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RDRC Vote: A motion was raised at the January meeting to better define what a “guest” is to the club. The following motion will be discussed and voted upon at the February meeting. The reason for this clearer definition is to better protect the club from having this privilege abused. It has been abused in the past.

“A guest would be an individual who has never held an RDRC membership of any type or a former RDRC member whose current mailing address is more than 60 mile radius from the RDRC Field. All guests should be signed in by having the sponsoring RDRC club member fill out a guest form. The sponsoring RDRC club member must have current open membership status. The guest form will have at minimum : (1) the date of the guest visit, (2) RDRC sponsors full name, (3) guest full name, (4) guest home mailing address, and (5) the guest AMA number. A guest can only use the field a maximum of three times in any given Flying Season (sanctioned fly-ins are excluded from the count). A Flying Season is from January 1st through December 31st. Exceeding the maximum number of times would require the guest to purchase either an Associate or Open club membership if they wish to continue using the RDRC facility. Lastly, a guest MUST have current AMA credentials; otherwise, they can only be at the field with a club approved Intro Pilot Instructor.”

RDRC Runway: Finally got a response from NU-Tech paving after repeated attempts of phone calls and emails. For those not aware, there have been some cracks starting to form which is concerning since the runway is so new. Here is their response:

"Hello Mike,

I apologize for the delay, it's entirely my fault. I've been tied up dealing with end of year accounting stuff, so please forgive me.

I looked at the surface, and it appears that the previous cracks in the underlying surface are reflecting thru the new asphalt. As I remember it, we gave the Club a price some time ago to repair the cracking, but then I think the Club either had it done, or did it themselves. At any rate, this existing condition is causing the cracking to radiate from underneath.

I remember mentioning a fabric material that would prevent this, and there was no interest in it, as it is a bit costly. Other than that remedy prior to overlaying the existing surface, a hot rubberized crack filler would have helped the situation. I don't know what was actually placed in the cracks, but I remember seeing that it was severely damaged. This is what is causing the cracking. The good news is it will probably remain hairline cracks for some time. The bad news is there's not much that can be done now except that when some time has passed, you can have a hot rubberized crack filler placed by a professional and it will extend the life of the pavement.

I hope this has answered your questions and concerns. If you feel the need to still meet at the site, I'll be happy to do that.

Sincerely,

Sara Easley"

Her assessments about the cracks are slightly off, because the one place where I first noticed the cracks was in an area that was actually crack free.

Moving forward, I am going to try to meet with her in person and talk this out. Stay Tuned.

RDRC Website: The number of on-line RDRC web accounts does not match our membership base. Moving forward the website will become more and more important for a variety of reasons: email blasts, downloading of club material, renewal paperwork, membership card print, online payment, and possibly other items. By June, if you have not created a personal account on the RDRC website, which allows you to choose your own login name, the system will automatically generate one for you. So avoid the automated process and go out to the www.rd-rc.com website and press the "create an account" link on the bottom right corner!

More on the RDRC Website: The following has been updated on the Website. These are important files to keep an eye on since Feb 1, 2013 is right around the corner and members need to be paid up if they wish to continue to use the field.

1. Roster (current paid 2013 members – anyone not listed should not be flying after Feb 1)
2. Runway Assessment (Down to 23 more still to pay,)
3. Field and Flight Rules (updated, thanks Mark, for the 2013 Flying Season)

All these files can be found under the members only section on the RDRC web site (after logging in). If you have any problem with these files let me know. I will print off all 3 docs to post at the field.

New “Check-in” / Frequency Board: Thanks once again to the club's carpenter, Terry Brierly, who has built a replacement “Check-in” / Frequency Board box. The old one was suffering from damage and wood rot, so this is a nice needed change. I will let Mark talk in his Safety section more about the “Check-in” process that we hoping to implement ASAP.



