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President's Prop-Wash Mike Holowell

Spring Fly in: Still on track for May 10th. Thank you to Rodney Earp and Joe Horvath for entering into the flier competition. Both entrants did a great job and the winner via web vote was Rodney. I also want to express thanks to Don King for providing the grill and once again Rodney for the hot dog roller. The plan.... shopping for food the morning of May 9th and field setup starting around noon on that Friday. If you would like to help with setup, cooking, raffle sales, tear down let me know. We will be creating a work schedule in the next couple weeks and posting it at the field to allow people to sign up for the slots they wish to help out with.

Field: Combinations have been changed on all the locks. New combinations are listed on the top right corner of your 2014 membership card.

RDRC Runway: No change until the weather warms up.

Committees: At the March meeting I created two committees, one to review the current bylaws headed by Don Hurlbut and the other a field improvement power project headed by John Knoy. I will let them personally comment on the progress of those committees.

Meeting: Next meeting scheduled for April 5th 12 Noon at the field.

IT help needed: Anyone that is proficient with MS Access let me know. I am running into a problem with getting a report created that will adhere to members' request to not have their personal information published.





Thoughts from the Vice President—Don Hurlbut

Hopefully by the time you read this, we will be beyond freezing temperatures and white stuff for the remainder of the year.

This has been one for the record books as far as non-flyable days for the year to date. Hopefully that will change soon!

We held our By-Law review committee meeting on March 10. It was an exceptionally productive meeting and we completed our review in a record 1 hour and 45 minutes. It took me longer than that to type up the edits.

A copy of the revised bylaws will be made available to all paid up members before the April 5 meeting. Hopefully, a motion will be made at the meeting to approve the bylaws as revised and they can be voted on at the May 3 meeting.

Many thanks for the help and cooperation of the By-Law review committee members: Larry Lewis, John Dunning, Pat Taggart, Ed Radiel, and Ken Wade.

And thanks for the input from Michael, Steve Schmidt, John Knoy, and Ron Wharton.

On another note!!!

Our Spring Fly-in is in the Planning and Preparation stage and we are getting rolling pretty well. Michael got the fliers printed and we are circulating them to businesses in the area and to RC vendors wherever we can find them. Some fliers are in the rack beside the computer, so please take some and distribute them to businesses, churches, individuals, and RC clubs at every opportunity.

I am excited about this upcoming even and look forward to making it a record turnout to benefit our local charity and to have a bunch of fun in the process.

Thanks for your support!!





Secretary / Treasure Report Steve Schmidt

For details on the formal treasurer's report and minutes submitted at the March 2014 meeting, please see the meeting minutes on the website once they are approved by the membership at the April meeting.

Membership (all levels) has reached 105 as of this report.

This month, the AMA charter has been renewed for 2014.

Hope to see you at the April meeting at the field, Saturday, April 5^{th} at 12:00 noon.

NOTE from the Henderson RC Club

Hi Steve, I am Sec of HRC-Club, we are offering free membership for the 2014 year. Only requirement is you have to be an AMA member. We are still located at the same field. If you could spread the word, we could have a good time this flying season. Charley Johnson Sec.





Safety Officer's Report John Knoy

Please be aware that the gravel road leading to the flying field has a posted 5 mph speed limit. The first house on the corner often has grandkids staying there and the next small house right behind our entrance to the flying site has a new baby. Please respect our neighbors.

5 MPH seems like you are crawling, but please respect our neighbors. This speed limit applies to all of us and to any visitors we may invite out. The speed limit applies both into and away from the flying field.



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March NC

3/28/2014 - 3/30/2014 -- Wilson, NC (A) EAST COAST ALES FESTIVAL. Site: Dess Club Field. Richard Proseus CD PH: 252/291-8598 Email: <u>rproseus@yahoo.com</u>. Two one day contests, Expert and Sportsman with 1-3 each day and 1st overall for the weekend. \$25 one day, \$40 weekend. Lunches provided. Friday is informal flying/practice. Register at ESL website. Sponsor: DOWN EAST SOARING SOCIETY

3/29/2014 -- Wade, NC (C-Restricted) PIEDMONT AEROMODELERS IMAA FUN FLY. Site: 2900 Hayfield Rd. Kent Porter CD PH: 919.639.3481 Email: <u>kent@porterscales.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.piedmontaeromodelers.com</u>. Please see website for event info. Sponsor: PIEDMONT AEROMODELERS NC



