# Raleigh-Durham Radio Control



Volume 20, Issue 1

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



January 2011



PRESIDENT'S Prop-Wash

#### L arry L ewis

#### Brrrrrr.....

Stuck you head outside lately? What happened to our outstanding winter flying weather? The temperatures dropped early this year, and old man winter brought us snow a lot earlier than usual. Still, like the hard core group we are, RDRC has had lots of activity right through the windy snow covered weeks we're experiencing. I know a lot of you have been watching the cameras in recent weeks just to see who could brave the cold. So far, it seems to be the AARP gang that has braved it most. Thumbs up to ya guys! Though its been pretty windy and cold lately, we have been given a break here and there where temps rose into the 50s. Take last Sunday for example. The mercury rose to the mid 50's and RDRC was literally swamped with members ready to burn some fuel. It really looked like a sanctioned event was going on, and at times you had to wait for a flight station before you could fly! It was totally awesome to see such a big turn out. Maybe with a little luck and some help from the boss upstairs, spring will make an early appearance also!

Many of us got out early yesterday and headed to Graham NC for the annual BARKS swap meet. This years event looked to be a big hit, with every table being sold out weeks before the event. The usual RDRC gang was there in force making deals beyond belief! In talking with a few RDRC folks, it looks like most of them raked it in this year! Jacqui went for the first time just to see what it was all about, and got a kick out of it just watching the people. But she also got in to the selling part as well. While I was away taking a quick break or looking for a deal, she would deal with eager meddlers looking for a good deal. In the end she sold one plane, two motors, and several small items from the grab pile. And yes, she enjoyed it! In the end, we left with more than enough coins to finish the FW up right! Aside from all the great deals being made, BARKS is the first time many of us see each other in the new year. Its off season for most of us in the flying, so BARKS serves as a great social event to get together and talk about our winter projects. As always, there were lots of laughs, lots of smiles, and of course no shortage of gossip being traded among friends. After the swap meet several folks headed to KC Hobby to spent their newly acquired loot, while many of us went out for a late lunch together. It was a fun day for all.

The 2011 flying season is underway in a great way, and I'm sure RDRC will again make it a big year. Plans are being made for our annual spring meet, FFT, and of course the second annual "Big Jim" memorial. Also, the "First in Flight" jet meet is not very far off as well. Although this is not an RDRC event, members are more than welcome to help out. In fact, we NEED folks to step up and assist with some duties. We'll be asking for help in the coming weeks and hope to see a good participation from several folks. This years event is already looking to be awesome, and possibly the biggest jet meet on the eastern seaboard. Like last year. it will be held on the memorial day weekend and will be a 4 day event this year. Hope to see you there.

### 2011 Membership Dues!!!

And last but not least, lets talk DUES!!!!!!!! January is the months folks. The rent has been paid and we need to get the bank account back in the green. If you haven't paid your dues as of yet, please get on it. If you like, you can pay them at this moths meeting (this Wednesday) or, send them by mail to Dustin Hedrick. His name and address are on the member application form located on the RDRC web-site. Several have paid already but we're still missing a lot of folks. It probably goes without saying, but its the best \$85 you could spend this year! ;)

Hope to see you all at the field soon.

Larry





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 Josh Bunn** 

As there was no meeting in December, there are no minutes this month.

See you all at the meeting TOMORROW, January 26th 2011.

# **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.





January 28th, 2011

Just wanted to remind everyone of the indoor fly-in at my church this friday night Jan 28th. 6:30 - 10:00PM. To get to Garris Chapel United Methodist Church take Hwy 70 east towards Kinston. After passing Walnut Creek Village turn right onto Beston Road (between Handy Mart and Pappy's Army Navy) go approx 2 miles and church is on the left. All participants should bring 2 non-perishable foods. All ages welcome. You can contact me with any other questions (919-738-2883)

March 26, 2011

HANOVER RADIO CONTROL FLYING CLUB 9thAnnual Swap Meet & Indoor Electric Fun Fly

Fairmount Christian Church 6502 Creighton Road Mechanicsville, VA

More Details -<u>www.hanoverrc.org</u>

Door Prizes and Concessions — Swap Meet Open 8:00 am -\$5.00 Tables Limited -Reserve With Payment Contact -<u>keithcollier@comcast.net</u> \$10/Table Admission incl. Setup 7:00 am

Indoor Fun Fly 1:00-4:00 -\$10 AMA Card Required Contact <u>tsracing@dragbike.com</u>

## RDRC 2011 Officers

#### President:

Larry Lewis 919-231-4983 rclarry@aol.com

Vice President & Membership Secretary: Jason Jarvis 919-261-8902 ijarvis@nc.rr.com

Secretary: Josh Bunn 919-291-6374 josh@qualityplusautomotiv <u>e.com</u>

Treasurer: Dustin Hedrick 919-559-7153 dust176@yahoo.com

Safety Officer : Mark Lofgren 919-368-2908 clipclop@mindspring.com

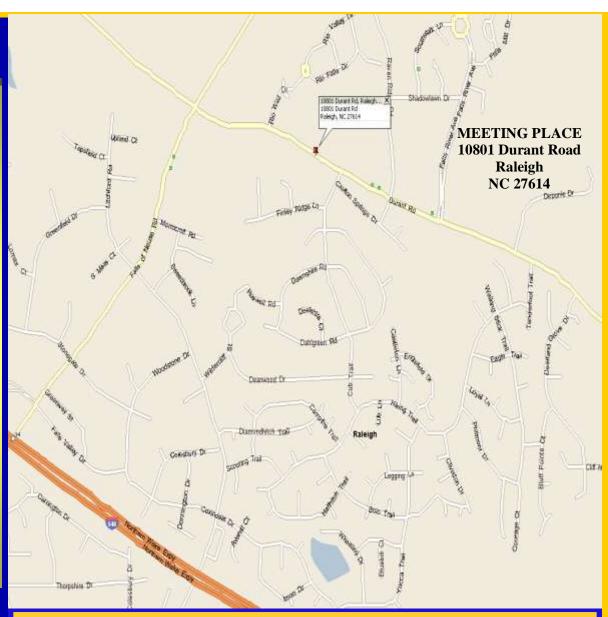
#### Newsletter

#### **Editor:**

Dave Langridge BEM 919-475-5081 rcgeckoman@nc.rr.com

#### 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 :

OOOPPSSS!!! An apology for all of you who received a test email from me on Tuesday!!! I screwed up an internal test and they all got out!! Still, as some have changed email/phone number it has **helped a little I think :) I'll pass the changes on to Jason as mem**bership secretary!! Please remember to let him know if you move/ change email/phone number etc so we can keep the club records straight!!

Well, it has been a real cold winter here!! I was warmer back in UK in January!! Let's hope that the sun and warmth come back soon so we can get on with some flying in comfort!! Erm...what's the bets that we hear complaints about the heat in a few months time?? :) see y'all at the field sometime soon,

