

Raleigh Durham Radio Control

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AWARD OF
EXCELLENCE



President's Prop-Wash

RDRC Runway: Seems like we are back to square one with Nu-tech since it now has been two months since they said they would fix their mistake.

From: NTPaving@aol.com [<mailto:NTPaving@aol.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 6:15 PM

To: mikeh@ipass.net

Cc:

Subject: Re: RDRC

Mike,

We propose to mill out the rough areas that we discussed and remove 1" of asphalt in these specific areas. We will then replace it with hot mixed asphalt. Then, next season when you seal coat the entire runway, it should all be uniform. We will have a tack coat to bond the old and new surfaces; however, there may be tiny cracks that the sealer will also help to prevent moisture from penetrating into the subsurface.

Sincerely,

Sara Easley

I have forwarded the entire email thread between myself and Nu-tech to the BBB to have the issue reopened.

In addition to having the issue re-opened I have also requested that the BBB fix the case notes and lower their A+ rating since the way it stands right now it shows RDRC (as the consumer) is at fault by failing to respond, which is, of course, not the case. This experience

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

makes me wonder about the credibility of the BBB, as they seem to favor the side of the business rather than the consumer.

More to come.

Club Officers: The following nominations have been made:

President: Michael Hollowell (i) vs. Marshall Sanderson

VP: Don Hurlbut vs. Ken Wade

Treas/Sec Steve Schmidt

Safety: John Knoy

Newsletter: Ron Wharton (i)

We will have debate/open questions to candidates prior to elections at the Nov 20th meeting.

***** Note*** November meeting is one week earlier due to Thanksgiving**

Pig Pickin, Swap, & Fly: Another successful event!!! Even though it started off with 30 degree temps, that didn't stop the 60+ pilots from coming out and having a lot of fun. The flight line kept fairly busy with the breezy winds, the "swap pound" was full of goodies, and a lot of socializing and eating took place. . It is always great to see RDRC members and their families getting together for fun and fellowship. Thank you to all the members who came out to the event, to those who brought a dish to pass, and special thanks to Cleveland for offering up free drinks the entire day.

Meeting: Nov 20th at the Pullman house location.

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

8:00-9:00 : Club business – Open panel discussion with the nominated candidates, then VOTING.

REMEMBER: NO PARKING ON THE GRASS AT THE PULLMAN HOUSE

PIG Pickin, Swap, & Fly Pics



Secretary / Treasurer's Report



Pat Taggart

RDRC is set to complete a very good year. As of this posting, the club has funds totaling just over \$14,000.

On Tuesday, Larry Lewis went to Victory Junction to present our proceeds from the Fly for Tots charity event. Our gift was \$16,566 -- a bit less than previous years but still a handsome sum that will provide pleasures for any number of children in need.

We still have runway corrections and repairs to be made, but with membership renewal season about to begin, additional funds will be forthcoming and will most likely cover any expected expenses.

Best wishes to all for a safe and fun 2014 at RDRC.

Safety Officer's Report



Mark L. ofgren

SAFETY FIRST...

...No rules, regulations, guidelines, edicts, or bylaws can protect a person from his/her actions. Too many accidents in RDRC this year have occurred with the common causal factors being haste and lack of attention. All members are encouraged to evaluate one's personal approach to safety. Do not hesitate to respectfully intervene if a potential safety problem appears imminent, especially if it could be a "blood letting." And as a side note, a recently, severely injured member was allowed to drive himself, while reportedly staunching significant blood flow from a facial wound, to emergency care rather than driven by a fellow member. Bad move for many reasons! John Knoy, the heir apparent to the Safety Officer position, needs everyone's cooperation and sense of personal responsibility to insure a safe 2014. My tenure has been, to quote Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead, "What a long, strange trip it's been." Good bye...

Raleigh Durham Radio Control Christmas Dinner

At the last RDRC meeting the decision to hold a Christmas dinner was approved.

This year the location is the same as last year, Milton's at the corner of Strickland and Six Forks Road. The date is Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 PM . Cost will be \$15.00. Send payment to Michael Hollowell by December 6. We need minimum of 35 people to get a private room.

Remember : December 11 Dinner at 6:30 PM Cost \$15.00(includes gratuity)

The menu will be a Basic Pasta Dinner as follows:

Entrees:

Guests choose one:

- Beef or Spinach Lasagna**
- Fettuccini Alfredo**
- Grilled Chicken and Veggies**
- Bake Ziti**
- Spaghetti with**
 - Marinara**
 - Meat Sauce**
 - Meatballs**
 - Mushroom with Marinara**
- Chef's Salad**
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad**

***All Entrees include soup or house salad with your choice of dressing and garlic bread.**

Includes your choice of coffee, tea, or soft drink.