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April

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4/5/2014 -- Mooresville, NC (C) 2ND ANNUAL KICK OFF SPRING FUN FLY. Site: Rc Wngers Club Field. Ronald Lambert CD PH: 704-239-6163 Email: lomcevac 913@hotmail.com. Visit: www.rcwingers.com. Winter is over and Spring has just began so come try out our new creations or dust off your old ones and have a good time. All types of aircraft welcome. Please see website for event info. \$10 landing fee. Sponsor: RC WING-ERS

4/11/2014 - 4/12/2014 -- East Bend, NC (C) RAMS CLUB 2014 GIANT SCALE WARBIRD EVENT. Site: Rams Airfield. Ken Blackford CD PH: 336.403.5464 Email: <u>kblackford@imageworksdisplay.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.riversiderc.com</u>. April 11-12 2014- Rams club and GSWB presents the 2014 Giant Scale Warbird Event. Camping, AC power (no hook ups), huge site with 1000 plus putting green runways, restroom facilities, food, special dinner Friday night, pilots awards, see website for details. Sponsor: RIVERSIDE AERO MODELERS SOCIETY

4/12/2014 -- Kinston, NC (C) SPRING FLY IN. Site: 313 Airport Rd. Juan Cantu CD PH: 252--560-8031 Email: <u>cantuveteran@yahoo.com</u>. Open fly-in, Pilots landing fee \$10. Refreshments available on field. Pilots briefing at 9am. Camping sites without hook ups only. Swap shop tent to buy/sale or trade. Sponsor: KINSTON AERO-MODELERS

4/12/2014 - 4/13/2014 -- Mockville, NC (AA) WSRC MOCKVILLE 2014 SPRING IMAC. Site: Winston Salem Radio Control. Phillip Vance CD PH: 336-998-2077 Email: <u>emmathis@aol.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.wsrconline.com</u>. 14/739- Go to website for details. Sponsor: WINSTON-SALEM RC CLUB

4/19/2014 -- Duncan, NC (C) FIRST ANNUAL SWAMPS FUN FLY AND SWAP SHOP. Site: Swamps Field. Richard Pettit CD PH: 919/544-2234 Email: <u>pettit@ti.com</u>. Visit: <u>swampsrc.org</u>. Registration 8am. Any aircraft, any power, any size. 2.4ghz welcome, 72 mhz at your own risk. No entry or landing fee! Bring your own tables and chairs for Swap shop area. Sponsor: SOUTHERN WAKE AERO MODELING PILOTS SOCIETY

4/19/2014 -- Wilson, NC (C) WRCMA ANNUAL HELI FLY. Site: Club Field. Robert Mattern CD PH: 252-243-7138 Email: <u>rmat-</u> <u>tern@nc.rr.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.wilsonrc.org</u>. 14/186. Contest flying on volunteer basis, prizes for each event plus door prizes. Hot food, cold drinks, shade, electricity and port a pot on site. \$10 landing fee. 50/50 drawing. Sponsor: WILSON RC MODELERS ASSN.

4/19/2014 -- Winston Salem, NC (C) SKY KING ELECTRIC FLY IN. Site: Hobby Park. Kenneth Davis CD PH: 336.998.8989 Email: kdavis119@triad.rr.com. Visit: hobbypark.net. 14/980. 4th Annual Sky King Electric fly in. Landing fee 8\$. Hot dog lunch availale for 5.00\$ includes all sides. Open to any aircraft. Sponsor: HOBBY PARK RCERS

4/26/2014 -- Elm City, NC (C-Restricted) TAD DIETRICK MEMORIAL FLY IN. Site: Town Creek Field. A Gentry CD PH: 252/343-3961 Email: <u>wn4z462@centurylink.net</u>. Visit: <u>tarheelrcflyers.org</u>. 14/18. This event is restricted to IMAA members. Landing Fee \$10 @ Pilot. Sponsor: TARHEEL R/C FLYERS

4/26/2014 -- Etowah, NC (C) ETOWAH RC FUN FLY AND SWAP MEET. Site: Misty Meadow Ln. Stanley Ruminski CD PH: 828/628-1738 Email: joe@thegifturningstudio.com. Visit: www.etowahrc.org. Open flying will start at 9am. There will be a mix of games and open flying for both Helicopters and planes all day. For game list contact Joe. \$15 participation fee, \$10 for swap meet only. Raffle will be held at the end of the day. Sponsor: ETOWAH R/C FLYING CLUB

