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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



PRESIDENT'S Prop-Wash

Well hopefully after the past few weeks of record heat, the same heat which postponed the July 7th swap/pig/fly event, cooler or at least normal summer temperatures await. Here is to hoping for cooler weather and a rescheduled event!!!

If you missed the last RDRC Club meeting, the runway committee presented its findings about the runway resurface plan (no extensions just adding 1.5 inch on top of the existing to be done after the fly-for-tots event). In short, the club is looking to vote at the next meeting July 25th whether to move forward or not with a resurfacing of the existing runway. The cost is going to be around the \$12,000 and the path to paying for it will be through donations, club treasury, AMA club improvement project fund, and finally an assessment on dues. Starting in 2013 if the vote passes, a \$50 yearly per household assessment (on top of the current due structure) will be in place until the entire club's debt is paid off. What I would really like to see is for each member to step up and make a \$100 donation. That should pretty much take care of the project and avoid the need of the \$50 assessment on top of dues. FYI - When the runway was last done probably 30 or so years ago, members stepped up and paid a heck of a lot more than what we are seeking right now due to their smaller club size. Plus the runway will hopefully be around for another 30+ plus years to enjoy. To break it all down, this investment of redoing the runway would only be \$1.10 per day if we use the 30 years of enjoyment equation ($\$1.10 \times 365 \times 30$).

Next, on to the RD-RC.com website... Now that the reins have been passed along from Jason, I have started making changes to it. You can now find upcoming activities for both ours and other clubs right on the home page. New account creation has been disabled while we investigate ways to prevent fake accounts from being created and spamming the forums. If you are a member and do not already have an account on RD-RC.COM, let me know personally and I can create an account for you manually. Also, with the help of some club members, the weather station is running once again. The only caveat right now is since there is no internet at the field; the weather information is only available on the display screen in the club's shed. I am working with the club officers to get the DSL line turned back on so that weather information can be posted on the website. The good thing is that I have already completed the ground work both on the weather stations computer and the RD-RC.com web site so adding the weather data to the club's web site should be a quick flip of the switch. After the DSL circuit is up and working once again, web cams will be put back in place. I am still working on the details if those cameras will be donated or if the club will have to purchase them... details to follow.

Visit the new club website at <http://www.rd-rc.com>

Lastly, at the last meeting, Pat Taggart took over the reins of being the clubs secretary from Jason Jarvis. He and I have been working on getting him ramped up on all the tech stuff we use to keep this club running, so now is your time... if you have any outstanding membership card issues let him know. He could use the practice. Also thank him for stepping up and taking on this role.

Meeting: July 25th at the Pullman house location. There won't be any special events due to the runway topic needing to be discussed and voted on.

7:30-8:00 : Show and tell... (This will allow time for people to funnel in)

8:00-??? : club business

REMEMBER: NO PARKING ON THE GRASS AT THE PULLMAN HOUSE

Club Myth Buster: Taking a break this round.

Closing: Please take a moment and think about how much the paved runway at RDRC is a real benefit. Not only for Fly for Tots or any flyin the club has, but the ability to pretty much fly anything you want due to the smooth surface, something we would never get out of a grass field. We are one of the few clubs in NC that has this luxury and we really need to keep and maintain it. It really could use a makeover... the small investment made 30 years ago is something we are still using today but it definitely needs help. We have been trying to band aid it over the past few years costing the club significant dollars, but we are losing that battle. Having a nice smooth surface with no Grand Canyon sized ruts would be a very welcomed thing for all pilots. It doesn't matter what you fly, whether it's a small electric or all the way up to the big war birds and jets, all can benefit.



Patrick Taggart is RD-RC's new Secretary.

A warm welcome to the new addition to the RD-RC Executive staff.