Notices - Upcoming Events

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Please remember that the next Monthly Meeting will be held at The Pullen House on  
Wednesday, November 20, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM.  
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November

NC

11/16/2013 -- Mooresville, NC (C) HELLA HELI JAMBOREE. Site: 429 Pattern Farm Rd.
James Dooley CD PH: 980-254-8728 Email: jedooley@bellsouth.net. Visit: www.rcwingers.com. \$10 landing fee.
Registration 9AM. Covered area with picnic table. Food provided by Wings on Wheels. Porta pot. Sponsor:
RC WINGERS

2014

January

NC

1/25/2014 -- Burlington, NC (E) 25TH ANNUAL BARKS SWAP SHOP. Site: Fairchild Com Center.
Chris Philipps CD PH: 919-742-2622 Email: cp@leestreetconstruction.com. Visit: www.barksrc.com. For
information and online table rentals go to www.barksrc.com.
Sponsor: BURLINGTON ALAMANCE RK SOC BARKS

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November

RDRC November Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

11/20 Monthly meeting or RDRC

**Election of Officers for the upcoming 2014 flying
season. Please come out to the meeting at 7:30
and support your candidate !!!**

RD-RC Elections

Michael Hollowell for 2014 President

It has been a very productive past two years for the RDRC club since I became president and I do not want to see that momentum stopping thus why I am running again for the 2014 President role.

My past two years have been a learning experience, I feel there have been some good decisions and some bad ones which I definitely learned from. One bad decision which I have been trying to get corrected is the runway. As the President, I should have dug into the paving company's reputation, current status, gathered references, etc. in greater detail rather than simply accepting the appointed committee's recommendation to use NU-Tech. The current status is that we are waiting to get on their schedule to have the bad spots removed and repaired by NU-Tech. This is after many months of one way phone calls, emails, and Better Business Bureau filing to at least get their attention to listen and see our concerns about their workmanship. I have personally grown from this experience as a leader which will help me provide better service to the club.

Some of the accomplishments I feel we've made include finally having a transparent view into the club's business. There is no secrecy about what the club's income and expenditures are. By publishing the club's budget monthly on the website and making it available at the club meetings, all club members know exactly what their club dues are actually being used for. So many times when I first took office people asked why club dues are where they are at. By publishing a club budget people could see that it costs over \$10,403 a year to run the club and it takes over 83 full-time memberships just to cover that budget. Luckily we have met the minimum membership requirements these past 2 years and the club budget is looking very healthy.

Another accomplishment was the upgrade of the RDRC website to give it a more modern look and feel. I am 100% for having the club's website, web cams, and weather station. For the public and club members, to have one place to find club announcements, documents, weather data, and just to see who is out at the field flying, I feel is a great benefit to the club. As of today (10/09/13) there have been over 34,000 visits to our website and even more viewers of the web cams (due to direct links to the upstream web cam feed). Based on feedback from newly joined club members on why they decided to join RDRC, it's clear that these resources are being used and are well worth the investment.

There are many other items I could cover such as field improvements, working with the county about land zoning and the future of the property we rent, proper setup and filings with the IRS, etc. but most of those topics have been covered at the club meetings. By the way, meeting minutes are available to read on the club's website along with the monthly newsletter just in case you missed either.

Moving forward, I want to continue to grow the club within the areas of activities, membership, and field improvements. If elected, I will continue the transparency of the club's business by openly talking about finances, issues, and upcoming events so there is no uncertainty about how the club is being run. The club has a business side to it whether we want to admit it or not and I welcome the challenge of maintaining it. I am not one who will bury their head in the sand and think nothing could ever happen to the club. If re-elected I will continue to look to the future of RDRC and protect not only what we have today but what we will have tomorrow.

RD-RC Elections

Marshall Sanderson for President

Following is my piece for the elections. I have never made a statement after being nominated for an office and am reluctant to do so now. But here goes:

I have been nominated for the office of president of the RDRC. If elected I will do my best to promote the club and it's activities. I would like to see the fun and fellowship part of club activities to increase.

I have been associated with RDRC for a long time and like the other members of the club I am part of it because I enjoy the sport.

Let's go to the field and HAVE MORE FUN!!

RD-RC Elections

Don Hurlbut, candidate for Vice President

Background: Civil Engineer, Highway Design engineer, specializing in interchange design for 42 years (30 years with NCDOT and 12 years with engineering firms)

Member of RDRC almost 5 years and have found the club to be welcoming and exciting.

