



PRESIDENT'S PROP-WASH

ITS ELECTION TIME FOLKS!



Larry Lewis

No, its not 2012 yet, but is IS time for us to put in our nominations for next years club representatives. By club rules, we are to put in all nominations at the October meeting, and vote new/incumbent officers in at the November meeting. Remember. The December meeting actually our club Christmas Dinner gathering, and we conduct NO BUSINESS at that. ;) I would like to say it has been my pleasure to serve as club president the last few years, but I think we all know that any organization can become stagnant if new blood isn't introduced from time to time. Its time for me to step down as president and support a new administration the way you guys have supported me. Of course, with your support I have every intention of continuing my position as CD for our spring fly in, as well "Fly for Tots". Its time for RDRRC to get some new blood in the seat. The responsibility of picking those new leaders lies in your hands folks. Though this is a hobby, it's still a serious matter that needs to be thought through. These will be the people who work to keep your club, your hobby, and your weekend therapy sessions sound!!! We are fortunate enough that we have many qualified people in our club who can carry RDRRC into the future. Lets hope that some of those members will be willing to step up to the plate and accept your nominations. **And of course, those members will need to be present if you nominate them.** No throwing your buddy under the bus folks!!! lol

Fly for Tots

Unbelievable!!!!!!! I don't know any other way to describe what happened this year. **For so many years I have worried, 'what will we do if it rains us out?'** After all, this is a really big event now. Folks come from many states. Vendors contribute thousands of dollars. Many of them travel here to set up shop. Folks bring in their motors home, tents, or spend hundreds of dollars on hotel reservations. In other words, hundreds of people put their heart and wallets on the line to make FFT a success each year. And what about the kids? If FFT fails to bring in the money, a lot of kids don't go to camp. Well..... This years FFT answered a lot of those questions folks! We started setting up on Wednesday as we always do. Then..... Thursday night the storms came. Wind, rain, flooding and destruction soon followed. Just prior to my arrival Friday morning I received a call from Josh Bunn saying both the large food tent and the prize tent were on the ground in a mangled mess. And this was opening day for FFT.

When I arrived that morning I saw tents destroyed, flag poles bent over, and commercial size tent stakes literally bent from all the force put on them over night. But the first thing I witnessed as I drove in is what made the biggest impression on me. It was Josh Bunn and several of the RDRRC members sifting through all the mangled poles and hardware of the two large tents. They were straightening poles, gathering bungee chords, and frantically working to get at least one tent back in action. In a matter of minutes, they did it!

Using what material on hand they had one of the 20 X 30 tents standing tall ready for use as the concessions tent. Awesome! I grabbed my phone and placed a call to "Tent and Events" and told him his 40 X 40 rental was just about on the ground and needed quick repair. I also told him we were in bad need of another rental to serve as our prize tent. Ron Duke and his crew went right into action and were on site by lunch time. They repaired the 40 X 40 and set up another rental unit right beside that one. He also made us a smoking good deal on the rental price for the 20 X 40 they brought out!

So now FFT 2011 is underway, and registrations begin. As does the RAIN! And the WIND. And the COLD! And.... THE FLYING!!!! Yes flying folks!!! Yes, it was cold, it was wet, and even I had a jacket on, but modelers were about to let that stop them from making FFT happen. Every time the rain let up, guys were grabbing their transmitters and taking to the air. And while all this is going on, cars, vans, trailers, and campers are still coming down the driveway!!!! They were coming in from Michigan, Illinois, SC, GA, VA, and many more! I couldn't believe it! These folks were determined **FFT WOULD HAPPEN!** Throughout Friday and Saturday it rained, it blew, and many froze the butts off. But nobody was complaining. If they weren't flying, they were enjoying talking with friends, making new ones, or hitting the concession stand for a cup of coffee or food. And they kept coming in! Even spectators were battling the cold and drizzle to enjoy the day watching modelers brave the elements with their planes. Robert Vess said he was amazed at one point when he saw a mother pushing her kid in a stroller, through the mud, while making her way to the spectator line. Imagine that. It was truly amazing to see the attitude and determination of modelers, the workers, and spectators this year. Determined to make this event happen, and accomplish all it could under the circumstances we were dealing with. Sunday's weather did lend a helping hand to us. The winds dropped quite a bit. We had no wet stuff falling from the clouds, and the sun even peeked through 4th clouds a couple of times. This well accepted change in weather allowed us to put on a great noon time show for the public, and many of us were privileged to wearing dry socks for a change! The public showed up in force, we had us a full blown FFT going on! The AMA honored RDRC with its highest level of recognition. The "Award of Excellence", I was very honored to accept it on RDRC's behalf. As a matter of fact, we are one of only **four groups to ever receive this award!** I'd say RDRC has a lot to be proud of folks!

