



PRESIDENT'S Prop-Wash



Larry Lewis

The dust has settled, the field is empty, and RDRC has returned to its normal activities once again. But September 17th through 19th was something to behold!!!! You would never have known tough times were upon many of us, or the fact the economy was kick'n our butts. Why???? Because FFT 2010 brought together 221 pilots from all over the eastern seaboard, and once again we not only met our goal, but blew it out of the water! Just in case you've been in a cave somewhere and hadn't heard, FFT along with the greatest modelers anywhere, raise an amazing \$27,500 at this year's event! Simply awesome! Many of us knew going in to this year's event it was going to be very tough. It was going to be harder on those traveling, and certainly harder on everyone's pocket. To be honest, we really were not too sure if we could get as many pilots as last year. And we knew it would be tougher to sell as many raffle tickets, even though this year's grand prize was even better than last years! What would make the difference this year, and how would we get more spectators to watch the show? These were just a couple of the many questions we had going in to this years event. Then, as in all years past, wonderful things started to happen weeks....well, DAYS before the event. If I had to single out one major accomplishment that led to our success this year, it would have to be our long awaited and much needed media attention! After all these years of struggling to get coverage, if only by a single source, this year FFT hit the mother load! Not one....not two....but three major media sources gave RDRC and FFT the much needed publicity to get the public out this year. Channel 11's weekend weather guy Steve Stewart had been visiting our field a few times prior to FFT and made it a point to advertise FFT during his weekend reports! I didn't get a chance to watch any of them, but many folks have stated to me he really pumped our event. Again, this was DURING his weather reports! How awesome is that? And then there was Channel 5's very own Scott Mason. Most of you know Scott as the guy who host and produces the "Tar Heel Traveler". Scott and his camera man came out to RDRC the Thursday before the event. They filmed for nearly 3 hours, asked a ton of questions, and got to know many of us at RDRC. Then, they jump in the car, head back to the studio and literally produced an awesome episode that aired THAT SAME NIGHT! It was great, and most importantly, it reached a huge base of viewers that made it a point to attend our event. Oh, and it wasn't just Thursday night they aired that episode. They aired it Thursday night, Friday and Sunday morning! If you haven't seen it yet, click on to the Fly for Tots web-site. There you will see a link to it that Dave Hockaday has put on the site. So.....we have BOTH major television stations now. What could top that? How about News and Observer putting it in two of their local publishing? That's right! It made both the Northern Wake, and another paper they put out. If that were not enough, we also received help from the Youngsville paper and the Louisburg paper!



All of this media attention was awesome, but there was another REALLY important contributor that made FFT a huge success. The 2010 FFT Mall Show, organized by our very own Jason Jarvis. In fact, it was there that one of the reporters from News and Observer was made aware of our event. The weather was great, and all of us there had a good time. Some of us even got in a little flying during the show. We really would like to thank Jason for a job well done, and thanks to all of the club members that took time out of their day to bring out their prize models to display. We look forward to doing it again next year.

So FFT 2010 is in the books, and we couldn't be more proud of the job everyone did. I know some of you get tired of me saying thanks, or repeating the same praise I try to give you all. But I just can't go without saying it. You truly deserve it all, and it still amazes me what we all accomplish year after year. Hey, here's something some of you may not know. With this years total (\$27,500) we have donated nearly \$100,000 to the Victory Junction Camp alone!!!! We have donated \$98,100 to be exact. Imagine this. Within the first hour of next year's event, we will reach the \$100,000 mark! How awesome is that? So again, thanks to all of you that worked so hard to make FFT happen again. You really are the best of the best.....

