

# APRIL



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Happy Thanksgiving!

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*Membership Renewal in progress!  
And the Nominees are?  
Last Meeting of the year, Nov. 17th  
Christmas Dinner coming December 18th*



## Presidents Prop Wash

We're just short of putting a close to yet, another wonderful year of flying at RDRC. This has no doubt been a great year for us in many ways. RDRC saw a large group of new members join our ranks this year to push our membership up and above 145 members! The flight line has been busy, as you might expect, even with all the rain we experienced this summer and fall. RDRC also saw the return of Fly for Tots. It was quite obvious the modelers across the state and many of the RDRC membership itself were left with an empty spot in their hearts when we had to cancel last year. But that all change this past September when once again we filled the skies with planes of all sorts. Victory Junction was on site answering questions to all and we were treated to some of the best flying you'll see anywhere. Ken Wade did the honors once more of building the grand prize plane, and we were all tickled pink to see it won by a member of one of our sister clubs. Best of all, we raised an awesome \$14,500 for our charity. We plan to present that donation to VJC next month and as always, I will be contacting many of you with an invitation to join us at the camp that day. What a great year, lots of flying and lots of smiles.

Speaking of smiles. Make plans to put YOUR big smile on this December 18th at the Fargo Steak House in Zebulon NC. RDRC will again be holding its annual Christmas Dinner Party and ALL are invited to attend. We really need to start getting our RSVP's in to Marshall very soon. He has reserved the large private room we used in past years and we have room for everybody! Bring your wife, your kids, your girlfriend or best buddy. We plan to add a bit of a twist this year but we'll be keeping that a secret for now. However we will discuss one of the proposed ideas at this month's meeting, so be sure to attend to hear about the cool stuff we want to do that evening.

Marshall Sanderson and I had the pleasure of meeting with our land owner on November 9th. We talked for a brief period of time about the future of RDRC at its current location, as well as what plans RDRC was looking at accomplishing in the years coming. I'm happy to say the meeting went very well and we plan to share the results of that meeting with the membership this month.

Election time is upon us again! This year certainly flew by for many of us. I have to say this has been one of the easiest years ever for most of the officers in place. At last month's meeting we received the nominations for all officer positions. We will be voting on those positions this month. I need to note that all positions nominated will be running unopposed, but we still must

# President's

## Prop Wash continued

go through the voting process to meet the club's By-Laws requirements. In addition to voting, the current officers will also be voting on By-Laws revisions or corrections that were presented at last month's meeting. Those changes can be seen on the link that Rodney has already provided. Most of the changes were simple grammatical errors, but some were a bit more. One change in particular that is worth mentioning is the change in time frames that officers would serve. In past years the officers have served a calendar year starting in January and ending in December. With the newly proposed change I voted on, officers would serve July to June. The intention of this change was to ease the work load during the December and January months. It's during those months that we typically receive a huge influx of renewals, bank record changes, issuing of membership cards, and much more. Also, we do not have a club meeting in December! The biggest problem with all this increased work load is that in most cases we're also changing officers! Changing the time frame the officers serve will give us the benefit of having the same staff in place to handle the increased work load during those busy months. June and July are typically slow months for club business and it would allow us to have an easier transition into new officers, should they change. So you may be thinking...if we elect officers this month, how long will they serve in their roles on this election term, should we vote in the by-laws change? The answer to that is June 2016! I realize that several people at last month's meeting suggested we make this an 18 month term carrying us into the new cycle. The problem with that is that it would put us in a situation of ignoring the by-laws as written, should we vote in the new change. Simply put, if we make the change, we need to have another election in June of next year. There is no need for us to complicate things. ;)

Before I forget, I want to send out a big thanks to Kerry Hawkins for organizing the recent grass repair project. Kerry was able to work out a deal with a local vendor that resulted in purchasing two pallets of beautiful fescue at an awesome price! He kept our spending well within the budgeted allowance, now we have some much needed grass in what used to be mud and dirt. There are still some small areas of dirt but that is expected to fill in over the spring months. Please help us to keep this grass growing strong by avoiding heavy traffic in the newly sodded areas until it has time to take root. Lucky for us we haven't seen the need to water is daily because Mother Nature has done that for us! I guess 'ole Kerry just knew when to plant it, huh?

That's about it for this month on my end folks. Rodney has asked me and the other officer nominees to write a piece on ourselves for those who don't already know us. For those who DO know me, try not to laugh at the statements I make! This is my big change to fool the newbies! ;) LOLLOL

See you guys in a few days.

