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**AWARD OF  
EXCELLENCE**



*Larry Lewis*

## PRESIDENT'S PROP-WASH

Its hard to believe the 2011 flying season is nearly to an end, but here we are in November already! What a great year it has been and like always we have made lots of memories to reflect back on later. We saw more sanctioned fly-ins than ever before, and the Circus did its part to support many of our neighboring clubs around the state. Sadly, we saw a few get canceled due to bad weather. Two of which were due to a hurricane and its damage.

Both the Greenville Space Cowboys and the Vanceboro clubs had to cancel out one of their meets. I believe the Crystal Coast club had their make up date this past Saturday. But still, I would say the 2011 season was a very productive and enjoyable year for most of us. Even rain couldn't wipe out this years FFT. Nearly 150 pilots and family members weathered out the winds and rain to make this years event a huge success.

Oh by the way..... **Final count. \$23,500.00 !!!!!!!**

Jacqui has set up at date at Victory Junction for our check presentation. Unless something changes, **November 30th** will be our day. We'll be getting in touch with several of you in the coming days to provide more details.

Even though the year is coming to an end, the flying isn't! RDRC is known for its year round activity and I have no doubt the colder months of December, January and February will again offer up lots of excitement on the flight line. Hopefully, it'll offer a lot of new projects on the work bench as well. Its my understanding Jacqui WILL be flying a new plane for 2012 !!! I'd say she deserves it after flying the Gee Bee for 3+ seasons having NOT crashed it! Sheeeesh! I didn't think planes were suppose to last that long! Its pretty amazing to think she's only added a few dings here and there. So..... 2012 should see a Edge 540 on the line with Quiqui at the controls! Not sure what I'll be working on this winter (*fockewulf*) but I'm sure it'll be something cool (*fockewulf*) and interesting. (*fockewulf*) Robert and I started construction on some new pylon racers this past week, and hope to have'm done in time to race in Florida next month. We certainly had a blast this past season racing at Julian NC and hope some of you might consider joining us in the 2012. I know we have a couple of Raiders we'd be more than happy to loan out for anyone wanting to try! And just so you guys know, you can get into 424 quicky pretty cheap! It only requires a \$119 ARF Viper and an \$100 Thunder Tiger Pro 40 engine! Really folks, that's not all that much. Everything else is stuff you most likely have in your shop know. Standard receiver and standard size servo's. All the other hardware needed comes with the plane. So..... ;)

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So what's new for RDRC in 2012? Well, we'll start off with officers! As needed, RDRC will be seeing some new faces at the front table in 2012. As required, we submitted nominations at our October meeting. Thankfully all of these guys accepted the nomination and they will lead our club into the new season. All that's left to do now is vote them in at the November meeting.

Oh by the way, **that's THIS Wednesday folks!** Remember we hold it a week early in November because of Thanksgiving.

Nominees are:

**President, Mike Hollowel**  
**Vice Prez, Dave Hedrick**  
**Secretary, Jason Jarvis**  
**Treasurer, Dustin Hedrick**  
**Safety Officer, Mark Lofgren**  
**Field Marshal, John Keisler**

I know all of these guys have it in their heart to carry RDRC into a brighter future with continued growth. I ask that all of you support these guys as much as you have me in past years. We have an awesome club guys, and I can only see it getting better. Let's show these new officers (and incumbents) all the support they need.

We have more than officers to vote on this month! At last month's meeting the subject of dues was again raised. As many of you know, our annual operation cost have risen over past years, and we foresee other items in the near future that will be tapping into our club funds. Namely, runway and cameras. Both of which have been determined to be both necessary and desired to have at our field. Though we did implement a dues increase at the beginning of last year, it was only a \$10 increase. Honestly it had little impact on our yearly financial state. Many members of our club have indicated to me it wasn't enough, and we should strongly consider revisiting that topic. So, at the October meeting we did just that. After much discussion that membership present decided on an amount of **\$125 annually**. The membership present also revisited the amounts for other club dues. It was decided to increase other membership dues like Family and associate. Some rates were determined to be set at acceptable amounts now, and will not be items voted on. For the record here is what the structure will look like if voted on and passed at this month's meeting.

