

Larry Lewis

PRESIDENT'S PROP-WASH

Howdy Folks,

Hope all of you have been able to take advantage of this awesome weather we've been getting the last few weeks. I've seen a lot of activity at RDRRC while out there, and I know the AARP crowd has been loving this! Also, Fly Ins have starting up again, and many of us have already been on the road supporting our surrounding clubs. This past weekend many of us attended the Wilson Aeromodelers event. I haven't been to that field in over 16 years, so I figured I was long over due to do so. This was a fly anything event, and there was a wide variety of aircraft to be seen. In keeping with tradition, the RDRRC traveling Circus met up at the Cracker Barrel, had a great breakfast, and headed to the meet. The CD of the event told me this was the largest turnout of pilots they had seen in many years, and they were really thankful to all the pilots. As you might expect, RDRRC took up a large portion of the pits, and we did our best to put on a good show for the crowd. But where was Bob Richards????? Hey Bob,,,, I thought this was your old Home Field Club???

As always, I'm going to send out an invitation to ALL of the RDRRC members to attend these fly ins with the rest of us. The Traveling Circus IS RDRRC. We welcome any and everyone to join in with us on the weekend and support these clubs. We always have a great time, and the laughs never stop. In years past, we've had as many as 15+ members travel together. When we roll into the fly in venue, it really does look like the Circus is rolling in to town. That's where we got our name from. The "Traveling Circus". Make a point to join us this summer and see what all the fun is about.

On the lines of fly ins. We have already started making plans for this years Fly for Tots. Mainly, the grand prize!!! Cant say right now what it is as we're waiting for confirmation on one of the big items, but its looking good so far. I will tell you this. It isn't a 3D airplane!!!! If we pull this off, it'll be something ANYONE would love to have! Hopefully we'll know something in the next few weeks so we can proceed with getting started on it. Same as last year, Matt Balazs and crew will be building it for us. So we'll be giving away another Win It, Fuel It, Fly It grand prize. I want to take this time to ask all of our club members to start thinking of ways to get more sponsors involved with FFT. We especially want to get corporate type sponsors if we can. Folks like Glaxo, IBM, Cisco, etc. Though we are doing a great job of raising money at FFT now, we realize we may have reached somewhat of a plateau in our efforts. Considering we have nearly reached our limits (I said nearly!) in the number of folks we can fit into our venue, we really need to start looking at how we can increase our intake without increasing the number of pilots. Yes, we can still accommodate more spectators with the great help we received lat year in the parking area , but we soon will be maxed out in the pilot department. Now that we've decided we do not want to move FFT, we need to get a little more creative on how to generate more revenues with the same amount of people. T hat I believe is where the big corporate folks may be able to help us. Many of you know or have connections with people in the corporate world, and we're hoping you may be able to recruit some of these companies to join in with us. I'm sure any of them would agree FFT is a very worthy cause. So.....If you think you might be able to help us in getting some of those companies to help out, please do so. ;)

One more item to talk about and I'll let go of your ear! 2011 First in Flight is HERE!!!! That's right folks. This weekend is the second annual First in Flight Jet Rally, and we're so excited about it. I really appreciate the help that has been offered by a few of the RDRC members, as well as the Wilson Club, the Rocky Mount Club, and the Greenville Club. The weather is looking a lot better now, the airport is high and dry, and I've been getting e-mails and phone calls from pilots all over the eastern seaboard! Its going to be GREAT! I highly encourage all of you to come out and see these awesome jets knock holes in the clouds. We'll have EDF's, Gas Turbines, and Leaf Blowers!!! As many of you know now, the event will be held center stage this year, making it a lot nicer for pilots and spectators. Hard to imagine it being better than last year, but it will be!!!! Set up will begin early Wednesday morning, and several of us plan to head out for a BBQ lunch! The event officially starts Thursday morning at 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. From there it runs through Sunday afternoon. We have a load of really nice hardware to award to pilots on Sunday, so plan to be there at that time as well. Breakdown is Monday. So if any of you are bored and looking for something to do Monday, feel free to come out and lend a hand! lol If it goes like last year, we'll be finished by lunch time. Again, we're really excited about the event this year, and we're expecting over 100 pilots to register! And remember. Its all FREE to spectators. So bring yourself, bring your family, and tell your friends! We know they'll have a real Jet Blast of a time.

Well, that's it for this month. Hope you all can make it to this months meeting (this Wednesday Night). I wont be there this month as I'll be at he airport setting up for the jet rally. Jason Jarvis will chair the meeting this month. Have fun, and fly safe.

Larry

Safety Officers Report



Mark Lofgren

SAFETY FIRST...No significant safety issues have been brought to the attention of RDRC's Safety Officer although he has observed two infractions that need mention.

There is to be no taxiing into the pits regardless of airframe size or powerplant. Also, anyone restraining another member's aircraft should not release it until he is sure the pilot has the transmitter in hand and has control of the aircraft. A recent incident saw a plane released at the direction of the pilot who then turned his back to the plane to get his transmitter as the plane began to head toward an occupied flight station. Fortunately, the engine was shut down before anything bad happened.

