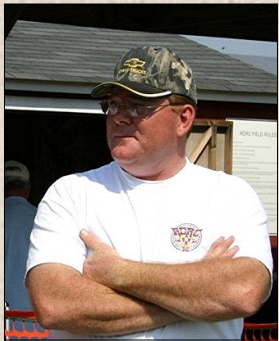




## PRESIDENT'S PROP-WASH



*Larry Lewis*

Wow !!! What a busy month it has been, Seems just a few days ago I was sitting here at the computer typing away a few words for y'all. Now here I am again! It looks like spring is jussssssst around the corner, and hopefully old man winter has headed way north. The grass is growing, the trees are budding, and the little birdies are building nest. I love this time of year. Of course, this also means the 2011 fly in season IS  
**HERE!!!!**

Jacqui, Mike Saleeby and I all headed south a couple of weeks ago to get our season started. We all attended our first Florida Jets event, held in Lakeland Fla. It was quite a drive there, but worth it. Warms temps and lots of sun filled the days, Naturally, there was that 30 mph wind I had heard about for years, but it was right down the runway. Both Mike and I got in a lot of flight time and got to say hey to a lot of friends earlier than usual. We also made a few new friends. Probably one of the best parts of this great hobby. As you might guess, I was drooping plugs for the upcoming First in Flight Jet rally. Many of the folks we talked to have plans to attend, and we're expecting a great turn out. Hope you guys can make it out also.

Next on the schedule is Fayetteville! That's right. The Piedmont Aero modelers will be holding their spring Big Bird Meet, this coming weekend. I'm sure RDRRC will have several of its members present to support their club. Its understanding there is NO CORN standing in the way. So load your stuff up and head down that way with us. This has always been a great meet to attend. I know Jacqui is ready to the 2011 tour. How about YOU?

Fayetteville isn't the only thing coming up soon. So get you pen out and mark your calendars. Here's a few for you to take note of. April 16, RDRRC Spring Fly In. April 23, Tar Heels annual Tad Dietrich Giant Scale Meet. And April 30<sup>th</sup> will be Kinston's first event at their Brand New Field! I think the RDRRC Circus needs to christen that event! I know "Do Rag" is excited to be holding another event after a break from the old location. They lost their field to new development, but have now relocated. Let's get these guys off to a nice re-start.

Then in May we have, Of course... Joe Nall! This event has grown to unheard of proportions, and could easily be the biggest RC event in the country. Looks like we'll be doing the short trip again this year, as we have no plans to fly. Instead, we just plan to drive down for a day, say hey to a bunch of friends, and head back. Then, right after Joe Nall is NCs very own "First in Flight" Jet Rally, to be held Memorial Day Weekend As I said before, it's looking to be better than last year, and we're really excited about it. The City of Wilson has again committed to working with us to hold the event, and plans to put forth a big effort to draw the public out to watch. This year the airport has moved us out to center stage. This will aid the airport and us in managing the jet event, and it affords many conveniences to both pilot and spectators. Along with all the jets this year, we'll also have the Team Guru Aviation Flight Simulator trailer! This should be a big hit with the public.

Before moving on, I want to drop a request to any of you who might be interested in helping out with the event. First, I will let you know this isn't an RDRRC event. I have heard there is chatter in the pits with some folks complaining about my asking for help with a Non RDRRC event. Come on guys.....really?????? First of all, this cost RDRRC ZERO Dollars. This IS an RC event, and it IS a really cool event to be at. I'm simply

looking for folks willing to help out with something fun. Actually, at last years event I had several members of other clubs assisting, just because they wanted to be apart of it. I'm hoping that happens again this year, but we would really like to see some of the RDRC folks out there if possible. With enough volunteers, the work load is really light. Trust me; it's not where near as much work as we need at Fly for Tots! Basically we are looking for help with monitoring the Unicom radio, or working on the flight line to keep things organized. Talk about the best seat in the house! Speaking of Unicom. This is where we need help most. We would like to get at least 3 people who know and understand the use of Unicom's to monitor the traffic at the airport. Luckily, there is VERY LITTLE traffic at this airport, but we still need to make every effort to do this right. At last years event we only had a half dozen aircraft fly in, and half of those were our buddies!! So, if you are comfortable with "Air Plane Talk" on the radio, and you'd like to help out. Let me know ASAP. Our plans are to put the radio guys under their own tent, right at the flight line. We'll keep you water, shaded, and I'll buy your lunch!!!

Of course, we need a little help on set up day, and break down on the Monday after. Which by the way is a holiday. Again, this is NOIT an RDRC event. I don't expect RDRC to foot the bill, provide the help, or anything else. I'm simply asking for help from anyone willing to assist. If you don't want to, that's totally ok. But please, don't be bad mouthing me for asking others. That's just rude and uncalled for. Nuff said.