Larry





# RDRC VICE

E-Mail Ed

Ed Radiel has been nominated to serve another term at RDRC as VP.

Ed comes from a long history of full scale aviation and has already told me many stories of flying Corsairs and Sky raiders. His past knowledge of aviation and his love for RC and RDRC will without a doubt make him a great VP this coming year.

## RDRC Christmas Party

The RDRC dinner is Friday December 18th at the Fargo Steak House in Zebulon. Marshall has made reservations for the evening, for a party of 50. Make your plans now!

Please give your RSVP to Marshall so he can start gathering a head count.

[E-Mail Marshall](#) and mark it down on your calendar!



# Secretary / Membership



Marshall Sanderson

[E-Mail Marshall](#)

Changes in the By-Laws will be voted on at the November meeting. Please go to RDRC's website and read the [Proposed By-Laws](#) to be voted on 11/17/2015.

***Don't forget to email Marshall RSVP for the Dinner, Friday December 18th at the Fargo Steak House in Zebulon.***

***It's going to be a great time with your fellow members***

## RDRC CLUB MINUTES for October 27, 2015

(To be approved in October 2015 meeting)

President Larry Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM on October 27, 2015 in the Forks Restaurant in Wake Forest, all club officers were present. Welcoming remarks were made and a meeting agenda was presented. There were 18 members and no visitors present.

**Treasurer's report:** Clyde Long reported that the club had \*\*\*\*\* in our account. All bills have been paid except the sod project.

**Safety Officers Report:** Herbby Alford reported one injury. A member lost the end of one finger by a prop strike. His finger was reattached and it is mending. All members are reminded to obey posted flying rules and to be careful.

**Secretary's Report:** Marshall Sanderson reported that as of this date there were 140 paid members. A motion to accept the September minutes as posted in the Newsletter was made by Ed Radial and seconded by Don King. The motion was passed.

**IT Communications Officer's Report:** Steve Ballard reported things are working satisfactorily. A motion to add a camera to show the area under the shelter was made by Don King and seconded by Ken Wade. The motion was passed.

## RDRC CLUB MINUTES for September 22 2015

(To be approved in October 2015 meeting)

**Field Marshal's Report:** John Keisler reported, the sod project had started but was put to a pause due to equipment breakdown. With additional equipment the project will start again on the following Thursday with ground prep and the sod will be put down on the following Saturday.

**Old Business:** Larry Lewis reminded everyone about the Christmas party on December 18th at Fargo Steakhouse in Zebulon.

**New Business:** Larry Lewis reported, an officers' meeting was held and a 2016 budget and By-Laws revisions were proposed.

The budget was discussed item by item and after discussion a motion to adopt the budget was made by Mark Lofgren and seconded by Don King. The motion was passed. A copy of the budget is attached at the end of these minutes and will be placed on the website.

Events for the 2016 year were discussed and are as follows. The Spring Electric meet will be held on April 16th. Model Aviation Day and our club pig picking will be held on August 13th and Raffle Tickets for FFT will be available. Fly For Tots will be held on September 9, 10, and 11.

By-Laws revisions were discussed, one of the proposed revisions was to change the term of officers from the calendar year to July 1 through June 30th. As a result of this proposed revision a motion was made by Wed Wallace to extend the term of the current officers until June 30. There was no second.

Rodney has been working on a revised Dues Renewal form with drop downs, to make filling out the form easier and more legible. It looks great.

After discussion, a motion to publish the By-Laws revisions in the November Newsletter and be voted on during the November meeting was made by Mark Lofgren and seconded by Don King. Motion passed.

The last agenda item was the nomination of officers for the coming year starting in January 2016. The nominations are as follows: President, Larry Lewis. Vice President, Ed Radiel. Secretary, Marshall Sanderson. Treasurer, Clyde Long. Safety Officer, Herbbby Alford, Field Marshal, John Keisler. IT Manager, Steve Ballard. Newsletter Editor, Rodney Earp. All were unopposed and agreed to serve. Nominations were closed.