4/26/2014 -- Huntersville, NC (C) GO GREEN ALL ELECTRIC FLY IN. Site: David B Waymer Aeromodeler. James Galuska CD PH: 704-651-5706 Email: <u>giesh@hotmail.com</u>. Visit: <u>flyingacesrc.com</u>. Go GREEN all electric fly-in. All electric models welcome. Current AMA membership required. \$15 landing fee. Pilots meeting 9:00. Lunch at 12:00, spectators welcome. Sponsor: FLYING ACES PILOTS ASSOC

4/26/2014 -- Statesville, NC (C) SPRING FUN FLY. Site: Statesville Model Flyers. Roger Stutts CD PH: 704-896-8021 Email: <u>rbstutts2@yahoo.com</u>. Visit: <u>statesvillemodelflyers.org</u>. Come to our Kickoff Spring event and fly whatever you bring. Lunch will be available. Camping allowed but no hookups. 75x800 grass runway. Landing fee \$10. Sponsor: STATESVILLE FLIERS RC CLUB INC



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May

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5/3/2014 - 5/4/2014 -- Huntersville, NC (AA) CAROLINA CLASSIC. Site: Waymer Field. Everett Shoemaker CD PH: 252-633-4128 Email: evjoshoe@embarqmail.com. 14/838. Events; 323-326, 319-321, 340-342 (JSO). Sat- Basic Flt, Prof S oTS, Nos30, Spd Imt cmbt (75mph) Carrier 1 and 11 glo/elec combined. Profile glo/elec, 15 glow.elec, Nostalgia 1,11, Pro-file combined. Sun PAMPA classes, vintage combat, 1/2A Cmbt TBD. Sponsor: METROLINA CONTROL LINE SOCIETY

5/3/2014 - 5/4/2014 -- Julian, NC (AA) OJA SPRING 2014 RACE. Site: Old Julian Airport. James Katz CD PH: 704.846.0252 Email: <u>mrjrkatz@aol.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.oldjulianairport.org</u>. 14/1049. OJA Spring Race 422, 424 Thunder Tiger Pro .40 Apc 9'x6". Field open for test flying Thur/Fri. All day concessions by Dick's Hotdogs. "If you like Hot Dogs, you'll love Dick's". Sponsor: OLD JULIAN AIRPORT MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

5/3/2014 -- Vanceboro, NC (C) SOUTHERN AIR RC SPRING FLY IN. Site: Gaskin Field. Michael Zaytoun CD PH: 252-229-9161 Email: <u>michael@zaytowncustomcabinets.com</u>. 14/763- Beautiful 100x 600 grass runway. Pilot fee \$10. Registration 9am. Primitive camping. Electric on site for electric guys. Great food/Fellowship. Pilot prizes and raffle prizes. Sponsor: SOUTHERN AIR R/C CLUB

5/10/2014 - 5/11/2014 -- Julian, NC (C) GLORY DAYS VINTAGE RC FLY IN. Site: 8807 Old 421 Rd. Robert Harris CD PH: 919.363.2211 Email: <u>bharrisus3@cs.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.oldjulianairport.com</u>. 14/1007. Bring your Vintage RC, Controlline, FF Model out and fly for fun. Awards given for oldest and youngest pilot, Best finished model, Best Old Timer (SAM) Best Control, Technical and concourse VRCS rules. Flying Sat/Sun award given out Sat afternoon come and see History or RC. AMA required. Landing fee \$20. 16 and under fly free. Sponsor: OLD JULIAN AIRPORT MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

5/10/2014 -- Monroe, NC (C) 14TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Timothy Urton CD PH: Email: <u>turton@carolina.rr.com</u>. All size aircraft welcome. Turbine Jets prohibited. \$10 registration fee. AMA required. Field opens at 8am. Camping, no hook-ups. Lunch at noon \$8 Adults, \$4 children. Excellent facility/runway. Prizes for best scale, sport, biplane, military, popular vote. Sponsor: CHARLOTTE AEROMODELERS INC

5/10/2014 -- Youngsville, NC (C) RDRC SPRING CHARITY FLY IN. Site: Raleigh Durham Radion Control. Michael Hollowell CD PH: 919-562-2110 Email: <u>mihollow@icloud.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.rd-rc.com</u>. RDRC Spring Charity fly in. All types of aircraft welcome. Portions of the proceeds will go to local charity. Raffle to be held at 2pm. Special raffle for visiting pilots. Refreshments onsite. \$10 landing fee. Registration opens at 9. Sponsor: RALEIGH DURHAM RADIO CONTROL