OK, back to batter thing! As I was saying before I got on my soap box, RDRC has its spring fly in coming up very soon. There was a little confusion in the sanctioning of this years event. We were told OK,, then No we cant, then, how bout later...then.... OH..... You can have it on April 16<sup>th</sup>! Long story, Not enough newsletter space. (YES THERE IS...send it in ED) Lol But we're on for April 16<sup>th</sup>. As always, we'll keep this one simple. Food is handled by the Duke Memorial Baptist Church, and we're not doing the massive set up. Plans are to set out a few trash cans on Friday, raise the flag, and have a little sound and music provided by "Dave's DJ Service" *I'm feeling like a Blue Grass theme this year Dave!* This is a Fly Anything event. And we mean ANYthing! Sport, electric, glow, turbine, rockets, gliders, and weed eaters! J Hey....if its windy enough, we'll get out the kites! So please make plans to attend this year's spring fling. We always have a great time at this one.

Lastly, Jacqui wanted me to tell y'all she will one again give the "Drink Lady" job a chance again this year. She is just having a hard time saying NO, and wants you guys to have something cold in the fridge on those warm days. So..... let's be sure and drop that 50 cents in the bucket when we grab a cold one. Done.....!@

Well. That's all I have for now. I've been here at the computer for an hour trying to type this article out, using one and a half hands. Seems I might have cut my finger tip off last week at RDRC!!!!!!!!!!!! Hard to hit some of the keys with a bandage 2 inches wide!!!:) Yup.....after 26 years in RC, I finally got caught! Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh, Don't tell Mark Lofgren!!!! I've been trying to save it with Neosporin and Band Aids, but I think I'm loosing the battle. Dang, I thought that stuff would grow any limb back!

See you all at RDRC.

Larry

# Safety Officers Report



*Mark Lofgren*

**SAFETY FIRST** Your Safety Officer has not been flying the last few weeks. Since no one has informed him of any major infractions or concerns he assumes that a general regard for safety and consideration for others is being practiced. The importance of assuring that one's Fail Safe or other similar safety feature is correctly working was discussed at the last meeting. Please check your planes for their ability to go to the appropriate safety setting if there is a interruption of signal. Remember, even radio control aircraft need regular inspection just like their full-scale counterparts.

You asked for input...so I thought I would send in something that was my winter project, finished about a month ago. It is the Sig Seniorita and it took me about 3 months to complete. I am relatively new to the sport/club (about 1 year) and started with 2 sailplanes, the Sig Riser followed by the Great Planes Spectra, both built from kits. This is my first powered airplane and really had fun building it from the kit. I changed out the gas engine from the plans for a Power 25 by E-Flite and it flies beautifully. Many thanks to the guys at the field that have helped with my "education" in the sport.

Thanks,  
Terry Brierly



**So there ya have it  
Guys!! It is as easy as  
sending me a few  
pictures attached to  
an email!! Come on  
and help fill some  
more pages!!**

**THANKS for showing  
the way Terry!!**

# Notices - Upcoming Events

## GLORY DAYS VINTAGE MODEL AIRPLANE FLYIN



COX  
NORVEL  
WENMAC  
OK CUB  
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FOX  
K&B

**Old Julian Airport**  
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Andrews  
TopFlite  
Carl  
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Midwest  
Babcock

**Saturday May 21-22, 2011**

Come join us and bring your **VINTAGE RC, CONTROL LINE or FREE FLIGHT** model for some great flying and fellowship. **All models welcome both nitro and electric.** Huge flying field with plenty of room for all. **No Competition, Just relax and fly. AMA is required.** Landing Fee \$10.00 Kids under 18 FREE!!

Let's bring back those memories of days gone by. Bring your models that were designed, flown, kitted before 1976 to this vintage model airplane event and have some fun!!

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Hello, I'm Bob Harris the CD for the "Glory Days Vintage Flyin" being held May 21 and 22 at the Old Julian Airport field in Julian NC. Please see attached flyer. I'm contacting all of the local Clubs in the area to invite everyone down for this unique event.

Mike Langlois, Jim Katz and I came up with the idea a few years ago to have a vintage flying that would include RC, Control-line and Free Flight. The theme is any model, kit, design that was published, kitted, designed and flown before 1976. This is a no competition event with just the enjoyment of being around people who flew model airplanes in the early years of this great hobby. If you are new to the hobby come out and see how it was done before the invent of proportional, computer radios, electric starters, etc!!

We are also inviting anyone who would like to display any of the vintage models, radios, engines to come and show everyone how it was. We will be having a impromptu swap meet for anyone wanting to "**swap their junk for someone else's junk**". We only ask if you are selling, displaying vintage transmitters to please remove the batteries of make sure they cannot be turned on as there

may be someone flying the old 27 mhz frequencies!!

Could you pass this flyer on to your club members so we can get the word out to the guys interested in the history of Model Aviation? I thank you for you time and please let me know if you have any question. Hope to see you there!!!

Good health and Great Flying!!!

Bob Harris [bharrisus3@cs.com](mailto:bharrisus3@cs.com)

PS: If any of your members are interested in pylon racing please check out the [www.oldjulainairport.com](http://www.oldjulainairport.com).