So what else is going on in and around RDRC these days? Well, a few of us have been doing a little racing. Robert Vess, myself, Dustin Hedrick, Clyde Long and Marshall Sanderson all loaded up the truck and **headed over to Julian NC once again. Only we weren't competing in Club 40 this time. We were burning up the pylons poles in 424 class. This class of racer uses the more traditional style pylon racing airframe, but is limited to the same stock Thunder Tiger Pro 40 engine. We had an absolute blast racing, and can't wait to return in the spring. We hope to bring along more RDRC members then as well.**

Speaking of racing!!!!!! **Next month we'll be holding our very own RDRC club 40 event.** Many of you have been practicing with your Raiders, and we can see the foam forming around your mouths **now! It's going to be a blast. It will consist of a simple two pole course, and we'll use basic flaggers to run the event. Robert and I will not be competing, as we'll be running the event for the others. This will be a very low key event, and meant to produce lots of fun for all. Best of all, any of you that are racing will be competing against your RDRC buddies. We'll run simple two or three plane heats, with points awarded to where you place. At the end of the heats, we will have a fly off race consisted of the top three racers in points. Trust me, it'll be a blast. We'll get the details out to everyone very soon. So get that Raider ready folks!**

Anyone up for a little Indoor Flying? A good size group of folks met Wednesday night, Oct 20th at the **Wendell Community Center for just that. RDRC's Dave Hedrick organized the first of many indoor meets, and it was a huge success on its first time out. This facility has tons of room, high ceilings, and a great pit area for all those flying. Last nights event had 20 pilots, and several spectators there to support the "Little Bull" air show. Dave says he plans to hold several events throughout the winter months, and I highly encourage all of you to check it out. It's only a few miles east of Raleigh, and well worth the drive out. I think the coolest thing I saw last night was our very own Doug Holland. He was there flying one of his scratch built, single channel indoor models, and doing an amazing job of controlling it. What was so cool about that? Well I'll tell ya! You see, Doug is only 84 years young! I can only hope and pray I'll be having that much fun in the hobby I love at that age. Thumbs up to you Doug!!!!**

Ok, its time I let go of you ear now. Lots to do and I know you're ready to read the rest of the news letter. Oh, thanks again to Dave Langridge for producing such a great news letter month after month. It's been second to none Dave! Hope to see you all at RDRC





Minutes of RDRC meeting

By: Secretary Dave Hockaday

Minutes of the RDRC Meeting
September 22nd, 2010

- The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Larry Lewis.
- 16 members and 2 guests were in attendance.
- The treasurers report was given by Dustin Hedrick. Dustin stated that we have total funds of \$5,954.05 and discussed recent club expenses including grass mowing, toilets and power.
- No secretaries report or reading of previous months meeting was done. Dave Hockaday was unable to attend, and the minutes were not yet posted online.
- Safety Officers report was given by Larry Lewis. Larry stated that there have been no major issues. Heli stations were implemented for Fly for Tots which went very well. The heli stations and area will remain in place. There was some discussion of the pattern not being followed at all times during Fly for Tots. The possibility of a pattern arrow was discussed. Kerry Hawkins was complimented on his duties as line boss during Fly for Tots.

Old Business

- Fly for Tots was the majority of discussion at this meeting.
 - \$27,500 was raised and will be donated to Victory Junction. A club member donated \$400 to the net proceeds of \$27,100.
 - It was noted for the first year we had good press prior to the event. This included several mentions of the event on local television and radio, including weather reports by Steve Stewart on channel 11 news and a **spot on the program "Tarheel Traveler"**
 - It was reported that Ernie Masche (a modeler and NASCAR photographer and reporter) called in to a satellite radio NASCAR program to discuss FFT and Victory Junction.
 - The plan for improved use of the north end of the runway went well.
 - Pilot and spectator parking went well.
 - Motorhome parking was good and bad, it was noted that we still need to improve upon the motorhome parking situation, possibly moving them along the tree line.
 - Jason Jarvis reported on t-shirt sales. Our net proceeds from t-shirt sales during FFT was \$1,053.03. It was agreed that we will continue to sell remaining t-shirts over the coming year, applying proceeds toward next years t-shirt purchase.
 - Issues and improvements for next year.
 - o More portable toilets
 - o Additional parking
 - o Possible Gator or other vehicle to provide a shuttle service.
 - o More handicap parking, this area was reported full.
 - o Locals spectating from the path on four wheelers was a safety issue that was discussed.
- Larry was approached at one point by a disgruntled neighbor with general complaints about the club, noise and flying over her house.
- Larry thanked everyone involved for their hard work and support of Fly for Tots.