5/17/2014 -- Mocksville, NC (C) 3RD ANNUAL PIEDMONT ELECTRIC WINGDING. Site: Club Field. Phillip Vance CD PH: 336-983-9442 Email: <u>rcclubinfo@earthlink.net</u>. Visit: <u>www.wsrconline.com</u>. 14-893. Fly in open to all electric aricraft; Peoples choice award for best Golden Age civilian model flown. 110v outlets available. 800ft mowed runway with 60x20 mat for small models. Dry camping permitted. Pilots prizes and general raffle. Concessions open. Sponsor: WINSTON-SALEM RC CLUB



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5/21/2014 - 5/25/2014 -- Wilson, NC (C) FIRST IN FLIGHT JET RALLY. Site: Wilson Industrial Air Center. Lawrence Lewis CD PH: 919.215.3946 Email: <u>rclarry@aol.com</u>. First in Flight Jet Rally. Amazing site. 150x5000ft runway. Hotels, restaurants and shopping all very convenient to site. Food and vendors on site. 5 day event. RV and campers only, no tent camping. Turbine waiver proof required if flying turbines. Sponsor: FIRST IN FLIGHT JETS

5/24/2014 -- Wilson, NC (C) WRCMA MEMORIAL FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Robert Mattern CD PH: 252-243-7138 Email: <u>mattern@nc.rr.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.wilsonrc.org</u>. 14/185. \$10 landing fee, hot food, cold drinks, shade, electricity and porta pot on site. Door prizes and 50/50 drawing. All types of aircraft welcome. Sponsor: WILSON RC MODELERS ASSN.

5/31/2014 -- La Grange, NC (C) ECRC FUN FLY. Site: 4357 Countyline Rd. Andrew Thompson CD PH: 919-920-2882 Email: <u>multirotornc@gmail.com</u>. Visit: <u>ecrcflyers.com</u>. 14/196. Long runway, concessions, primitive camping only. Come have fun with your Planes and Helis of all sizes. Sponsor: EAST CAROLINA RCERS

June

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6/14/2014 -- Burgaw, NC (C) 25TH ANNUAL WMFC FLY IN. Site: Wmfc Field. David Williams CD PH: 910-395-5930 Email: <u>davecw@ec.rr.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.wilmingtonmodelflyingclub.org</u>. Turn Left 3.4 miles North of Hwy 421/210 crossing, then .7 miles on the Left to entrance of field. 100x1000' smooth grass runway with 200 acres overfly. Landing fee \$10, flying 9am-5pm. Concessions available. 50/50 raffles. See website for updates. Sponsor: WILMINGTON MODEL FLYING CLUB

6/14/2014 -- Roanoke Rapids, NC (C) WARBIRDS OVER THE ROANOKE. Site: Club Field. Frank Mintz CD PH: 434-577-9133 Email: <u>frank.mintz@gmail.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.95thsquadronrc.com</u>. Warbirds Over Raonoke 95th Sq welcomes all military birds any size, type or period. 9am-4pm, warbird kit raffle. Lunch available on site. 500' grass strip, \$10 landing fee. Current AMA required. Club field NC 195 Exit 176, 1/4 mile West. Sponsor: 95TH SQUADRON

6/14/2014 -- Statesville, NC (C-Restricted) 15TH ANNUAL BIG BIRD. Site: Statesville Model Flyers Club. Gary Barnes CD PH: 704-677-5339 Email: <u>gary.gbeng@yahoo.com</u>. \$20 landing fee includes dinner Friday , Lunch on Saturday and refreshmnets all weekend. Nice 75x800 grass runway. IMAA rules apply on Saturday. Come early, stay late. Camping, no hook ups. Contact us for alternate directions for large trailors and RV's. Sponsor: STATESVILLE FLIERS RC CLUB INC



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6/20/2014 - 6/22/2014 -- Etowah, NC (C) ETOWAH RC 3D THROWDOWN. Site: Etowah Rc Flying Field. Will Hicks CD PH: 828-891-3776 Email: cd@etowahrc.org. Visit: www.etowahrc.org. 14/889. Spend a weekend with us enjoying the farm and the camaraderie of fellow flyers. Flight line reservations and operation info contact, wwcustomcovering@aol.com. Night flying, rudder pool and bowling are some of the activities. Come throw down with us, Ya Hear! Sponsor: ETOWAH RC FLYING CLUB, INC Sponsor: ETOWAH RC FLYING CLUB, INC.