## **March**

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

## **April**

**16th RDRC Spring Fly In**

**23rd Rocky Mounts, Tad Dietrick Memorial**

**27th - May 1st TOP GUN '11 Lakeland FL**

**30th Kinston NC**

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

## **May**

**7th Vanceboro War Bird Meet**

**14th Roanoke Rapids Warbird Fly-in**

**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 [www.wayneaero.com](http://www.wayneaero.com) New field**

## **August**

**Hot As %\$%^\$%**

## **September**

**3rd Rocky Mount AMA fly in**

**10th Vanceboro AMA fly in**

**10th Roanoke Rapids AMA Helicopter Fly-in**

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

## **October**

**8th ECRC Big Bird Meet**

**15th Roanoke Rapids AMA fly in**

**29th Rocky Mount War Bird Meet**

## **November**

**5th Vanceboro Big Bird Meet**

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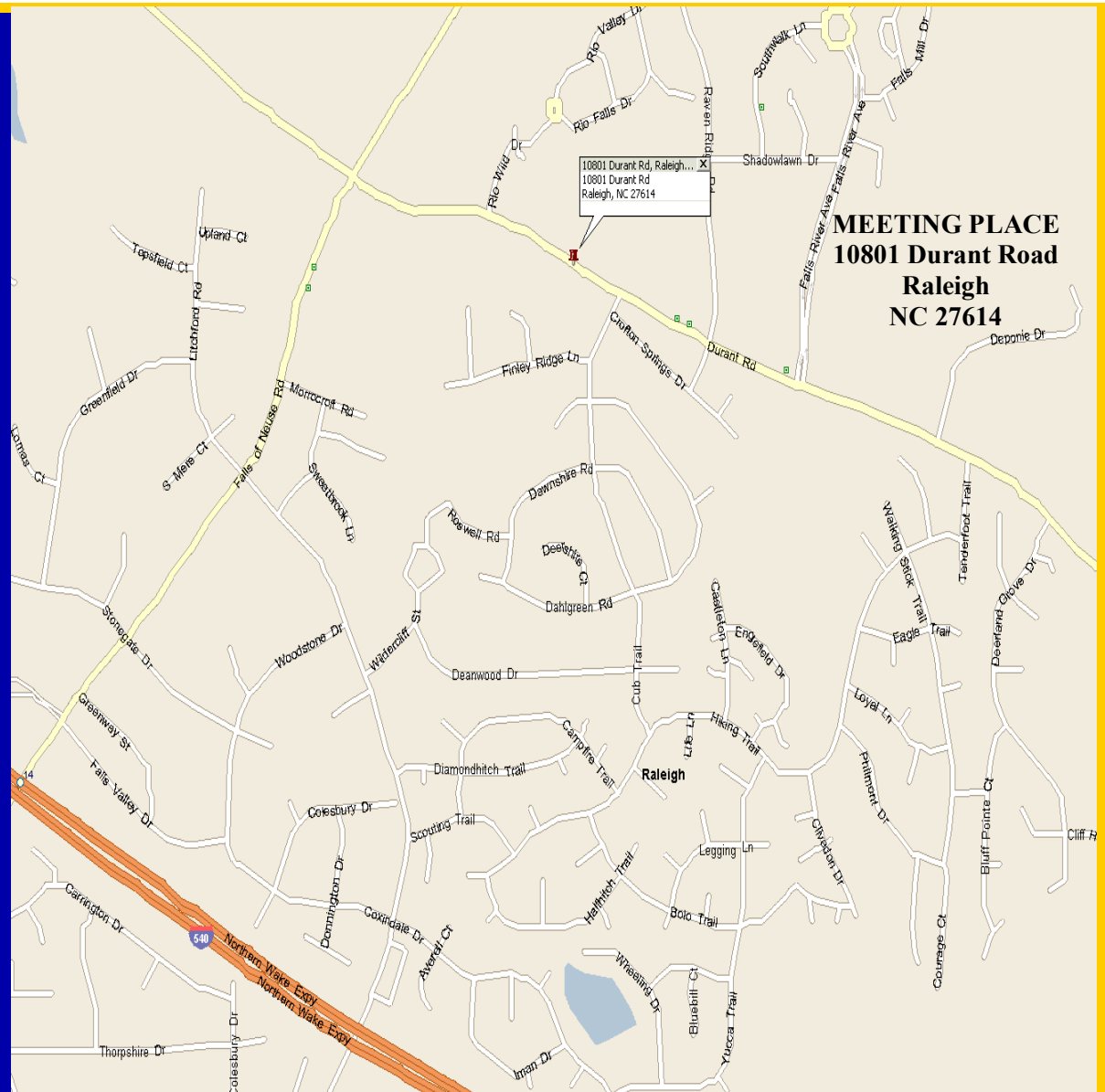
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## Submittals:

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).



**MEETING PLACE**  
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## Thoughts from the slipstream :

**One article this month from a club member...where are the other 120 or so?? Come guys surely you are doing SOMETHING worth telling the rest of the club about???**

**Photos can be uploaded to the club website now, in the members section. I can pull them from there if you send me an email letting me know that you have uploaded some, and an explanation of what they are.**

**Cya at the field....**