Had a fascination for flight since high school but had few opportunities to take part until joining RDRC.

I feel I work well with others and thrive on helping with equipment and to encouraging others learn and grow in the sport.

I consider myself to have good organizational skills and want to be a part of making RDRC continue to grow and thrive in its place within AMA.

I strive to work and play well with others, and in so doing, making RDRC an enjoyable organization.

I promise to work closely with the president, board, committee members and club members to bring about existing and future goals as voted on by the membership.

I want to bring more opportunities for learning to the meetings in the way of Show-and-Tell or special presentations.

Although I am relatively new in the club and the sport, I have the luxury of being retired, and therefore more flexible and available to undertake tasks that could arise as a result of the position I have been nominated for.

Thanks for your support.

Ken Wade, candidate for Vice President

Just want to say that I am running for the position of Vice President. I would like to see the club do more club activities that will involve the whole club. Monthly club events at the field such as crazy events like the limbo, target drop, spot landings, or anything else that can be dreamed up. I have no political agenda period. Just more fun poking holes in the sky.

RD-RC Elections

John Know, candidate for Safety Officer

My name is John Knoy. I am running for the position of Safety Officer for RDRC for the 2014 calendar year.

Many of you know me or know of me. I am a long time flyer and have flown everything from glow to electric to gas planes. I have been readily available to help maiden a new plane, help get a used or repaired plane into flying condition (including brand new ones straight out of the box) , or simply answer questions you may have had relative to modeling.

As Safety Officer, my role will not be to walk the flight line and scream and yell at you if you are doing something out of line. I am not a police officer. If I do come to you, understand that I might have observed, something that either violates or comes near to violating any of the AMA or RDRC guidelines or field rules that have been posted at the field for a year or two for all to see. I will also help to compile information for newcomers to our club to ensure that they are exposed to the field rules and AMA guidelines prior to that first flight at RDRC. We hope to be able to present this information to new members via email upon their acceptance into the club.

I will not be at the field every minute. Each of you will be responsible to each other to help control actions that push the boundaries of our club rules and AMA guidelines.

My concern will be in regards to safety of yourself and other pilots, whether on the flight line or in the pit area, and for spectators. We are all responsible for the safety of others at the flying field as well as ourselves as we fly our models.

I cannot emphasize this point enough. If you are controlling the transmitter, flying an RC model, you alone are responsible for any damage or injury you might have caused to something or someone as a result of your flying. Because of this, you must understand that safety has to have a prominent role in our flying habits at RDRC.

I look forward to working with you in this new year to help make RDRC as safe and enjoyable a flying site as it can be.

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MEMBER ARTICLES

Subject: Turnigy 9XR Pro Better Yet

Forget the Turnigy Pro, the real manufacturer (FrSky) is coming out with a major improvement over the Pro called the FrSky Horus. Rumor is it will be out by early next year. It will run FrSky, JR, Futaba and Spektrum receivers.

John

<http://www.microtechnics.eu/detail.php?categorie=FrSky&souscat=13&code=X12D&langue=en>

In a message dated 11/2/2013 8:40:26 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, billd@nc.rr.com writes:

You all maybe have seen John Dunning's under \$ 100 nine channel Turnigy radio - here's a discussion about the new version "Pro" coming out with voice prompts, telemetry, bluetooth and with open source software. If this radio does half of what is claimed it may make all existing lines of transmitters obsolete overnight.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2019298>

<http://eastbay-rc.blogspot.com/2013/10/hobbyking-9xr-pro-notes.html>

Regards,
Bill

SALES/SWAP MEET Page

For Sale

Piper J-3 Cub



This is the Great Planes classic...built from kit, and only flown once on its maiden flight a little over a year ago. Very successfully, I might add. No "hanger burn", is in excellent condition.

A large airplane with a 76.5 inch wingspan and comes complete with E-flite Power 60 brushless motor and E-flite 80 Amp ESC; also comes with 6s 5000 mAh battery, receiver and all internal components ...complete and ready to fly. Just bind to your Transmitter and takeoff.

Also includes full scale plans and instructions should need arise for further "improvements".

Price: \$300

(priced separately motor/internal components alone would cost more than \$300)

Contact: Terry Brierly 919-362-9639 or 919-412-8629 (cell)

SALES/SWAP MEET Page

Richard Tew, a former RDRC member who now lives in Dunn, NC (Harnett County), has asked me (Jerry Pope) to help him with the sale of some used airplanes. These airplanes have all been flown and each has its share of hangar-rash, but Richard feels that they are all flyable with a little effort and TLC. The airplanes are:

1. SIG SENIOR KADET, Red, no cowling, with Magnum 46 XLS.
2. SIG RASCAL 40, Blue, OS 46 ?? (unable to get engine details without disassembly).
3. an older 40 size STICK with engine (OS 40 FX) not mounted.

