



Larry Lewis

PRESIDENT'S PROP-WASH

Howdy Folks,

Gonna be short and simple this month. Dave wants to get this out to you all in time for this months meeting, and I'm busy as a cat in the sand box this week.! First off, our monthly meeting is **THIS WEDNESDAY**, April 27th at the Pullen House. As always, we have a few items we need to address. Namely, the current situation with our clubs field cameras, as well as the weather station. many of you have read recently on the RDRC e-mail list about the concerns and cost to run this unit. We're at a cross roads folks where we must decide if we want to maintain this feature on the RDRC web-site, and if so, what

it will require to do that. Many people don't realize this cost has been absorbed by only a very few members over the last couple of years. There is no question the economy has taken a big bite out of many of us, and it isn't fair that we would expect someone, or at best, a few of our members to bare the cost of this feature with their own money. So,,,,,, One of the first topics this month will be just that. Do we want to keep the weather station and cameras in place. This is one of those issues where we need as much input as possible. But we need it at the meeting itself. Not in e-mails, phone calls, or general conversations at RDRC. This is something we must discuss all issues dealing with cost, time, and equipment needs. Then we need to move forward with our decision to keep, or drop this web-site feature. Dustin Hedrick and Dave Langridge will have the numbers to support your questions so you can make your personal choice. As with anything else we do at RDRC, this decision will be made by a majority vote. We hope you will take time to attend this months meeting to voice your opinion on this matter.

Things have really started moving in the fly in scene,. RDRC's Spring Fly In was **ALMOST** rained out this month, but still we managed to register 20 pilots, with several of them flying in 30+ mph winds!!!! That's right,,,,,, 30+ !!!! Scott Saxton was the lucky winner of the Park Zone Radian Pro, and a lot of food was consumed by all.! Oh yessssssssss,,,,, Love the food!!! ;)

This past Saturday several of us attended the Tar Heel Flyers annual Tad Dietriect giant scale meet. Though a little windy, they had a great turn out. And as always, Mark and the crew cooked up some of the best BBQ Chicken you cold ever ask for.! And **HISTORY** was made while there! For the first time every, I **WON A RAFFLE ITEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Yeeeeehh **HAHHHHHHHHHHH** :) It only took 20 years to break my loosing streak, but by golly its done!

Now its time to move on the more flying events. This coming weekend the Kinston club will be hosting their first event in a while, and they'll be doing it at a brand new site! From all the reports I've received, this place is nice. I know they are counting on RDRC to help them break this new site in, so please make an attempt to head their way. I've heard several members say they plan to do just that. As many of you know, Joe Nall is just around the corner, followed by First in Flight, and many others. I realize this season will be much more difficult on travel with gas prices being so high, but I hope all of you can at least make a few local events. As we do, these clubs count on our support to hold these great events.

That will be all for now. Gotta get back to work and make some gas money! Hope to see you all this Wednesday night.

Larry

AMA News April

Large Model Aircraft (more than 55 pounds) by AMA Safety & Member Benefits Department

On January 25, 2011, AMA's Executive Council (EC) approved an update to the Large Model Aircraft Program. This program includes some significant changes. To review the document, go to www.modelaircraft.org/files/520-a.pdf.

One of the most prominent changes is the weight increase to 125 pounds for propeller-driven models (LMA) and 100 pounds for turbine-powered models (LTMA). There are four classifications referenced within the program: LMA-1, LMA-2, LTMA-1, and LTMA-2.

Classifications LMA-1 and LTMA-1 (55 pounds to 77.2 pounds) will allow for a self-inspection by the owner of the LMA or a Large Model Aircraft Inspector (LMAI). It will require two demonstration flights in front of two observers.

The owner can serve as one of the observers, as long as he/she is not the pilot of the model. The other observer has to be an AMA Contest Director (CD), Leader Member (LM), or Large Model Aircraft Inspector (LMAI).

Classifications LMA-2 and LTMA-2 will require inspection by an LMAI followed by demonstration flights observed by the inspector.

Please note that all required documentation (as outlined in the program) has to be received by AMA Headquarters no later than 30 days after being issued for the permit to be valid! AMA Headquarters will send a receipt notification to the owner listed on the Permit to Fly and update the Web site listing. This document can be found in the "Members Only" section.

House approves (H.R. 658)

No April Fools...

Yesterday, 4/1, the House voted 223-196 to approve the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act (H.R. 658). The bill would reauthorize the FAA's operations and programs for four years, at an overall funding level of \$59.7 billion. The House bill essentially rolls back FAA spending authorization to 2008 levels. The House bill does not include an amendment mirroring the one included in S. 223 which exempts modeling activity conducted in accordance with a community-based set of guidelines from regulation.

At this point both the House and Senate versions of the FAA Re-Authorization legislation will move to Conference Committee to reconcile the differences between the two bills. In conference committee the Senate amendment could be adopted into the final bill in its current form, it could be modified in a compromise between the House and Senate, or it could be deleted from the bill altogether. We are cautiously optimistic the Senate amendment will survive the debate and will be included in the bill when it's sent to the Executive Branch for signature.

-Rich Hanson, AMA Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs Representative

Where Do We Go From Here

As AMA's Congressional Awareness Campaign draws to a close, it's reassuring to know that the AMA membership and the modeling community responded quickly and decisively to AMA's call for action. Tens of thousands of modeling enthusiasts, supporters and aeromodeling stakeholders responded and made their concerns known to their elected officials. Members of Congress responded with dozens of letters of support and pledges to advocate for the hobby. Local and national media were alerted to our issues and hard-hitting articles were presented that questioned the need for such overreaching regulation.

I am extremely grateful to those who have joined our cause and I believe we have gained a crucial foothold, but we are a long ways from being out of the woods. Now is not the time to let down our guard. We need to continue to be vigilant; we must maintain awareness and we need to continue to engage the hundreds of thousands of Americans that value this hobby and cherish our Freedom of Flight.

-Rich Hanson, AMA Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs Representative

Notices - Upcoming Events

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 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

KINSTON AEROMODELERS INAUGURAL R/C FLY-IN

--Saturday, April 30th--
9AM- UNTIL

Newest R/C Modeler Site in the State!!!

-Pilots Landing Fee
\$10.00

-Pilots Briefing 9:00am

-FREE ADMISSION TO SPECTATORS

-Refreshments Available on field

-NO ALCOHOL

313 Airport Rd. At Lenoir Crossing
(Across from Lenoir Memorial Hospital)



Ribbon Cutting at 10 am



For Information Call: (252) 268-4271

AMA Sanctioned





RDRC 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 Wednesday 27th 2011



Thoughts from the slipstream : This meeting is quite important for us all I think...the cameras and weather station have become a part of RDRC and a lot of people all over the world look at them every day. We need to decide if the club as a whole, or a group of members, are willing to foot the bill each month for the cost of the DSL feed that brings them out from the field to us via the website. Total YEARLY cost is \$720...ALL the equipment is and will continue to be DONATED by members. The club will not be asked to purchase anything (at this time, I cannot of course speak for the future!!). So...\$6 per YEAR per MEMBER IF we remain at 120 members. That is it...\$60 per month. Is it worth it? That is what we have to decide AT the meeting...be there if you want a voice in this decision :)
I hope to see you all there on Wednesday, until then have fun and fly safely!!!



[The ED](#)