Social Media and RDRC: Ever since Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, Flying Giants, etc. came out more and more people are feeling the need to spout off when upset on these forums without knowing the full ramifications. Usually in the business world it ends in job termination. Where image is very important to companies (positive feedback/news equates to customer loyalty and growth), they purchase or subscribe to services that “troll” these social mediums. These “data mining” services are looking for keywords and/or watching specific people of concern to make sure that nothing negative is being said that could hurt the company’s positive “image”. Well you are probably asking yourself, how does this apply to RDRC? Once again, a former member made false allegations concerning RDRC and a local hobby shop. After talking with the hobby shop owner we found out all the allegations were fabricated by this former member. Negative rants like these can not only hurt the club but it also hurts in this case the business that was implicated. A follow up by the RDRC club with the right information was posted in response and the hobby store owner plans to have a talk with this individual. Of course, neither I nor the club can stop this from happening, but I do request if something is bothering you about the club, please talk with a club officer and work it out. There are two sides to all stories and the funny thing is the truth will always win out, but at what price? Remember (sorry I have to paraphrase this because the quote as I know it is not appropriate in this forum) “A person can build 10,000 bridges, but if he destroys one he is not known as a builder but as a destroyer.” The club does a lot of good things in the public eye, one of them being Fly-For-Tots. For that, the AMA regards RDRC as one of the top notch clubs. Let us all maintain that image and if we see people talking badly about the club, bring it to an officer’s attention. We will either acknowledge/fix the problem or give the “club’s” side to the story.

Meeting: Wednesday, February 27th at the Pullman house location.

Special Guest Speaker - TBD

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

8:00-8:30 : Club business

8:30 - ??? : Guest Speakers

Some of the pending club Business to be discussed:

Vote on the motion to better define the “Guest” membership

Talk about the upcoming April RDRC fly-in

REMEMBER: NO PARKING ON THE GRASS AT THE PULLMAN HOUSE

Secretary / Treasurer's Report



Pat Taggart

Treasury Briefing

For details on the formal treasurer's report submitted at the January meeting, please see the meeting minutes on the website.

Since the last meeting the RDRC treasury has a balance of \$13,186. This puts us in pretty good shape for covering expenses for the year, should nothing serious or unforeseen come our way.

We took in approximately \$2,900 in renewals, new memberships and assessments since Jan. 24, and paid out \$206 in toilet servicing, software, electricity and office supplies.

Hope to see you at the February meeting.



Mark L ofgren

Safety Officer's Report

SAFETY FIRST...

Check-in Board - A new check-in board built by Terry Brierly was installed at the field this past month. This board replaced our weathered and out dated frequency board. The process is as follows:

1. Upon arriving at the field you place your RDRRC membership card in an open slot. All fliers whether 2.4 or 72 MHz will do this.
2. The only change is that 72 MHz fliers will move the frequency pin from the right side door to the slot where they put their membership card. No longer will the pin be on your radio. Instead it will be on the check-in board on top of your membership card.
3. For guest fliers, both your membership card and the guests AMA card will be in one check-in slot. The guest card will be on the top visible so we can see at a glance what guest is flying at the field.
4. Once your flying day has ended, take your membership card from the board and store it away for the next day of flying.
5. Any questions, ask an officer.

Quad and Multi-Copter Use at the Field—There will be no flying, taking off from, or landing in the pit area. To practice hovering go to the south end in the helicopter practice area. If you are going to fly the pattern, walk your aircraft up to the startup area and commence your flight from there.

Be safe...be respectful...be courteous.

Notices - Upcoming Events

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Please remember that the next Monthly Meeting will be held at The Pullen House on  
Wednesday, February 27, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM.  
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3/16/2013 -- Huntersville, NC (C) GO GREEN ST PATTYS E FEST.

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Visit: www.flyingacesrc.com. Celebrate St Patricks weekend at the Go Green St Pattys E Fest. All electric aircraft are welcome. Prize given for best green aircraft. raffle. Paintball shoot. Limbo contest. NO LANDING FEE!. Donations accepted. Sponsor: FLYING ACES PILOTS ASSOC

RD-RC Aircraft Demo at January meeting



David Moore demonstrating his Assassin Combat Wing

Programmable remote copter was built with locally purchased hardware and easily acquired electronic parts



Jody and Mike Governale with Francis Ignacio demonstrating their hobby of buiding and flying multi -copters— tri, quad, and octa-copters



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Suggestions for a SALES/SWAP MEET Page

We are looking to add a sales / swap meet page. If you are interested, please email the editor with items for sale.

We will add the items to the next newsletter plus add the items to the RD-RC website.

Then when you sell the item or take it off sale, please send another email to the editor and I will remove it from the next newsletter and the RD-RC website.