Richard has other items he will consider selling and will entertain offers for everything or for individual items. For more information contact Richard at 910-292-2502

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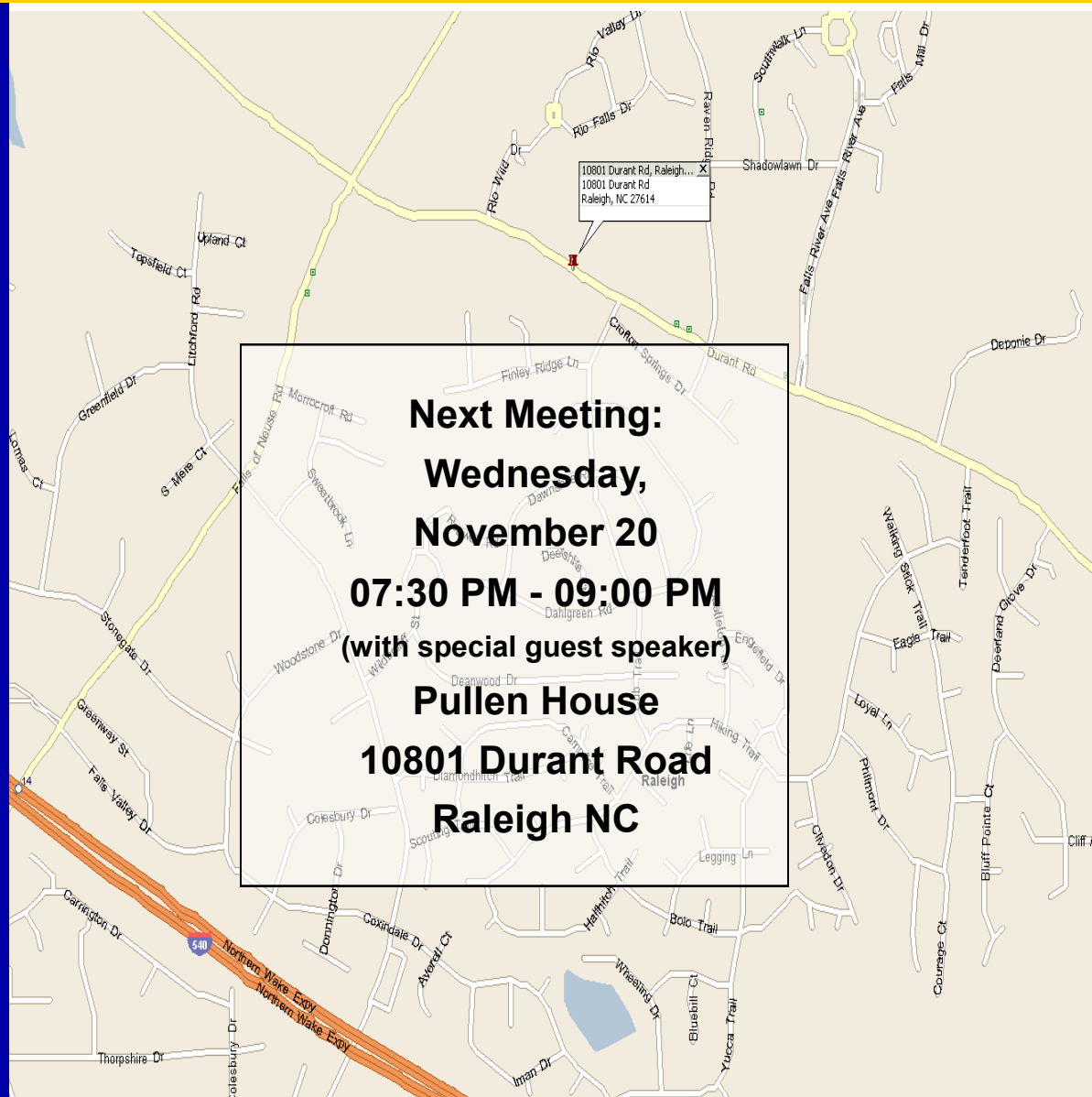
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Submittals:

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.**



Check out your aircraft for mechanical, electronics, batteries and air worthiness. Flying time is HERE! Fly SAFELY, Courteously and Respectfully!

FRONT PAGE: The Fly for Tots Grand prize winner of a Decathlon is Don King Congratulations!



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