New Business

- November 13th is the “**Big Jim Memorial**” **giant scale fly-in**. Betty Charbonneau (Jims wife) will be able to attend.
- Discussed and agreed to an award for the event, honoring the modeling spirit of Jim. Larry will work on this.
- The possibility of a mass Radian launch during the event was discussed.
- The possibility of adding shrubs to the flight line was discussed. Some club members had recently attended Georgia Jets and were impressed with the arrangement there. The requirement for irrigation was discussed, possibly a rain barrel. Larry and other members will price shrubbery,
- The need for a field improvement committee was brought up, along with the idea of a 5 year plan.
- The possibility that we may be able to have the runway refinished at a significantly reduced cost was discussed. This was offered by a fellow modeler to Larry.
- Due to the continued loss on drinks and the apparent theft from the drink money box, the club will no longer provide drinks in the refrigerator.
- The possibility of a drink machine was discussed, Larry and Dustin will investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Don't forget the meeting this week!!
10/27/10

Notices - Upcoming Events

October

10/30/2010 -- Beulaville, NC (C) EAST DUPLIN RC FALL FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Lawrence Lewis CD PH: 919-215-3946 Email: rclarry@aol.com. This is a fly anything event. Food on site, \$10 landing fee. Registration starts at 8AM, flying 9AM til ? Sponsor: EAST DUPLIN R/C FLYERS

10/30/2010 -- Rocky Mount, NC (C) WARBIRDS OVER ROCKY MOUNT. Site: Town Creek Field. J Foley CD PH: 252-537-5237 Email: jefffoley@charter.net. Come enjoy a day of warbird flying at our outstanding flying site. Runway is 700x100' with clear approaches and flying area. Primitive camping is available and food is served. Sponsor: TARHEEL R/C FLYERS

November

11/6/2010 -- Bessemer City, NC (C) 9TH ANNUAL VERNON HAYNE OLD TIMER FLY IN. Site: Lewis Brook Field. David Mays CD PH: 704-735-3347 Email: dmays@stilesmachinery.com. Visit: www.gastonrcflyers.org. Bring your old timer, WWI fighters, cubs and t-crafts. Enjoy a day of good flying, good friends and good food. \$10 landing fee. Flying starts at 10AM. Sponsor: THE GASTON R/C FLYERS

11/6/2010 - 11/7/2010 -- Goldsboro, NC (C) 4TH ANNUAL WAYNE MINIATURE AERONAUTICS HELI FLY IN. Site: Rosewood Field. Jimmy Pernel CD PH: 919-915-0954 Email: jfpernell@aol.com. Visit: www.wayneaero.com. Landing fee \$10, primitive camping allowed, bathroom facilities. Flying 8AM to sunset both days. Plan on camping and night flying both days. Raffles and prizes. Sponsor: WAYNE MINIATURE AERONAUTICS

11/6/2010 - 11/7/2010 -- Lumberton, NC (C-Restricted) GIANT SCALE FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Horace Skipper CD PH: 910-738-3098 Email: skipperfamily@aol.com. Sponsor: RENO RC CLUB

11/6/2010 -- Vanceboro, NC (C-Restricted to IMAA) Southern Air Annual Big Bird Fly In. Site: Gaskins Field. Michael Zaytoun CD PH: 252-229-9161 Email: michael@zaytouncustomcabinets.com. Pilot registration \$10, pilot meeting 9am, 100'x600' beautiful open runway, plenty of parking, primitive camping welcome, great food, lots of prizes. Sponsor: SOUTHER AIR RC

11/13/2010 -- Fayetteville, NC (C-Restricted) PEIDMONT WARBIRD FLY IN 2010. Site: Club Field. Kent Porter CD PH: 919-538-6811 Email: kent@porterscales.com. Visit: www.piedmontaeromodels.com. Come enjoy our site. Early arrivals welcome. Camping encouraged, food avail on site Saturday only. See web site for details. From I-95 take exit 58, travel north on NC13, 2.4 miles, turning Rt on Hayfield Rd, travel 1.3 miles to Wade-Stedman Rd. Cross over at stop sign. Travel 0.2 miles to club field on left. Sponsor: PIEDMONT AEROMODELERS

