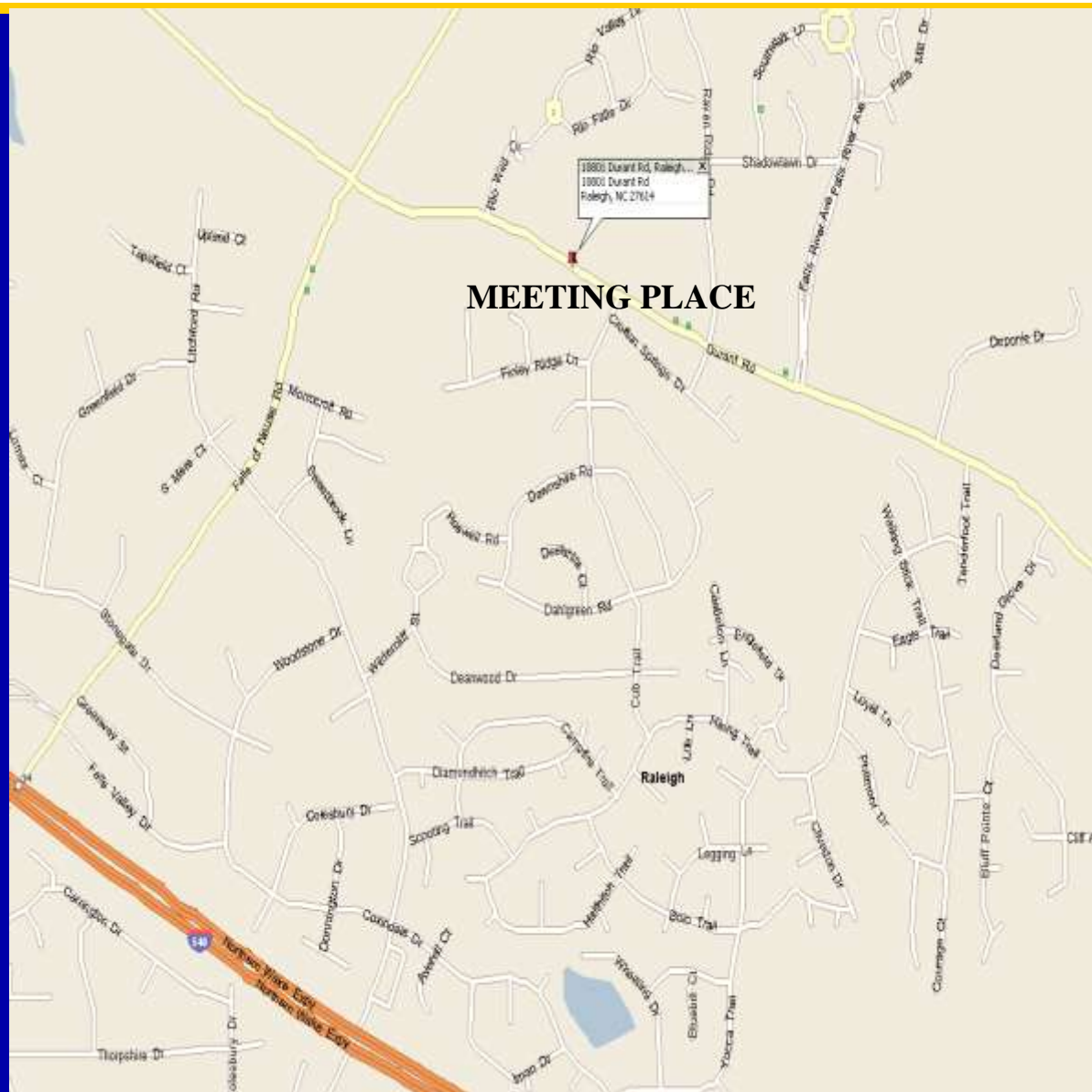
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Submittals:

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

FFT TIME!!! For those of you who have not volunteered as yet there are PLENTY of openings!! Car parking, cooking, ticket sales, bin men!!, all need to be done, all can be done much more easily with a lot of people rather than one or two!! So come on guys, join us at the Premier Charity Event of the YEAR and **let's show all our visitors just what the RDRC can do when we all pull together!!!**



See you at the meeting, the Mall show and then at Fly For Tots 2010!!



Scenes from Fly for Tots 2009