6/20/2014 - 6/22/2014 -- Randleman, NC (A) CENTRAL CAROLINA IMAC. Site: Ccrc Field. Steven Sides CD PH: 336.944.2462 Email: <u>ssides3@triad.rr.com</u>. Visit: <u>ssides3@triad.rr.com</u>. Sponsor: CENTRAL CAROLINA MODELERS

6/21/2014 -- Morresville, NC (C) RC WINGERS 4TH ANNUAL ELECTRIC FLY IN. Site: Club Field. James Soucek CD PH: Email: <u>jksoucek@aol.com</u>. Visit: <u>jksoucek@aol.com</u>. Pilot registration at 9am. 429 Pattern Farm Rd. Breakfast and lunch catering by Wings on Wheels. 50/50 and other prizes. Spectators welcome. Bring the family! Sponsor: RC WINGERS

6/28/2014 -- Mt Pleasant, NC (C) SMITH LAKE FLYERS FLOAT FLY. Site: Bernie Smith Aerodrome. Gilbert Cofer CD PH: 704/455-5385 Email: gcofer@vnet.net. Visit: smithlakeflyers.org. All size float planes welcome. Easy lake access with powered boat for retrieval. \$10 landing fee. Lunch available. Pilot prizes and 50/50 raffle. Use 6502 Smith Lake Rd. Mt Pleasant, NC 28124 for GPS. NC Hwy 49 N at Cabarrus Arena right on Cold Spring. Sponsor: SMITH LAKE FLYERS

July

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7/11/2014 - 7/13/2014 -- East Bend, NC (C) DRAGON FLY HELI EVENT. Site: Riverside Aero Modelers Soc. Christopher Mulcahy CD PH: 336 644 7665 Email: <u>hypertek@triad.rr.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.riversiderc.com</u>. 12th Annual Heli fly in at the Riverside Aero Modelers Society. Heli only event (Incl multi rotors). Camping, RV's welcome. No hook ups. Open flying, raffle, micro obstacle course contest. 1000ftx100ft runway. Concessions, \$10 landing fee. Sponsor: RIVERSIDE AERO MODELERS SOCIETY

7/11/2014 - 7/13/2014 -- Lumberton, NC (C) WARBIRD FLY IN ANTIQUES. Site: Mt Elm Rc Club. Horace Skipper CD PH: 910-738-3098 Email: <u>skipperfamily@aol.com</u>. 14/1238. Mt Elm RC Club 2nd Annual Warbird/Antique Civilian flyin. July 11th, 12th, and 13th. Awards for best Scale flying and best Scale static will be given respectivily. Sponsor: MT ELIM RC CLUB

7/12/2014 -- Newport, NC (C) CRYSTAL COAST SUMMER SIZZLER. Site: Club Field. David Jones CD PH: 252-727-4750 Email: <u>rcflyer@coastalplanes.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.coastalplanes.com</u>. 14/163. Any type aircraft welcome. \$10 landing fee. Flying at 9am. Food and refreshments available. Close to beaches, shopping, hotels and restaurants. Bring the family for a weekend at the beach. Located 5880 US 70 Newport, NC. Sponsor: CRYSTAL COAST RC CLUB

7/19/2014 -- Goldsboro, NC (C-Restricted) 24TH ANNUAL WMA BIG BIRD FLY IN. Site: Grantham Flying Field. Neil Watson CD PH: 919/934-6548 Email: <u>fscot123@nc.rr.com</u>. Visit: <u>www.wayneaero.com</u>. 14/1041. Visit our website or call Neil Watson for directions. Our GPS Coordinates are 35.339627x78.116505. 90x720 runway with clear approaches and plenty of open area for flying. Come join us on Saturday, July 19th. Sponsor: WAYNE MINIATURE AERONAUTICS



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Member Updates



John Dunning's Winter Project

On the Work Bench

Joe Schodt of RAMS and I (John Dunning) decided to up scale the foam PT17 Stearman that we built (numerous copies in the club now) to two hundred percent or just under quarter scale. The small version is a great flying machine that is hoverable and flies between 10 and 30 mph. The challenge was to keep the same characteristics in the quarter scale. With one prototype built and flying, we achieved success. The finished project is eight-eight inch wingspan and is powered by an 80 size electric with a six cell 5000ma battery. Total weight is 10 pounds. It also flies between 10 and 30 mph and has full hover ability. We added ailerons to the bottom wing in addition the standard top wing giving great roll rate and possibilities of flap /aileron/flaperon mixes to be determined. Shown is model number two in construction with a planned completion in another week or so.