11/13/2010 -- Youngsville, NC (C-Restricted) BIG JIM MEMORIAL FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Joshua Bunn CD PH: 919-291-6374 Email: josh@qualityplusautomotive.com. Visit: www.rd-rc.org. This is an IMAA event. Sponsor: RALEIGH DURHAM RADIO CONTROL

North Hills Mall Show 08/28/2010



Fly for Tots 2010

Dateline : Sept. 17-19 in Youngsville, NC. Tobacco and soybeans surrounded a small but well kept field in this rural setting North of Raleigh. On this particular weekend, this seemingly remote location that is actually the home flying field for the Raleigh-Durham Radio Control club became the center of the universe for thousands. This was the end of the rainbow for the pilots and spectators at the 2010 RDRC Fly-for-Tots event! Despite an economy that seems determined to remain slow, there was no stopping the "magic" of FFT.

Over 220 pilots treated the steady stream of enthusiastic spectators to the wonders of radio control in virtually countless forms. You see, Fly-for-Tots is a "fly-anything" event that is by all accounts the largest in the country. Foamies fly alongside jets, helis, and any other type of flying machine on this weekend. And the average RC pilot feels right at home next to the high profile, sponsored pilots and vice versa. The noontime demos are a mixture of the unique (like Bob Richards' flying leaf blower or Eric Meyers' turbine powered aerobatic sailplane) with world class demonstrations of "RC-skill" (like the RJ Gritter/Jamie Hicks/Chris Haas 3D aerobatic show or Kenny Thompson "killing it" with his heli). Sure, there are jets, rockets, T-28 gaggles and warbirds (complete with pyrotechnic bombing effects!). And who can forget the ever-popular candy drop that is executed in grand form over RDRC with the participation of many, many delighted kids. There's music, vendors, tasty food, and something to smile about every minute. It's truly a "feel good" atmosphere for three entire days.

But all of that simply forms the foundation for the real purpose of Fly-for-Tots. Everything happens with one goal in mind. To somehow convert the enthusiasm, excitement, or even love of model aviation into something that might somehow enrich the lives of less fortunate children. We all come together on this one weekend to raise as much money as possible for a worthy, North Carolina children's charity. Again in 2010, we chose to support the [Victory Junction](#) camp in Randleman, NC. As the event staff visited this camp in previous years, each of our hearts was touched and we collectively knew that this was the organization that we wanted to support.

So as we flew and educated the public about our sport, all aspects of the event were serving our financial objective. And in true FFT form everyone responded in their own individual way, which culminated in a donation that should once again reach a mark around \$27,000! We never know what will happen and are proud of anything we accomplish for our charity. But somehow the magic of the Fly-for-Tots prevailed again and we exceeded our expectations in these tough times. And we had tons of fun in the process! What will the 2011 bring?

In an effort to give those who were unable to join us this year a glimpse of this "RC-happening" I've uploaded the many awesome pics from the cameras of Dustin Hedrick and Dave Langridge into the following posts. Note that these pics cover Thursday through Sunday. And I urge anyone who has additional pics or comments to upload them in this thread. And I hope to see YOU next year!

<http://www.flyinggiants.com/forums/showthread.php?t=57117>

Follow the link to the thread and all the photos.

Words by Robert Vess, as seen on [Flying Giants](#)

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Indoor electric R/C event!!!! Wendell Community Center Wednesday October 20th. 7pm-10pm

From the Flying Giants Circus thread by Robert Vess...

Dave Hedrick and company pulled off a great indoor fly-in last night! The Wendell Community Center was plenty large and ideally suited for this type of activity. I was told that 20 or so pilots registered and even more showed up to watch. We even had Raleigh Hobby on-site with a bunch of electric products for sale. What a great time! Dave says that we can expect more fly-ins here over the winter months. Great!

Here's some pics. It's hard to get these things in flight!