The recent, annual radio control version of Woodstock, aka Joe Nall, saw many crashes by experienced pilots who seemed to have lost communication with their respective aircraft. Not meaning to open a can of worms, reportedly most of the crashes involved Futaba electronics just as last year it seemed many casualties were attributed to JR.

An RDRC member, recently using a JR transmitter with a module, was losing consistent communication with his aircraft. He sent it to Horizon who replaced the module because they acknowledged there had been problems with others. Please refrain from flying if you have the slightest suspicion that something might be amiss with your electronics. Regardless of the manufacturer problems do occur and it is up to us, the end user, to decide to safely fly or not.

Notices - Upcoming Events

May

5/26/2011 - 5/29/2011 -- Wilson, NC (C) FIRST IN FLIGHT JET RALLY. Site: Wilson Industrial Air Center. Lawrence Lewis CD PH: 919-215-3946 Email: rclarry@aol.com. Food on site, primitive camping, RVs welcome. Excellent facility to fly. Located right off I-95. Hotels and restaurants very close by. Registration fees \$45 for all four days. Sponsor: RALEIGH DURHAM RADIO CONTROL

June

6/4/2011 -- Ashboro, NC (C) NCRCS SHOW FOR CHARITY. Site: Nc Aviation Museum. William Garner CD PH: 336-869-3431 Sponsor: CENTRAL CAROLINA MODELERS

6/4/2011 -- Goldsboro, NC (C) 9TH ANNUAL ECRC SPRING FLY IN. Site: Randy Webber Field. Michael Stokking CD PH: 919-735-8505 Email: mnsj109@nc.rr.com. Visit: www.ecrcflyers.com. All scales and types welcome. \$10 landing fee. Peoples choice, raffles, and 50/50. Food and facilities on site. Primitive camping. Vendors and swap meet sales welcome. Sponsor: EAST CAROLINA RCERS

6/4/2011 -- Mt Pleasant, NC (C) CABARRUS SUMMER FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Billy Haynes CD PH: 704-640-7274 Email: centralnchunter@windstream.net. Visit: www.cabarrusrc.com. Open to all type of aircraft. \$10 landing fee, food available on site. No RVs. Sponsor: PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOC

6/11/2011 -- Etowah, NC (C) BACK RHODES RANCH FLY IN AND SWAP MEET. Site: Club Field. Will Hicks CD PH: 828-891-3776 Email: cd@etowahrc.org. Visit: www.etowahrc.org. Landing fee \$10, includes swap meet space, non flyers \$5 for swap meet space. Lunch will be available. Night flying Friday night for electrics. Camping is encouraged, no hook ups. Chemical toilet on site. Check website for noise restrictions, directions and flyer. Come on out and enjoy the event. See you there! Sponsor: ETOWAH R/C FLYING CLUB

6/11/2011 -- High Point, NC (C) 4TH ANNUAL HELI INVASION OF CENTRAL CAROLINA. Site: Club Field. Chris Vandenlangenberg CD PH: 336-547-0144 Email: vandelescrow@bellsouth.net. Visit: www.cccm.com. Helis of any size. Fun, games and open flying. Full concessions and facilities. \$10 landing fee, registration 9AM, pilots meeting 10AM. Sponsor: CENTRAL CAROLINA MODELERS

6/11/2011 -- Sanford, NC (C) 12TH ANNUAL LARRY RICKARD FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Mark Cline CD PH: 919-776-9504 Email: clinesfly@windstream.net. \$5 landing fee, raffle day of event. Sponsor: SANFORD MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

6/11/2011 -- Statesville, NC (C-Restricted) GREATER STATESVILLE BIG BIRD FLY IN. Site: Club Field. William Francis CD PH: 704-402-5927 Email: billfrancis@roadrunner.com. Visit: www.statesvillemodelfly.org. 12th annual big bird fly in. Field located at 360 John Long Rd. See website for amps and directions. Registration starts at 8AM, fly at 9AM. RV, SF, GR food/beverages, restaurants and motels club. All IMAA rules apply. Oversize trailers and motor homes contact CD for alternate entry. Sponsor: STATESVILLE FLIERS RC CLUB INC

6/18/2011 -- Hickory, NC (C) JOHN KEEVER MEMORIAL FOR HOSPICE. Site: Wham Flying Field. Mark McClellan CD PH: 828-612-3726 Email: markmcclellan@charter.net. Visit: www.wham-rc.org. Sponsor: CATAWBA VALLEY RCERS

6/25/2011 -- Hudson, NC (C) 4TH ANNUAL CAROLINA SPEED RALLY. Site: Club Field. Vic Welland CD PH: 828-381-8133 Email: vic_welland@yahoo.com. Visit: www.caldwellaeromodelers.com. This is the only all out speed event known. If you over power your models this is the perfect event for you. Racers, hotlines, 1/2A, all speed freaks are wanted. No turbines due to fabric runway. \$5 registration fee, \$3 for each additional certification. Registration fees go to the Hickory Museum of Aviation Air Show Fund. Sponsor: CALDWELL AERO MODELERS

