

Larry Lewis

PRESIDENT'S PROP-WASH

Spring is in the air folks. And so are the planes! Activity has been outstanding at RDRC in recent weeks, though I must say winter was busy as well. There is no doubt RDRC is among the most active clubs in America, Very seldom do you look at the cameras and not see someone out there flying. Its great to be part of such a great club, isn't it?

Of course, along with spring weather comes Fly Ins! Many fly INS are on the schedule already and folks are ready to hit the road to attend them. In fact, the month of April has at least 3 locally. We're on the 16th, Rocky Mount is the 23, and Kinston is back on the board again with one being held April 30th. This will be their first event at the new field.. I definitely see a Circus train headed to that one. As soon as April passes, the month of May has a long list of event as well. Of course, Joe Nall will be one of the big ones to attend. And lets not forget about the "First in Flight" jet meet to be held again at the Wilson Industrial Air Center. The great people at Wilson have again invited us beck to host the best jet meet on the whole east coast. Already the phone is ringing and there are a lot of internet chatter form modelers asking about this year's event. It's going to be awesome. In fact, the airport has asked us to move up to center stage! They want us right in the middle of the airport, and want this to be a big public spectator event. Moving us to the middle of the airport will make running things a lot easier for the airport, and us. We're really excited about all of this, and hope you'll make a point to come out and watch, OR FLY! Remember, this is a JET event, and any type of jet is welcome. Be it a big turbine powered model, or a smaller foam EDF. Or better yet, a leaf blower with wings on it!!! Id say that's a MUST! ;) So get out your pen and start marking your calendars folks. April and May are going to be busy months. Also, anyone willing to help out at the Jet meet please let me know. This isn't and RDRC event, but we certainly need modelers to help out with running things. I can assure you it's a lot less work that FFT, and you get to watch a really awesome show.

As I write this today, I'm packing up to head south. For the first time I will be attending Florida Jets. I'm hoping that Robert Vess left some of the great weather he had while attending FX3D last week. He and his son Jay went down to Jacksonville Fla to knock holes in the clouds for a few days. From the text I received, he had a great time. He even got to watch a shuttle launch from the deck of Crab Shack Joes. As a matter of fact, this was the second to last shuttle launch for the program. Hard to believe we will not be seeing shuttle launches anymore. What an awesome program NASA had. Of course, it hasn't been without its share of tragedy. Those are days none of us will ever forget. I wish there some way for me to watch the last launch. That's one of those bucket list things I never got around to. With only launch left, I don't think I'll get to mark that item off my list of things to do in life. Anyway, Vess made it home safe and sound and he really had a good time in Fla. Jacqui and I are looking forward to our trip as well. We'll be picking Mike Saleeby up in Wilson NC, and we'll all be riding down together. Plan is to head out reeeeeeeeeeeal early Wednesday morning, and return late

Sunday. Of course, the real reason we're going to Fla Jets is to promote Jackie Sacks wing bags. Yup,,,,, that's my story and I'm sticking to it! This is NOT a pleasure trip for me. It's all about Jacqui and her growing wing bag business. That's why SHE'LL be paying for most of this trip! Hehehehe Yup,,, Im a good husband alright. Driving all the way to Lakeland Fla for the wife. With only one thing in mind,,, To help her. That's it,,, Trust me,,,,,, I wouldn't joke about such a thing,,,,,, Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhh,, don't tell'er how much fun I plan to have. !!

WHO's ready to RACE?