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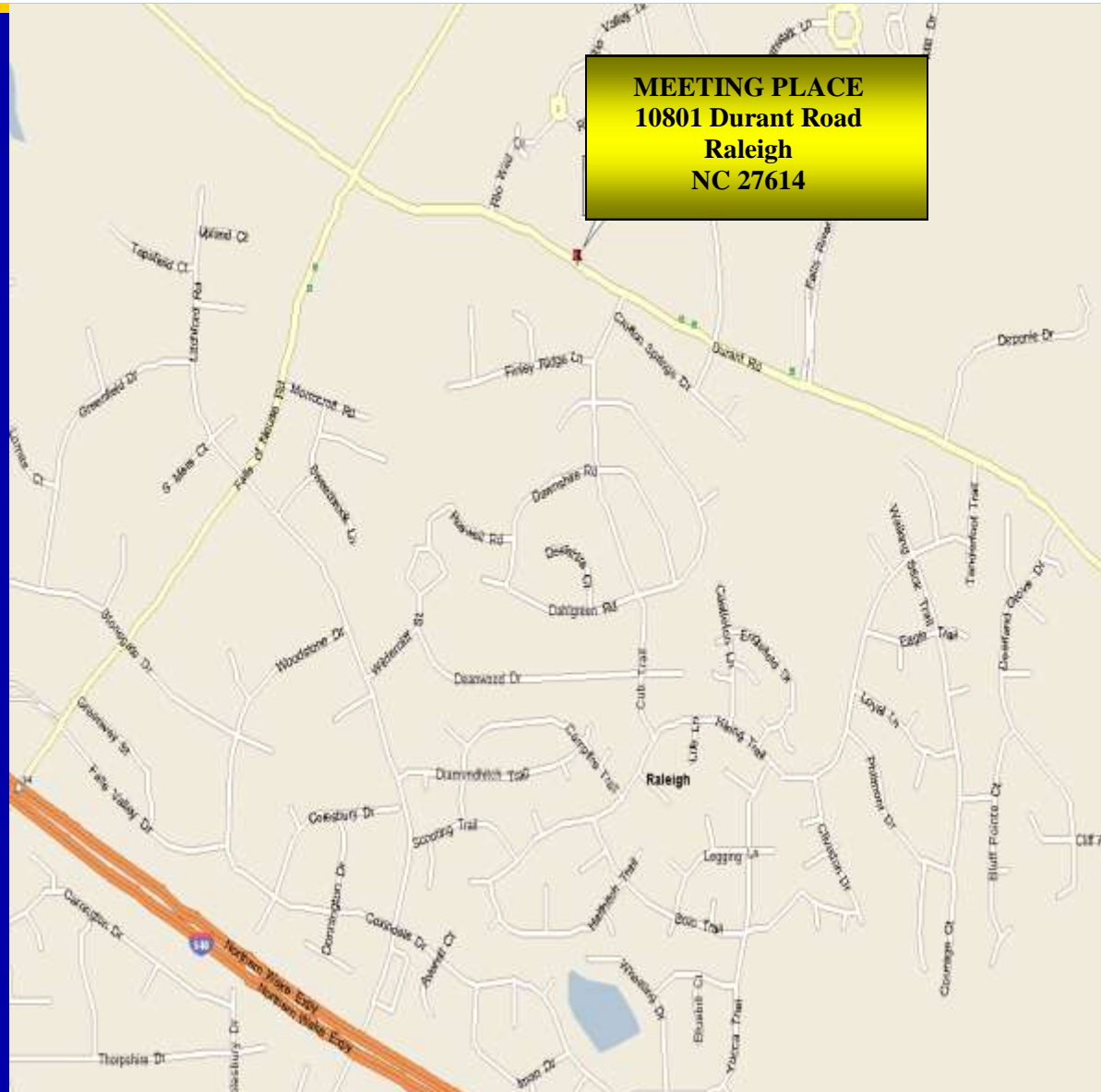
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Submittals:

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 :

Where does the year go?? FFT has come and gone, the leaves are turning red and gold, bringing a beautiful backdrop to fly **against, the last of the fly ins are coming along. Don't forget the last of the RDR Fly ins for the year in November, a special event for a lot of us as it is to commemorate Big Jim. I'll not be able to be there as I will be in England visiting for the first time in three years but I will be there in spirit.**

On another note, are there any budding newsletter editors out there? I think it is time to let someone else take a turn at bringing you all the news and delights of our hobby each month. If anyone would like to take over from January please let me know so we can get things sorted out.