6/25/2011 -- Mooresville, NC (C) RC WINGERS ANNUAL ELECTRIC FLY. Site: Club Field. John Stutts CD PH: 704-902-8367 Email: geardown321@windstream.net. Any electric aircraft welcome, planes and helis, on site food and drink. Camping ok, no hook ups. Raffle and door prizes. Be sure to stay for the night flying. Landing fee will be \$10 including the night fly. Sponsor: RC WINGERS

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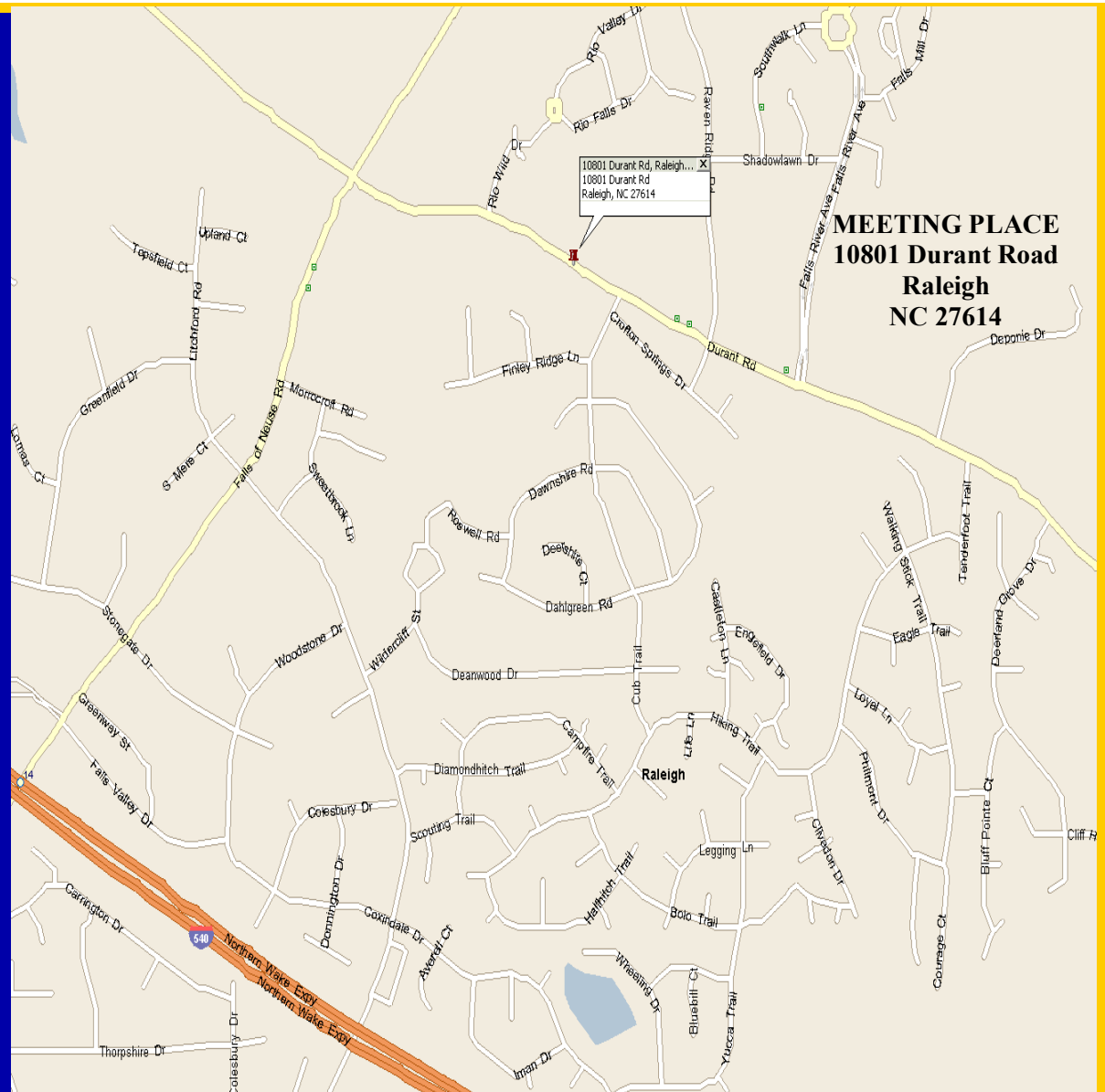
Newsletter

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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 :

I just want to say a BIG THANKS to all the club members who have sent in checks to keep the RDRC cameras running. We hope to have some better cameras up and running just as soon as I have tested out some new multiple interfaces to run the composite cameras donated to us by Ken Wade. If anyone has not donated to the monthly running costs of the cameras and weather station and would like to do so, just send in a check to me (payable to the RDRC, memo line RDRC Camera fund) and you can be sure your donation will be used to keep the cameras running. All of the money sent in will go to the cost of the DSL line, not towards equipment. All equipment is donated, so far. Fly safe...cos we are watching :)



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