March 12 is the day folks. We have several guys ready to go at it, and we're expecting a really good time. We'll be racing on a 600 foot course that puts the #1 pylon far out in the field left of the runway. The #2 pylon will be located just right of the alternate grass strip across from our flight station. Putting the #2 pylon there help pilots avoid turning in the tree line to the right. It also adds a little more safety to the course for spectators and workers. This will be a simple two pole race, utilizing flaggers at each end of the course. The flaggers will be located well back from the flight line as well. Each pilot will require one caller/spotter, and two flaggers. We will limit the number of pilots to 3 per heat. We don't want to air to be too crowded for anyone, and want these guys to feel comfortable when racing for the first time. Each pilot will be responsible for getting his own caller. Of course, many of them will be switching off callers etc, and pilots can call for others when they're not racing themselves. What we do need are approximately 6 volunteers to be dedicated to flagging. Basically, they will be standing on the same distance line as the pole. When they see the plane they are flagging cross the imaginary vertical line above the pole, they wave the flag. The caller of the pilot see's this and yells "TURN" to the pilot in front of him. We also need 3 folks under the shelter to count laps of the planes racing. This is just to make sure the guys do complete the 10 laps are completed by each racer. It's really a simple process, and it really gets the heart pumping to be a part of it. Trust me,,,,,, it'll be fun! ;) Please let me know if you're willing to help out and I'll pencil you in for the event. If you plan to fly in the event, just show up! One more thing. If you plan to race, call or flag and you have a hard hat or bicycle helmet, please bring that with you. It's just a safety matter that all organized racing events practice. I'll try to provide several hard hats for the event, but I'm not sure how ,many I can acquire that day. Again, all of this is to be a low pressure, HIGH FUN type of event. It's directly mainly at RDRC club members, but others can participate if they want. We'll be racing the Raider airframes many of you have got going, and we are allowing any ball bearing 40 engine for power. All **EXCEPT Nelson, Jett**, or other special purpose built racing engine! We do want to keep things fair here. ;)

Have You Paid Your Dues???????

Believe me, I HATE having to push this issue each year, but it seems we are forced to do so year after year. We're already in the month of March, and we only have about 70 or 80 paid members in RDRC now. Based on history, we should have far more than this. **If you haven't paid you dues, PLEASE do so now.** Also, to keep things fair, RDRC membership badges WILL BE CHECKED by our field marshal in the coming months. As we all agreed at one of our past meetings, we are supposed to display our badges whenever we are flying. This provides proof you have paid and are a current member of RDRC. It's just not fair to paying members to have non paying modelers taking advantage of our flying facility. If you have paid your dues, but haven't received your badge yet, not to worry. A current list of paid members will be provided weekly to our field marshal, as well as myself. If you're not displaying your 2011 badge, we will look for you on the list. You say you've paid your dues, but don't have a badge? Or you haven't seen your check cleared through the bank? In that case, please call our treasurer first. Dustin Hedrick at 599-7153. Once Dustin gets the dues check or cash, he then notifies our club VP Jason Jarvis with all the renewal or new membership info. Jason then adds that name to the club roster and prints out a membership card to be mailed out. If you **KNOW** you have paid your dues for this year, and a reasonable amount of time has passed with no check clearing or card delivery, just drop Dustin a call.

Well that's about it for this month. I'm heading back out to finish loading up the trailer, then I'm pointing that Chevy truck south! I'll try to take plenty of pictures to share later. Until next time. See you all at RDRC.

Larry



A FEW WORDS FROM THE VP When

I was planning to write something for January, which I never got around to, I was going to complain about the weather... I can't seem to do that now, since it is February and the last few weekends have been excellent flying weather other than a little wind. RDRRC looked like a large fly-in Superbowl Sunday, I think everyone needed to get out after all the cold and snow.

While it's still officially winter, it is time to work on those winter projects before time runs out. In honor of the "build season" we proclaimed the February meeting a winter project show and tell, so if you have anything on the table that you can move, bring it on out Wednesday and share it with everyone ! We might even get to lay eyes on a legendary Focke Wulf....

By now many of you should have received your new membership cards. I spent some time late last year and early this year working on a new way to maintain our membership roster and to create cards. The old way was fairly manual and a little cumbersome. Hopefully this new method will result in cards being processed and sent out much more quickly this year. We still need to work out the lag in the checks getting to our treasurer, processed and the notification to me, but we are getting there. Last year if the checks were mailed in just after the meeting, the paperwork was handed to me at the next meeting, and if I wasn't on the ball and took two or three weeks to get things done, it could be 7 weeks before a membership card made it to you. We are committed to improving that. I do have one request on renewals, if you only send one thing in along with your check, please make it a copy of your current AMA card. Verifying AMA membership slows down processing the renewal, so this would help a lot.