A motion was made to adjourn by Wes Wallace and seconded by Ken Wade. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marshall Sanderson, RDRC Secretary

# The Guy behind the Prop wash

## Larry Lewis

### Hey Son, lets build a Model



Like most kids in the old days, I began my love of the hobby flying model planes at a very young age. I think I was around 5 or 6 when my Dad bought me one of the old Guillows free flight models at the local drug store. Back in those days many of the drug stores had a model section that carried plastics, wooden free flight kits, and paints, glue and thinners to finish the job. I can still remember walking into that old drug store in east Raleigh. It was right between the A&P grocery store and the laundromat. That's where my folks would do all their one stop shopping in those days. Mom would hit the grocery store for supplies ( and a fresh ground bag of 8 Oclock coffee) then head to the laundromat to pick up her dress or whatever she had hanging on the moving racks! While she did all her Mom things, Dad and I would hang out in the drug stores soda counter, or run across the street to the corner Sinclair station where Pop's could BS with some of his car buddies. Funny,,,,,,,,,,,,, I haven't thought about those days in so very long. Feels pretty cool doing it now! Anyway, Dad always promoted me having some sort of craft or hobby as a kid and he'd help me build whatever we picked up that day. I still remember he and I building our first plastic model. It was a jet. I was so excited when it came time to apply the decals. There it was. All built and proudly displayed on the included stand. Mom fussing because we had her dining room table covered in plastic parts trees, glue, and lots of other top secrete building tools! So now,,,lets apply the decals. Dad naturally grabs one of Mom's best bowls in the cabinet and filled it with hot water, drops the decals in, and a few minutes later we're ready to apply. Dad reaches down in the bowl to pull them out and,,,,,,,,, Yup! Those little decals starting separating from the sheet and went everywhere!!!! Probably one of the first times I remember hearing Dad use some of those special top secret motivational construction and building words. You know,,,words like ^%^%\$!,,, and &%^%\$%\$#^\$^#!!! Anyway. Dad was able to gather them all up one at a time using Moms eyebrow tweezers! lol A few minutes later we had ourselves the coolest desk top display in the whole neighborhood. And that folks I believe was the day I was hooked on model planes. Although I always enjoyed building cars, trucks, boats and other plastics, it was the model planes that moved my blood. I continued building the free flight models moving up in skill level to ones like the SE-5A, Cessna's and others. I think the SE-5A had a wing span around 24". That's really small by today's standards, but in the 60s that thing was HUGE to a small kid.

### Hey man,,, hang a motor on those wings!

I continued building free flight models throughout my childhood but it wasn't until I was 11 or 12 that I got my first experience flying a powered model. It was my uncles well proven and worn Cox PT-19 control line. Now THATS a day burned in my memory. Uncle George was all primed and ready to into the R/C world, but thought it best to try CL first. That had to be one of the toughest little planes ever built.

Uncle George had crashed it a hundred times before letting me and my cousin try it, but ole cousin Ben and I mastered the art of keeping that thing air born in no time at all. Something my Aunt made sure to point out to uncle George! lol The day Uncle George got his first R/C model in the shop, he donated that old beaten up PT-19 to his nephew Larry. You would have thought it was Christmas that summer of 1973. The old PT looked rough,,,, REAL rough,,, but with all the extra rubber bands, ambroid glue globs, and duct tape, it flew just fine! I can still remember how intimidating that little .049 was to me. Seeing that HUGE prop hanging on the front. Remembering how exciting it was when you heard that first "pop" when you clipped the battery on and wound the spring starter up, letting go, and wondering if THAT flip was the one that would bring that big beast of a motor to life! Great memories there folks.

### **No strings attached!**

In the summer of 1977 I finally took the plunge into what would become a huge part of my life. I had been saving money from summers past cutting grass with the old 20" push mower. That year I made two huge investments. I got my first car, then drove that super bad machine to North Hills shopping mall. It was there that I walked into Colliers Hobby Shop and purchased my first true R/C model. It was the Cox Hobbies Centurion. It was actually an ARF by today's standards. It was all foam, had a Cox QRC .049 engine already installed, and came complete with a two channel Cox-Sanwa radio. This model was gigantic folks! It had a 36" wing span, and for the life of me I just couldn't figure out how I would get that monster home in my Chevy Camaro! lolol As for the model, it was a turd! I made several attempts to fly it but never got in a flight longer than a minute. Every time I got some altitude and let it level out it would put itself into a left spiral and plummet to earth. Turns out, the fuselage was warped from the molding process and caused it to have a lot of left trim in it right out of the box. I didn't know this for many many years. I went through life thinking I sucked at flying foam ARFS! lol It was none other than Robert Vess that told me about the issues that plane had. Turns out Robert was working at a hobby during those years and said he had sold countless numbers of those planes. He also said they had countless numbers come back! As it turns out, with a little work on the fuse to correct the warp, the model supposedly flew really well. This info came to me too many years, too many toothpicks, and too many tubes of glue later! Regardless,,, I was hooked on R/C. Although I couldn't afford to buy another R/C model at the time ( that cool old Camaro was getting all my dough) I did manage to keep in the presence of RC'ers. I would drive out to Mini City where several guys would fly, and I also visited the old Raleigh Municipal airport where guys where flying there. I tried R/C again in 1981 for a brief and disastrous moment. When Colliers hobby shop went out of business they sold all the models that were hanging from the ceiling. I pick up one of those models. Some of you Raleigh RC natives may remember the beautiful blue and white Cessna that hung right in the middle of the store. It had a Cox .10 engine in it and was just a real piece of art. Anyway,,, I installed that trusty CoxSanwa 2 CVh. radio in it and heeded to the old RDRC field off Watkins rd. This time I had the good sense of asking an experienced RC pilot to do the maiden. We ranged check it, test ran the engine, and checked the plane over really well. So here comes the big moment! We start it, set it on the runway and point it down the runway. I let go and she heads straight as an arrow down the center line. This is it folks. This is the big day.