Safety Officers Report

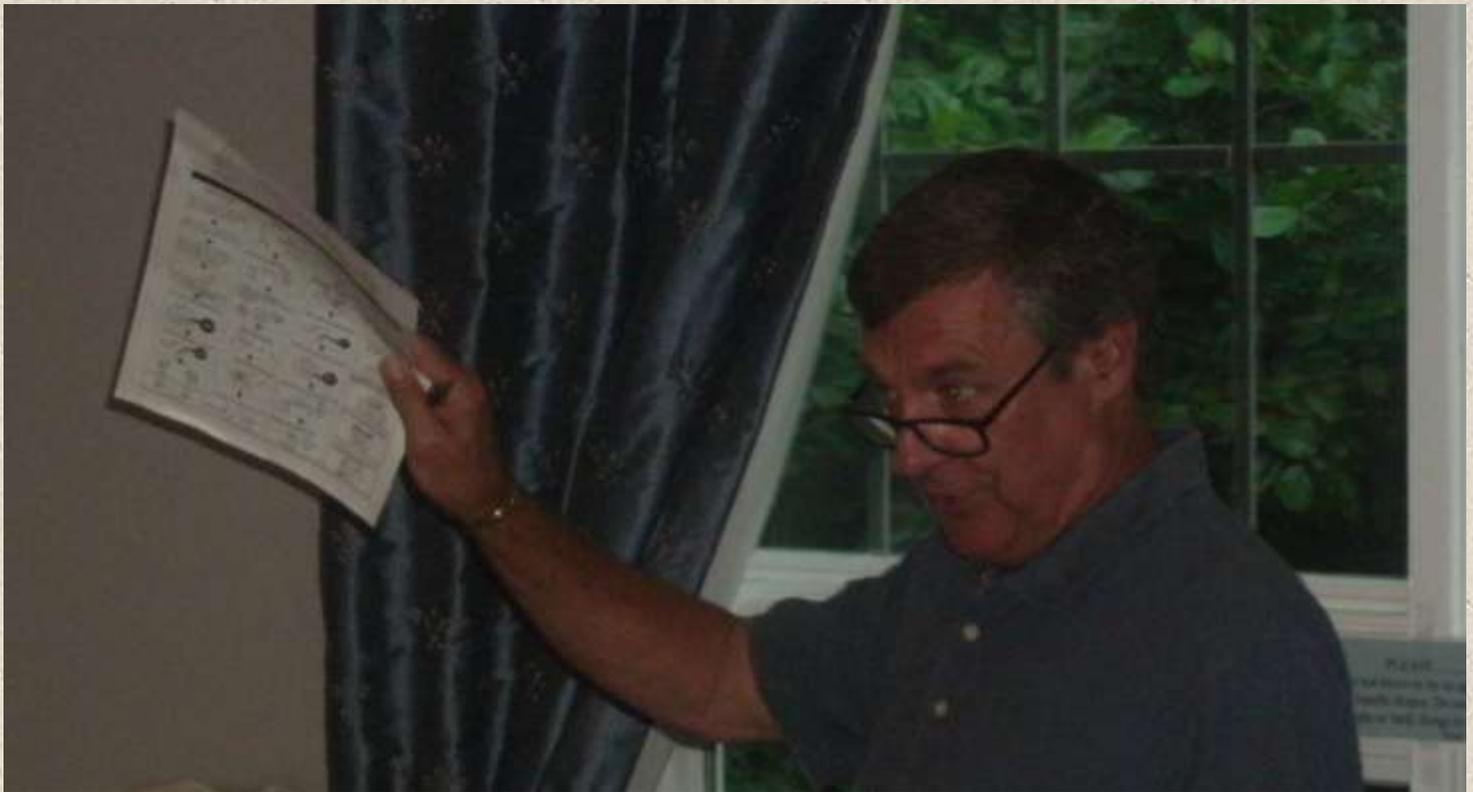


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SAFETY FIRST...

Heat, heat, and more heat!!! The field has seen a few tough members brave the temperatures and bees that are probably looking for some type of moisture. It is important to wear loose, light-colored clothing, drink lots of fluids, and slather oneself frequently with sunscreen. Wearing SPF rated clothing is another good strategy for skin protection. Drinks such as Gatorade mixed 50/50 with water and drunk diluted throughout the day provide better hydration than if consumed undiluted. Members allergic to bees need to have appropriate medications readily available. Advising a fellow RDRC member of the medication's location and how to administer is a good plan. Share your electric fan, canopy, and drinks with any member having problems with the heat. Finally, don't let anyone drive home if their appearance or behavior is altered because of the heat. Drive them home or arrange for someone to come to field to drive the affected member home.

Be aware and be careful!