With Robert Vess on the microphone, planes in the air, and spectators abound, we had ourselves a charity event. Storms, wet feet, and mud puddles were all in the past. Let's get on with the festivities!!!! And that's just what we did. The skies remained full all day, and we were having a ball. Of course, many of us were still wondering in the back of our minds just how big of a tole did the weather take on us. We knew we were about 100 pilots short of last year, and Saturday's spectator numbers were wayyyyyyy down. And everyone knows that Saturday is our biggest day so far as spectator attendance, raffle ticket sales, and food sales. In an effort to draw in a little more money for the event, we extended raffle ticket sales an extra hour, and Robert worked the crowd on the microphone reminding everyone what we were all there for. Yes,,, most of us were worried. Trying to guess what kind of total we be looking at. After all. We had been standing in the rain for nearly 3 days freezing our back sides off. Could we manage 10, 12, or even \$15,000 in such a situation? We thought so! This WAS the most determined group we ever had. So we begin the raffle prize segment of our event, Putting big smiles on many faces, and hearing cheers from around the venue. Then along comes Jeff Foley flying by on his beautiful Stearman biplane. He lines up for a centerline pass over the grass and begins waving to the crowd. Then,,, as he gets show center he throws something from the cockpit of his plane! Robert runs out to the center (all along talking on the mic) and quickly returns back to the huddled crowd. He walks up to me and hands me this heavy wrapped cylinder shaped package. (Yep....they surprised me again!!!) As I unwrapped the package my heart was pounding. How many kids would be sending to camp? What had this determined group of modelers accomplished in the 3 days of horrible weather? I opened the package and unwrapped the rolled up paper inside. It was one of the 2011 FFT flyers at that! I peered down at it and looked at what had been written on the back side. It simply said,,,,,

Grand Total
\$22,700*

How cool is that? What does that say about the people we surround our self with in this hobby?

"For so many years I have worried, 'what will we do if it rains us out?"

Only now have I come to realize..... There was never a need to worry. You guys have always had my back, and your dedication to FFT and this club was much deeper than I ever knew. This event and the folks that make it happen never fail to humble me each September. This year was no exception. In fact,..... I would say this years FFT was by far the most successful FFT ever!

Thank you all so very much.....

Larry and Jacqui

*In my article I stated we had raised \$22,700 for FFT. I failed to list the final amount after other monies came in.

Our final total is
\$23.250



Safety Officers Report



Mark Lofgren

SAFETY FIRST...

A topic that was discussed at last month's meeting needs to be known by those not present. A member's canopy was destroyed by the unsecured canopy of another member when a gust of wind tossed it into his canopy. There have been reports from other clubs where unsecured canopies have caused damage to planes and automobiles when a canopy is taken by the wind. So please make sure your canopy is secured to avoid damage or injury.

No other significant problems need mention. Thankfully, members are flying from the flight stations and flying with respect for others. A great many flyers in other parts of the country are winding down their flying season. We are lucky to have a winter that does allow us to fly many days. After a busy summer season, and in anticipation of winter flying, it would be a good practice to check our airframes, engines/motors, and electronics for needed repairs or replacement.

Perhaps some of us should check our thumbs and eyesight, also!! Occasionally, your Safety Officer hears something that could turn his mildly grey hair to pure white. The latest was one heard when a club member finished assisting another member with a plane's problem. "That should do it. Go ahead and fly it and see what happens." Use your head, keep body parts out of anything rotating, pay attention to those around you, and make safety a priority.



Dangerous Dihydrogen Monoxide

Dihydrogen monoxide is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and kills uncounted thousands of people every year. Most of these deaths are caused by accidental inhalation of DHMO, but the dangers of dihydrogen monoxide do not end there. Prolonged exposure to its solid form causes severe tissue damage. Symptoms of DHMO ingestion can include excessive sweating and urination, and possibly a bloated feeling, nausea, vomiting and body electrolyte imbalance. For those who have become dependent, DHMO withdrawal means death.

Dihydrogen monoxide:

- * is also known as hydric acid, and is the major component of acid rain.
- * contributes to the "greenhouse effect."
- * may cause severe burns.
- * contributes to the erosion of our natural landscape.
- * accelerates corrosion and rusting of many metals.
- * may cause electrical failures and decreased effectiveness of automobile brakes.
- * has been found in excised tumors of terminal cancer patients.

CONTAMINATION IS REACHING EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS!

Quantities of dihydrogen monoxide have been found in almost every stream, lake, and reservoir in America today. But the pollution is global, and the contaminant has even been found in Antarctic ice. In the midwest alone DHMO has caused millions of dollars of property damage.