While reworking the membership, I took the opportunity to update our cards a bit. All the information is the same, except you will no longer see radio frequencies listed on your card. With so many now flying 2.4GHz, it is a sign of the times that we don't see a need to track frequency numbers any longer. With the new design, the cards are now printed on a heavier duty card stock, so they should be a little more robust. I enjoyed updating things, and I hope you all like the new design.

See you at 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.

Safety Officers Report



Mark Lofgren

SAFETY FIRST...A variety of safety concerns are apparent to many members who have brought them to my attention.

1. The flight line is the boundary for flight.
2. No aircraft are to be purposely flown west of the line, or for the directionally challenged, that means no planes on the side of the flight line as the vehicles. The only exception is helicopter flyers practicing hovering at the south end of the field adjacent to the old barn if there are no cars, trucks, trailers, tents, or spectators in that area.
3. All hovering and hucking are to be performed east of the black runway. Again for the directionally challenged, that means on the other side of the runway.
4. Too many members are not loudly calling out their flying intentions, their needed presence on the runway, or the need to cross the runway.
5. Retrieving a downed aircraft needs to be done quickly not at an amble, saunter, or shuffle. Ask a more nimble member to collect the aircraft if circumstances prevent a flyer from doing so.
6. **Do not taxi a plane into the pits. All aircraft engines and motors must be turned off prior to returning to the pits.**
7. There are five flight stations which means no more than five aircraft can be in the air. Park flyers, foamies, Radians, and micro aircraft are being flown from a variety of locations, not flight stations **If it flies, it must be flown from a flight station.**
8. Helicopter pilots are asked to fly from the two stations at the north end of the flight line and to takeoff and land to the left of those stations.
9. **All members are responsible for safety.** Do not hesitate to tell a member about a safety concern, but be courteous. In the same vein, do not take offense if a member points out a safety problem to you.

The problems that have been noted in this column affect all members' safety and do not highlight any style of flying or aircraft. Being a member of a large, diverse club like RDRC requires a bit more attention to others than one might need to in a smaller club. Let's work toward an enjoyable, safe, courteous 2011.

Notices - Upcoming Events

March

26th Piedmont Aeromodelers IMAA Spring Fly-In, Fayetteville NC

April

16th RDRC Spring Fly In

23rd Rocky Mounts, Tad Dietrick Memorial

30th Kinston NC

also a fly in near Charlotte "Flying Aces Spring Fly In"

May

7th Vanceboro War Bird Meet

26,27,28,29th "First in Flight" Jet Rally. Wilson Industrial Air Center

June

4th ECRC AMA fly in

11th EDRC

July

16th Wayne County Big Bird

September

3rd Rocky Mount AMA fly in

10th Vanceboro AMA fly in

16th, 17th, 18th, RDRC "Fly for Tots"

October

8th ECRC Big Bird Meet

29th Rocky Mount War Bird Meet

November

5th Vanceboro Big Bird Meet

I will post more details of local(ish) events next month.

3D stylized text reading "SUNSHINE" in a gradient from orange to yellow, set against a light gray background with a yellow border.

RDR 2011 Officers

President:

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

Vice President & Membership Secretary:

Jason Jarvis
919-261-8902
jjarvis@nc.rr.com

Secretary:

Josh Bunn
919-291-6374
josh@qualityplusautomotive.com

Treasurer:

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

Safety Officer :