Editors note: Flying safely is the key to a long-lasting R/C Aircraft Hobby. Many thanks to all the RD-RC Club members that have been enduring my relative lack of priority on flight safety. A change of habit is definitely required while I encourage all to keep the reminders coming in.

Safety in your club should not be an issue, it should be an attitude.

— Jim Tiller “On the Safe Side”

Notices - Upcoming Events

Please remember that the next Monthly Meeting will be held at The Pullen House on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 starting at 7:30 PM. This month we will be voting on the Runway Funding Motion posted in this Newsletter.

7/21/2012 - 7/22/2012 -- Asheville, NC (C) PAT HAGAN MEMORIAL LAND OF THE SKY SPA MEET. Site: Aba Field At Landfill. Will Hicks CD PH: 828-891-3776
Email: cd@abaeromodelers.org. Visit: www.abaeromodelers.org. Come on out and enjoy our annual SPA meet. This event is great fun for all. We're sure you'll enjoy the festivities. Spectators are welcome. Lunch will be available Saturday. Nosie limit is posted on the website. See ya there! Sponsor: ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE AEROMODELE

7/21/2012 -- Goldsboro, NC (C-Restricted) 22ND ANNUAL WMA BIG BIRD FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Neil Watson CD PH: 919-934-6548 Email: fscot123@nc.rr.com. Visit: www.wayneaero.com. Come join us at our field and enjoy our 90x700' flat golf course Bermuda grass runway. Best of all - no neighbors to worry about flying over. Contact CD for directions. Sponsor: WAYNE MINIATURE AERONAUTICS

7/21/2012 -- High Point, NC (C) CENTRAL CAROLINA RC CUB DAY. Site: Davis Country Rd. Robert Underwood CD PH: 336-885-2318 Email: paverman@underwoodpaving.com. Visit: www.cccrcm.com. Fly any cub, any color, power or size. Free event t-shirts for the first 50 registered, sign in 8AM, pilots meeting 9AM. Prize award at 2PM, \$15 entry fee, free watermelon and cub cake. Nan's Famous HotDogs, hamburgers, restroom on site. Sponsor: CENTRAL CAROLINA MODELERS

7/28/2012 -- Etowah, NC (C) SUMMER FUN FLY/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 with swap meet. Flying starts at 9AM, first game at 10AM. \$10 landing fee. Great field and a new shelter. Sponsor: ETOWAH R/C FLYING CLUB

7/28/2012 -- Mt Pleasant, NC (C) SMITH LAKE FLYERS ELECTRIC. Site: Bernie Smith Aerodrome. Gilbert Cofer CD PH: 704-791-2518 Email: gilbertcofer@gmail.com. All size electric aircraft welcome. Field opens 8AM. \$10 landing fee, lunch at noon. 500' grass runway with 200' fabric section. NC Hwy 49N, right on Cold Springs Rd (just past Cabarrus Arena), right on Mt Pleasant Rd, left on Barrier Store Rd, right on Smith Lake Rd, look for signs. Sponsor: SMITH LAKE FLYERS

8/11/2012 -- Morehead City, NC (C) CCRCC SUMMER SIZZLER. Site: Club Field. David Jones CD PH: 252-725-0438 Email: rcflyer@coastalplanes.com. Visit: www.coastalplanes.com. Fly in one or all of the several fun fly events offered or plenty of time allowed for open flying. Prizes TBA. All aircraft welcomed, landing fee \$10. AMA required. Field next to Newport Flea Mall on US 70 just south of Newport. Close to beaches, hotels, dining and shopping. Bring the family for a weekend at the beach. Sponsor: CRYSTAL COAST RC CLUB

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Runway Funding Motion

As most of you know, at the June RD-RC club meeting the runway committee presented its report. The committee report was circulated in an earlier email. The club will vote during the July meeting whether or not to proceed with the runway improvement.

If the vote is to proceed, the project will be financed by an initial payment from the club treasury and donations or loans to the club by members. If you are willing to make a loan in the amount of \$ 500.00 or \$ 1000.00 for a period of two years, contact me. And, donations are certainly welcome.

Our goal is to have funding arranged by the July meeting. The actual start date of the loans will be in the fall, as the project, if approved will be after Fly for Tots.