<b>Open Membership</b>	<b>\$125</b>	
<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>children under 18, and spouse of open member ( same house hold)</b>
<b>Youth Membership</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>(unchanged)</b>
<b>Student Membership</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>(unchanged)</b>
<b>Life Member</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>( unchanged)</b>
<b>Associate Member</b>	<b>\$50</b>	

Again, these were the amounts decided by the many members present. It still must be passed by a majority vote at this month's meeting. I must agree with the many members present this move is much needed in RDRC to continue the services and growth of our club.

**I urge all of you to come out and vote your choice.**

Also to be voted on is the camera funding. Or rather, the DSL account needed to provide the camera service. Many of you have enjoyed the cameras provided at RDRC for nearly two years now. Also in that line of services is the weather station. What many don't realize is that service has been provided not by the club, but individual members. And not cheaply at that! The DSL line alone equates to \$600 a year! As many of you know, the whole camera/no camera topic has been a big issue in recent weeks. At last months meeting I moved to revisit the camera issue due to the high level of interest. As many remember, it was voted by club members present that the club would not fund the cost of cameras or the DSL line needed to have them. This WAS NOT a decision made by club officers! It was brought up by members, and voted on by members. Well, it became very apparent that the cameras were something MANY people in the club wanted to keep, and perhaps SHOULD have been at the meeting to vote on! So, with that in mind I moved we revisit that matter. And with that, we did! So here is what you'll be voting on if you make it out to the November meeting.

Starting **January 1st 2011**, if RDRC votes to keep the cameras, the club will be paying for the DSL line needed to provide that service. **Cost is \$600 a year**, and the account will be put into the clubs name .Newer higher quality cameras will be installed, and better back-ups will be installed as well. This will not mean that everyone will have access to the Internet. My understanding is that the service simply doesn't have enough space to provide that. You can get more details at the meeting. Take note! The club will provide the cost of the DSL line. Cameras and equipment will still be provided by club members. I point this out for a good reason. In months past when the cameras went down, certain members ( mainly one) were constantly called, harassed, and told they needed to get out there quick and get the cams going again because they couldn't see anything on their computers! Folks, we can't have that in the future! These guys were spending THEIR time, and THEIR money to provide this service. Who are we to badger them for something they were GIVING us?

So..... We will be voting on the DSL service this monthly. That has been a major cost to one of our club members that IF we continue to have cameras and weather SHOULD be paid for BY the club. Its only fair folks! Just for the record, I vote YES to keeping the service! If you want to counter my vote, get your butt out to the meeting!!!!!! ;)

In closing, I want to say its been my honor to serve as RDRCs president these past years. As a group we have accomplished many things and brought RDRC to a high level in the model community. We have been recognized by both other clubs and the AMA itself as a leader club in the hobby. And in many cases, other clubs have followed our lead in the way they give back to their community and the hobby itself. We have a lot to be proud of in RDRC, and all of you should be very proud of your association with this club. I look forward to many more year serving RDRC in whatever capacity is needed. Its time for me to step back now and support our new club leaders. More importantly, its time for me to give them the support I have been blessed enough to receive these many years. RDRC has a bright future and I look forward to being a part of that. With that, I say thank you.....

See you all at the meeting.

Larry



# *Notices - Upcoming Events*

## **November**

**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  
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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 November 16th 2011



**MEETING PLACE**  
**10801 Durant Road**

## Thoughts from the slipstream :

4 years....and I only took it on for a year!! I am glad to have done the newsletter though and I hope that the new editor will find a lot more to put into the letters each month. I will certainly try to get at least one article/photo shoot in every few months, why don't you do the same? Send in a photo or two or a short article on an aspect of modeling that you enjoy??

So give a big welcome to the new newsletter editor :

**Joe Hovarth...**

Thanks