Mark Lofgren
919-368-2908
clipclop@mindspring.com

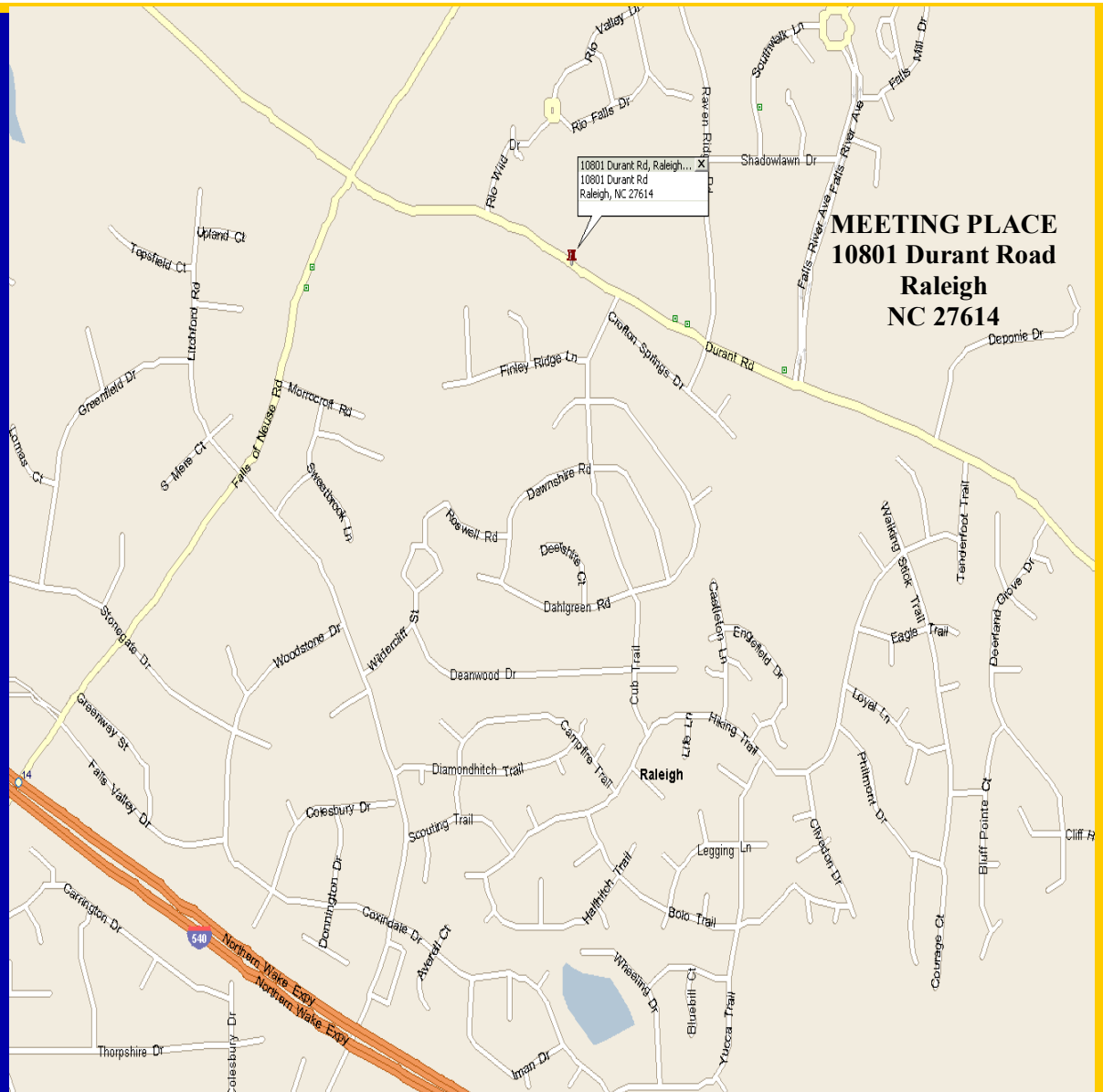
Newsletter

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).



MEETING PLACE
10801 Durant Road
Raleigh
NC 27614

Thoughts from the slipstream :

Ok this month is real late due to a number of things BUT we will be on track again later this month :)

If anyone has anything at all to put in the newsletter SEND IT TO ME please...it is YOUR newsletter so send me some NEWS!!! Pix of weekdays at the field, pix of places you go and see anything Aero related...let's try top make this years newsletter the best so far BUT it is YOU that will do that, not me!! I can only setup news I receive so GET SENDING!!! :)

See you at the field sometime...



The ED