Marshall Sanderson 919-630-5186 or email at etownflyer@bellsouth.net.

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Remember Where You Came From

Whether going to the field as a pilot or as a spectator, everyone goes out to the field to have a good time. One of the best things about this R/C Aircraft hobby is that there are so many different flying styles; all of which offer diversity to the time spent at the field. It's an honor to be able to take the time to watch as others celebrate their time at the field with sport aircraft, war birds, aerobatic, racing, training, and many other types of flying. Each time you see a Pilot with any of these flying styles, it's exciting to think about how much fun they are having while they forget about all the issues at work and at home.

However, this article is not about flying styles, rather, this article is about the Pilots. More specifically, this article is about the type of Pilot that shows up at the field and is stepping out of his or her comfort zone. Therefore, this article is about you; the Pilot. At one point in time, you made a decision to step away from what you knew well and you said that you were going to learn to fly Model Aircraft. What a great decision! I applaud your desire to learn and your willingness to step into a new area of the unknown. Just look at the result; now you are flying R/C Aircraft, buying and building R/C Aircraft, you own an R/C Radio Transmitter, and you can even talk to your friends and family about flying R/C Aircraft.

Now we are getting close to the topic of this article. This article is a written piece about you. What a wonderful and exciting transformation you went through. Plus, not only did you make the decision to do all this, but you carried it out to the point where you are at now. This is what I get excited about when I see Pilots flying at the field.

Talking to Pilots at the field is a great way to get more involved with what they are experiencing. I can get unlimited insight into different aircraft, building techniques, and flying styles by sharing some time with other Pilots. I always enjoy learning from other people and I can always learn something new. However, I can get discouraged when I don't see other Pilots learning any longer. Every now and then I can talk with a Pilot that has somehow come to the conclusion that they are at the end of their training; they have plateaued. Stay with me here; the next paragraph is going to get to the theme of this article.

What happened to the strong will and desire that we know these Pilots had at one time? There used to be a willingness to learn new things and step out into unfamiliar territory. How does an R/C Pilot forget that feeling and now feel that all of this has come to an end? This article is meant to get all of us learning and training again so that we can become better R/C Pilots. This article wants all R/C Pilots to be able to feel the excitement that we did years ago when we first came into this hobby.

The best motivation I can offer all of us is to watch the R/C Pilots at RD-RC that do continue to learn and train themselves. They end up flying new types of aircraft and executing new flying styles. I see R/C Pilots at RD-RC of all ages trying something new, initially getting into issues, then mastering a new aircraft, or a new flying style. This type of excitement and gratification is what keeps a lot of R/C Pilots going further and becoming better. There really is no end to everyone's training and learning.

There is also another side to this topic of equal importance. In order for these R/C Aircraft Pilots to advance requires support from the rest of the RD-RC club members. This means that in order for you to become a better R/C Pilot, you will require the support of your fellow R/C Pilots. As RD-RC Club members, the least that we can offer to our peers is the motivation to continuously succeed. Building up our "buddies in flying" feels great; only surpassed by watching them learn something new. Maybe the most we can offer is acceptance and forgiveness. Without a doubt, there are issues that go along with learning something new. Sometimes these issues are severe and cost the Pilot another aircraft, requiring support from club members. Most of the time these issues are minor, such as flight patterns that did not go as expected. Some of these unwanted flight patterns may appear to be dangerous moves from one perspective, however, are only a result of an R/C Pilot trying to learn new skills and be a better R/C Pilot. Let's safely remember to keep aircraft away from the flight stations and flight line.

Now you can see what the topic of this article is about. This article is pleading for all R/C Pilots to experience the excitement, again, of learning something new. This article is also pleading for all R/C Club members to offer support to those that are trying to become better R/C Pilots. At almost fifty-five years of age, I can attest that each new step toward being a better R/C Pilot comes complete with the same excitement of learning how to fly. I enjoy putting myself through this, but I really enjoy watching others go through this. Hopefully someday I will become a "half-decent" R/C Pilot, and the rest of the RD-RC club members will become "great" R/C Pilots.

Picture Pages

In case you miss them, this is what the RD-RC monthly meetings look like at the Pullen House.



Picture Pages

“Show and Tell” at the last RD-RC Monthly Meeting



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