Member Updates

Terry Brierly's Winter Project









Editorials

Some thoughts from the Pits!!

Contributing writer John Knoy

Did anyone else notice young Alex flying his new-to-him 3D Reactor this past Sunday?? Pretty windy for a small, extremely lightweight plane. The plane is capable of significant 3D maneuvers. The wind was having a less than desirable effect on his flying. Sooooooo he ended up doing elevators with the plane. Elevator-Landed that plane right in the middle of the runway with a 3 point touchdown. Zero roll out. My first thought wasNEAT....my second thought wasSHOWOFF!!! The previous owner never did that!!!! What is wrong with that kid!!!! Where did he get that idea!!! Geez!!!! Nice job, Alex. Good to see you enjoying that plane and thinking outside the box taking what the conditions are and using them to have fun with the plane.

Did anyone else notice Robert Vess doing a preflight check on his big gasser Sunday? He checked every clevis and pushrod and all moving joints all over the plane. He took his time doing this procedure. Kinda like someone doing a preflight check on a full scale plane prior to flying. He did this before he decided to go and fly. How many of us go through this process each and every time we fly a plane for the first time each flying session? We all should. Whether we transport planes in a van, car or trailer, stuff happens to our planes. Literally touching all moving parts prior to flying is a good habit to get in to. More than once I have pulled a plane from the trailer only to find damage to that plane caused by the trailer bouncing on the highway going over bridges!! Happens in cars and trucks as well.

Rodney Earp shared an experience you might be interested in. He purchased a giant stick (as if there are not already enough of these at our field!!!!!!!!!!!!) at a swap meet recently. It came with servos, engine, basically ready to fly. Got a good deal!! Sorta....Came to find out that one of the servos had stripped gears. The tail wheel was broken or needed immediate attention. The vertical stabilizer, on the first flight, popped up from its slot in the fuse and the only thing that kept the vertical stab partially in the fuse was the pushrod from the servo to the rudder. So, the vertical stab was never properly securely glued into the fuse. Rodney was lucky. He pointed out that when you purchase an item at a swap shop, be sure and check everything on the plane as if you would have made the plane yourself OR have someone else with significant experience check out the plane for you and learn what that person looks for when checking a plane for air worthiness.











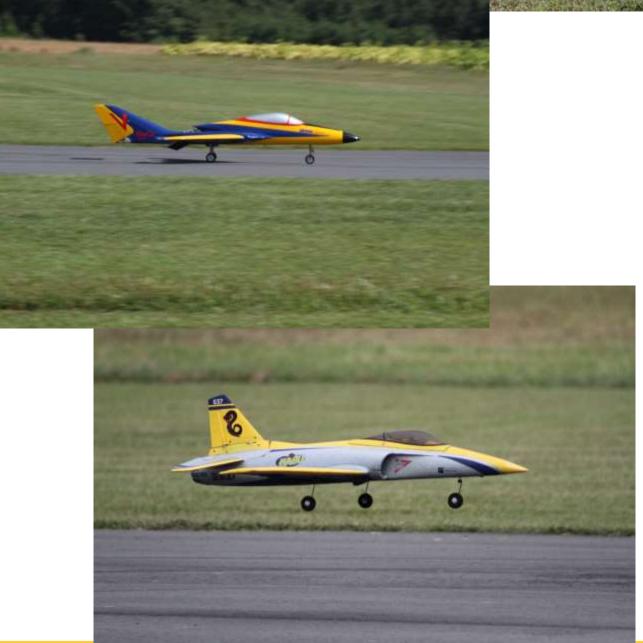
















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Submittals:

All club members are urged to submit material to be published in the newsletter. The material should be received by the third 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: Saturday, April 5 at Noon at the RD-RC Field

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. THINK spring is here, now is the time to FLY those repaired and NEW BUILDS!! Fly SAFELY, Courteously and Respectfully!

FRONT PAGE: Photos taken by Senior news staff club photographer James Hartman Come out and share in the fun!

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