



*Larry Lewis*

## PRESIDENT'S PROP-WASH

Its Me Again!

Like many before it, this month has flown by so fast. Seems I was just talking with you guys about the upcoming First in Flight event, and now its gone. What an great event! We had over 90 pilots, hundreds of aircraft, and the weather miraculously held out for us the whole time. At one point, we saw heavy rain completely surrounding the airport. And I mean HEAVY rain! Yet, very few drops fell on us. Only once did we have to drop tent when the winds picked up. We had several reports of bad weather headed directly at us. But it never did! Before going any further, I want to thank those who offered their time and help at First in Flight. Though it doesn't take as large a group as Fly for Tots, it stills takes several dedicated people to make it all happen. We had a few members of RDRRC, the Greenville club, the Rocky Mount club, Do Rag from the Kinston club, and Gene Paremba from the Wilson club helping out. Set up, event, and tear down all went smooth as glass. The airport was very happy with the way things were un, and have already invited us back again next year. If you didn't make it out this year, make plans to next year.

Things at RDRRC have looked a little slower than normal these last few weeks. It might have something to do with this intense heat were getting already. We skipped spring time I believe and went right into August! That's Ok.....We'll just get all the heat out of the way now, so we can get the cooler temps in by September! Speaking of September!!!! Before you know it, Fly for Tots will be here. Already many of us are working of getting things ready for this years event. One new thing we'll be adding this year is a live auction. Mark Lofgren has been busy coordinating this event with the folks at Victory Junction. This year we'll be raffling off NASCAR items donated by different race teams. Mark is trying hard to jet one of Richard Petty's hats, but that might be a little tough this year. He did mention one really cool item already. 1 drivers suit!!!! And if I'm correct on this, many of these items will be autographed when we get them. Plan's are to hold the auction on Saturday afternoon. We'll get more details about all of this later. Oh.....one more bit a great news. We will again be giving away a big **Win It, Fuel It, Fly It** airplane at this years event. And here's the coolest part of all. It won't be a 3D plane this year. Nope. We wanted to change things up a bit and go for something ANYONE would enjoy flying. So after a couple of talks with our Horizon Hobby connections, they will be donating one of those awesome new Piper Pawnee's! This thing is HUGE! And it gets better. This years plane will be guided by the new Spektrum DX8 radio, and powered by the ever reliable DA100 engine. Top all that off with a Vess 27B prop, loads of JR servo's, and much more, and you have an outstanding package. So start saving those dollars now. You'll want to buy lots of tickets this year.

## **Runway Repairs**

Many of you have been asking questions about the much needed runway repairs. I talked with the paving contractor last week, and he plans to come by RDRC very soon to give us an estimate on how much it will cost. Keep in mind, this will only cost us materials!!!! Cody has offered all of the needed equipment to do the job, so long as we can provide labor. That's a DEAL folks! As soon as we have some numbers, we'll share that with the rest of the club.

We'll, I'd like to write more but I really need to be out in the shop right now. As many of you heard, I lost my jet at First in Flight, leaving me with nothing to fly at the KY jet meet next month. So, I'm trying to get a 10 week project done in 4 weeks. Still lots to do, and only a 2 1/2 weeks to get'r done. So I'm off to the shop friends.

Have a safe month, and hope to see you at this months meeting.

Larry

# Safety Officers Report



*Mark Lofgren*

**SAFETY FIRST...**All is quiet on the safety front as far as I know. Some crashes I've recently seen at some other clubs' activities were due to equipment malfunction and not pilot error. Some crashes can be excused because our eyes, brain, and hands don't "cooperate" with one another at crucial times. But crashes due to poor aircraft and electronic maintenance can be avoided through diligent attention to regular equipment inspection. We are in for a long hot summer and precautions need to be taken at the field to avoid any heat-related mishaps. Stay hydrated...drink even if you aren't thirsty. Wear light-colored clothes and use sunscreen. Consider flights shorter in duration than you would ordinarily fly in cooler weather. And if you are flying and feel more "goofy" than usual, please land, get in some shade, and drink something cool. With over a hundred members in RDRC it is hard to define "goofy," so I'll leave that up to each of you to individually determine your level of hot weather "goofiness."