Despite the danger, dihydrogen monoxide is often used:

- * as an industrial solvent and coolant.
- * in nuclear power plants.
- * in the production of styrofoam.
- * as a fire retardant.
- * in many forms of cruel animal research.
- * in the distribution of pesticides. Even after washing, produce remains contaminated by this chemical.
- * as an additive in "junk-foods" and other food products.

Companies dump waste DHMO into rivers and the ocean, and nothing can be done to stop them because this practice is still legal. The impact on wildlife is extreme, and we cannot afford to ignore it any longer!

THE HORROR MUST BE STOPPED!

The American government has refused to ban the production, distribution, or use of this damaging chemical due to its "importance to the economic health of this nation." In fact, the navy and other military organizations are conducting experiments with DHMO, and designing multi-billion dollar devices to control and utilize it during warfare situations. Hundreds of military research facilities receive tons of it through a highly sophisticated underground distribution network. Many store large quantities for later use.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Act NOW to prevent further contamination. Find out more about this dangerous chemical. What you don't know CAN hurt you and others throughout the world.

(Note: Dihydrogen monoxide is another way of saying H₂O, or just plain water)

Notices - Upcoming Events

October

10/29/2011 -- Beulaville, NC (C) EDRC FALL FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Kelly Sanderson CD PH: 910-340-2072 Email: kd.sanderson@live.com. All size and type aircraft welcome. \$10 landing fee. Field opens at 9AM, pilots meeting at 10AM, 50/50 raffle and concessions. Sponsor: EAST DUPLIN R/C FLYERS

10/29/2011 -- Elm City, NC (C) WARBIRDS OVER NC. Site: Club Field. J Foley CD PH: 252-532-1641 Email: jefffoley@charter.net. Visit: www.tarheelrcflyers.org. Come join us for a fun day of warbirds. Great warbird field, 700x100' runway with open approaches. Raffle prizes and critics choice award. Sponsor: TARHEEL R/C FLYERS

10/29/2011 -- Etowah, NC (C) FLY IN/SWAP MEET. Site: Misty Meadows Ln. Stanley Ruminski CD PH: 828-628-1738 Email: joe@thegiftturningstudio.com. Visit: www.etowahrc.org. Open flying and fun games. Starts at 9AM, \$10 landing fee. Great field and a new shelter. Sponsor: ETOWAH R/C FLYING CLUB

10/29/2011 -- Mooresville, NC (C) RC WINGERS ANNUAL WARBIRD FLY. **EVENT CANCELLED**

November

11/5/2011 -- Concord, NC (C) VETERANS DAY FLY IN. Site: Charlotte Motor Speedway. James Galuska CD PH: 704-651-5706 Email: giesh@hotmail.com. Visit: www.flyingacesrc.com. Fly at Charlotte Motor Speedway. All planes welcome, warbirds theme, camping, RV welcome (no hook ups). \$10 landing fee, raffle. Flying site is off Moorehead Rd, behind the Speedway. Sponsor: FLYING ACES PILOTS ASSOC

11/5/2011 - 11/6/2011 -- Lumberton, NC (C) GIANT SCALE FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Horace Skipper CD PH: 910-738-3098 Email: skipperfamily@aol.com. Visit: www.greatslip.com. Sponsor: MT ELIM RC CLUB

11/5/2011 -- Vanceboro, NC (C-Restricted) ANNUAL BIG BIRD FLY IN. Site: Gaskin Field. Michael Zaytoun CD PH: 252-229-9161 Email: michael@zaytuncustomcabinets.com. Sponsor: SOUTHERN AIR R/C CLUB

11/19/2011 - 11/20/2011 -- Fayetteville, NC (C-Restricted) 3RD ANNUAL GEORGE FRYER MEMORIAL WAR BIRD FUN FLY. Site: Broome County Park. Thomas Schillinger CD PH: 910-480-9683 Email: tschillinger@nc.rr.com. Visit: www.piedmontaeromodelers.com. All warbirds welcome! Visit website for details and directions. 800' grass runway on 200 acres, \$10 registration, raffle and pilot prizes. Sponsor: PIEDMONT AEROMODELERS

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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).

Next Meeting Wednesday 26th October



MEETING PLACE
10801 Durant Road
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Thoughts from the slipstream :

**Well...as the Pres...'tis time for a change!!
Still no takers for the newsletter editor position
though...so I guess that, like the cameras, if there is
no one to take it on, next months newsletter will be
the last until a new editor is found....think about it
guys and let us know at the next meeting.**

NO editor = NO newsletter.

**For those who have not seen it yet
click on the link for an
[RDRC Virtual Tour](#)
....read the instructions and take a
wander about the field :)**



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