Larry is FINALLY going to join the ranks of RC pilot! The plane builds speed, lifts off, and climbs to an amazing 20 feet of altitude. She flying guys,,, she's beautiful. She's,,,,,,,,, she's,,,,,,,,, Oh NO!!! She's snapping ! 3 seconds later I need a trash bag! Ok,,, back to cars and girls! lolol

Now we can do it right !

So fast forward to 1985. I'm a little older, a lot wiser, and working for Uncle Sam in the US Navy Naples Italy. Jacqui and I had just got married and life was great. I walk into the base book store one afternoon to buy a couple of car magazines and there it was,,,,, Right smack dab in the middle of the rack was a copy of RC Modeler. Instantly I forgot all about the car magazines and picked it up. I looked a little more and found a 'Model Builder' magazine. I grabbed them both and headed out the door. As it turned out I had duty that night on the quarterdeck. Basically that's where you work in an office for a 24 hour period doing various admin duties. I spend that whole night reading both magazines cover to cover. I remember being so stoked about trying this RC thing again. In the back of one of those magazines was an add for Hobby Lobby in Brentwood TN. It was a full page add featuring their all new Telemaster 66 kit. It had the all new jig cut interlocking parts system and would fly on a 40 glow engine. I got the order form and filled it out right there and then. Back in those days there was no Internet ordering! When I got off duty I headed to the post office to get a money order and mailed that sucker off!

Many,,,MANY weeks later,( remember,,, I'm in Italy) I got a slip in my mail slot that I had a package waiting for me at the mail center. Hot Dog!!! Lunch time I walked,,,,,well,,,,,more like RAN to the post office and collected the goods. Upon returning to the office all the guys we were eager to see what I had in the box. We opened it up to find enough wood to build a 3000 sq ft house! I grabbed the folded planes and we laid them out across my desk. Holy smoke this thing is big. I now had a big ole airplane kit, but no motor, no radio, no covering. Lucky for me I had family here in Raleigh and before you could blink your eyes I was on the phone calling them up. They locally purchased an OS FP-40 engine and ordered one of the Tower Hobbies Gold 6 radios for me. I still have that radio! Back to the office,,, Turns out the day I got the airplane kit I had driven my motorcycle to work. Not having a good way to get it home my new bride suggested we just leave it there and drive the car the next day. Nope,,,, Nah,,,, Aint have'n It!!! This here thing is MINEJacqui,,,, It Needs me,,, I need it! lol Its going home TO-day! And with that, I was strapping that big ole long box to the side of my Honda. I looked like some super Red Neck with a big Gun Box mounted to his scooter as I ran 90 MPH down the Auto-strata heading home. And as you might guess, construction began as soon as I walked in the house. Fortunately the radio and motor arrive within a couple of weeks , and I located a local hobby shop in down town Naples Italy where I could buy the needed hardware and covering. Keep in mind, I still didn't have a clue where there might be a RC club to go to. Soon it was complete. Proudly sitting on its gear and ready for flight. While at the office one day I started asking questions around the base and with local Italian works if they knew of a model field anywhere around Naples. It was actually one of the Italian mechanics in or shop that knew of an Army Master Sergeant at the NATO base near by. He said his name was Julio, and he flew those models. Several phone calls later I had

him on the phone and I was hooked up. Turned out the model field was only 3 miles from base housing! We met that next Saturday and he inspected my plane. Then he says,,, " oh no,,,this radio is no good" No Good???? What do yo mean? Its brand new!!! Then he points to the gimbals and says,, "The sticks are backwards" What he was referring to was the fact my new radio was Mode2. In Italy and many other European countries they fly Mode1. So,,,,its back to the work table where I opened up the box and switched springs and ratchets on the gimbals assemblies. So that folks is where the Mode1 came from!!!! The next Saturday my big beautiful Telemaster was knocking holes in the clouds. And nothing has changed in the 30 years following!