# Notices - Upcoming Events

## June

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](mailto:vic_welland@yahoo.com). Visit: [www.caldwellaeromodelers.com](http://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](mailto: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

## July

7/9/2011 -- Greenville, NC (C) 6TH ANNUAL ALL ELECTRIC FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Frankie Coburn CD PH: 252-714-2679 Email: [ramhorn@suddenlink.net](mailto:ramhorn@suddenlink.net). Visit: [www.ncspacecowboys.com](http://www.ncspacecowboys.com). "Any" electric can fly big or small, "please" 2.4 only during fly in. Vendors are welcome. We have electric at the field for charging. Food and drink will be served at the field. Follow the signs around bypass. Come and fly on one of the vest fields on the east coast. Registration 8AM, flying by 9AM. Sponsor: NORTH CAROLINA SPACE COWBOYS

7/16/2011 - 7/17/2011 -- Asheville, NC (C) THE PAT HAGAN MEMORIAL SPA MEET. Site: Old Landfill. Will Hicks CD PH: 818-891-3776 Email: [cd@abaeromodelers.org](mailto:cd@abaeromodelers.org). Visit: [www.abaeromodelers.org](http://www.abaeromodelers.org). Come on out and enjoy our annual SPA meet. Our safety officer recently passed and this meet is a tribute to Pat Hagan. This event is great fun. We're sure you'll enjoy the festivities, spectators are welcome, lunch will be available Saturday. Noise limit is posted on the website. See ya there! Sponsor: ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE AEROMODELE

7/16/2011 - 7/17/2011 -- East Bend, NC (C-Restricted) RAMS DRAGONFLY HELICOPTER FLY IN. Site: Club Airfield. Rod Stauffer CD PH: 336-924-8010 Email: [rgsflrs@windstream.net](mailto:rgsflrs@windstream.net). Visit: [www.riversiderc.com](http://www.riversiderc.com). All helicopters! Open flying, obstacle course to test your skill. \$15 two day, \$10 one day landing fee. Registration 10AM, concessions stand, rest room and overnight (no hook up) camping at the flying site. Sponsor: RIVERSIDE AERO MODELERS SOCIETY

7/16/2011 -- Goldsboro, NC (C-Restricted) 21ST ANNUAL WMA BIG BIRD FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Neil Watson CD PH: 919-934-6548 Email: [fscot123@nc.rr.com](mailto:fscot123@nc.rr.com). Visit: [www.wayneaero.com](http://www.wayneaero.com). Come join us at our new field (2nd year) and enjoy our 90x720' flat golf course Bermuda grass runway. Best of all no neighbors to worry about flying over. Contact CD for directions. Sponsor: WAYNE MINIATURE AERONAUTICS

7/23/2011 -- High Point, NC (C) CENTRAL CAROLINA CUB DAY GOLDEN AGE. Site: Club Field. Robert Underwood CD PH: 336-885-2318 Email: [paverman@underwoodpaving.com](mailto:paverman@underwoodpaving.com). Visit: [www.crcm.com](http://www.crcm.com). 700x65' good grass runway, flying 9AM until ? For cubs or golden age aircraft built between 1927 and 1947. Fun, fellowship, and food. Free after lunch watermelon and cub cake. Concessions and restroom on site. \$15 fee includes t-shirt while they last. Sponsor: CENTRAL CAROLINA MODELERS

7/30/2011 -- Monroe, NC (C) 2ND ANNUAL HELICOPTER FLY IN. Site: Club Field. W Scott Gantt CD PH: 704-544-9571 Email: [sgantt@benefitcontrolsnc.com](mailto:sgantt@benefitcontrolsnc.com). Visit: [www.charlotteaeromodelers.org](http://www.charlotteaeromodelers.org). All sizes and types of helicopters welcome. \$10 landing fee, AMA required. Hamburgers/hotdogs served at 12:00. Camping available Friday and Saturday nights, no hook ups. Prizes, raffles, contests. Directions to field on website. Sponsor: CHARLOTTE AEROMODELERS INC

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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 :

**Please note the new email address for me. I am finally getting around to dumping TWC!! Please change your email programs accordingly.**

**Also it seems a good time to start your minds thinking as to who will be your next Newsletter Editor. Come December 31st I am going to step down so if anyone out there would like to take the job on, we have a few months to go over the software and processes before then. Let me or one of the club officers know if you want to have a go!**

**Cheers,**