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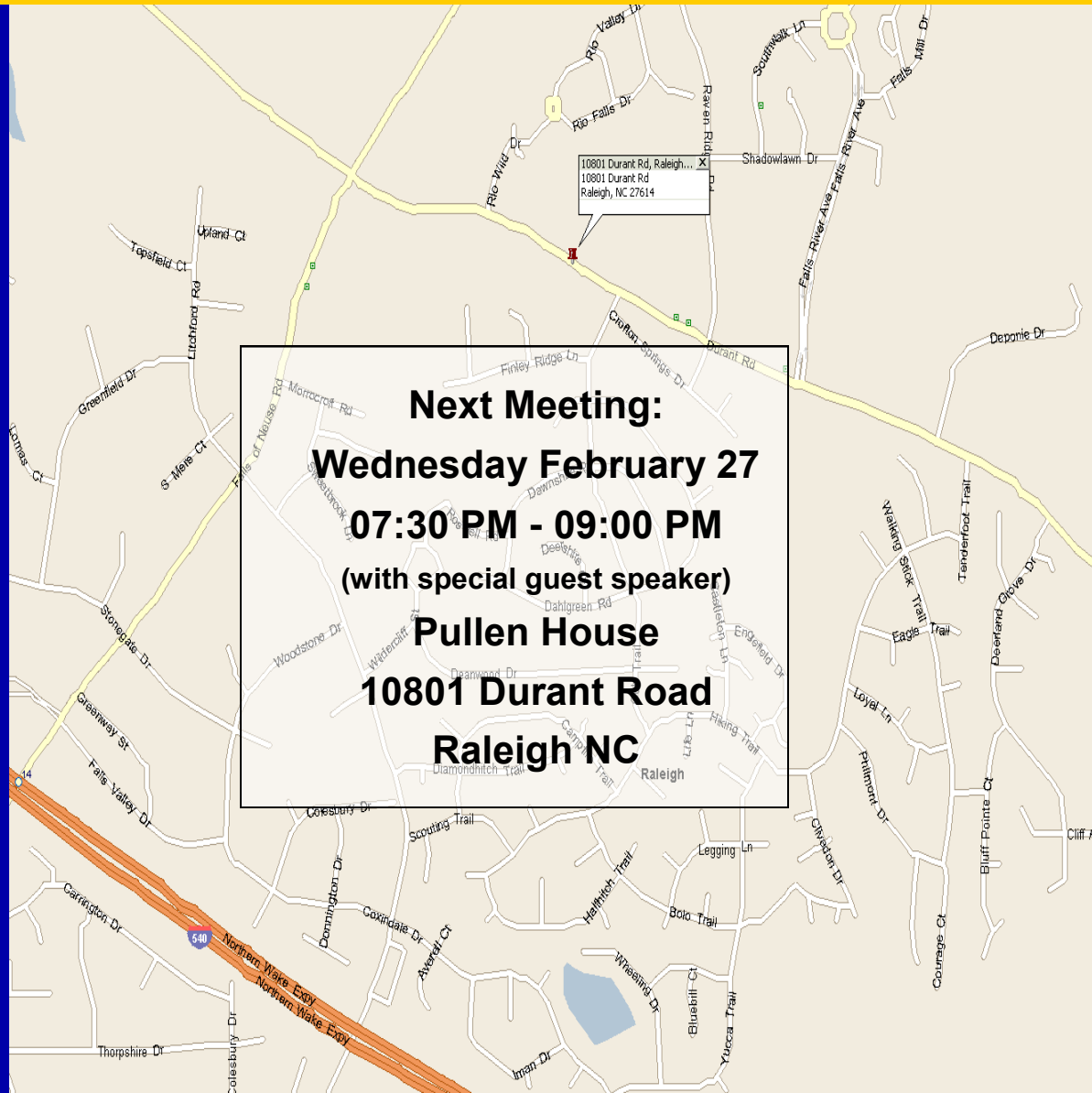
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Submittals:

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 windsock...

If you know anyone that is not receiving this newsletter but should be, then please forward that **person's email address to me. That way, I can get newsletters out to that person.**



As I look out the window today there appears to be SNOW, a sure sign **that spring is on it's way, (I HOPE). It is time to wrap up those building projects and dust off the hanger rash that has collected over the winter.** Flying time is fast approaching. If you have any ideas that you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact me.

About the photo on the front page: The picture on the front page is that of Tom Clark an avid, excellent, well qualified pilot. Keep up the Great flying, Tom!

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