### **State side and now.**

As soon as I returned to the states in 1989 I went out and found a great local field just north of Gulfport MS. MCRC was the club and they are still around today. The club was made up mostly of locals but had many retired and active military personnel in it. Much like RDRC it was a very active club and included members with a wide variety if RC interest. I flew with MCRC during my final months as a Navy Seabee. When I finished up with Uncle Sam's Navy I loaded up all my planes and headed back to NC. Jacqui was still in the Navy at this point so she, our daughter Heather, and the furniture stayed in MS!!! The plan was for me to come back to NC and find a job. That's was the #1 task. The #2 task was to find a model club! Soon upon returning to NC I would up at the RAMS club in Franklinton NC. Great club with great people. I flew there for about 10 years or so and it was there that I met Robert Vess. As I was writing in last months news letter article, he and I soon began traveling all over NC and surrounding states attending fly ins and competitions together. Not many weekends went by that we were not out at the field burning fuel. We pretty much flew all year round. Hot, cold, windy. Didn't matter. If the engine would start we pointed it toward the clouds. Then around 2002 we both met RDRC club member Josh Bunn. Josh would attend our fly ins from time to time, and he also came over to put on a demo for us during a news paper interview. Josh was flying a huge Carden Edge 540 and we knew that would look great in the papers. Robert and I had recently joined the up and growing giant scale scene our selves, but we were flying the 100cc stuff. Anyway, Josh Bunn invited us to come fly with him at RDRC. So we did. It was clear right from the beginning that RDRC was a very active club with a growing interest for giant scale. After a few visits to RDRC I made the decision to leave RAMS and make RDRC my new home. The people were great, the facility was great, and I knew this was the club for me. It was also during this time that Fly for Tots was moved to RDRC and its size and fund raising grew tremendously! Since my move to RDRC I would have to say I have enjoyed the best years of my RC hobby.

## So Who Am I?

That might be a loaded question in some groups! lol But Who Larry Lewis is? Just another modeler enjoying the company of his fellow club members. I pretty much enjoy flying everything from indoor models to turbine jets. I dabbled just a little in helicopters but never really stuck with it. But in the short time I did I grew a true appreciation for the skills of those who fly them so well. I wouldn't they are harder to fly, but they are certainly different! Making the switch from a heli to a fixed wing on a regular basis takes skill. Anyway, my current interest in the hobby are primarily Pylon racing, jets, and electrics. Its not uncommon to see Robert, Jacqui and I loading the trailer full of jets and head off to a jet meet one weekend. Then come home, unload the jets and fill the trailer full of electrics and head to an electric meet. Next weekend we're going to an indoor meet. So I guess you could say I love it all. I mentioned Jacqui going with us. As most of the club members know my wife flies RC as well. And she's quite a good pilot at that!! She really enjoys the hobby and loves attending jet meets with us. I have served RDRC as an officer of some sort most of my membership and enjoyed all of those years doing so. Jacqui and I know we are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many loyal and hard working members at RDRC, and we truly consider you guys an extension of our family. We both look forward to many more years of flying with RDRC and seeing our club grow. So,,,if by some chance you do not know me please make a point to introduce yourself the next time I'm at the field. I'd really like to meet you.

Larry

# Who's Our Treasurer?



I started assembling Revell plastic models about 1955. They were painted with Testors enamel as soon as I could color between the lines. Next I started flying rubber powered planes and progressed to rubber powered Comet and Gillow kits before dye cutting. You had to cut parts from printed balsa sheets with a razor blade (when my mother would trust me with a razor blade), cover the parts with silk span and paint with dope. Some of them actually flew.

I started in control line flying when I got a plastic Cox PT-19 with a baby-bee .049 for Christmas. The control lines were so short that by the time the motor ran out of fuel I was so dizzy that I would fall down. I moved through Fox .15 powered Jr. Ringmasters on 52 foot lines to .35 powered Ringmasters to .35 powered combat wings on 72 foot lines. Combat Kats were combat wings sold with two kits in one box. I crashed at least 1 per week. I had to cut grass for two weeks to buy McCoy red head .35 engines at the Cameron Village Hobby Shop for \$9.95.

I joined RD-RC in 1964 to start flying radio control. I had various .049 kits with rudder only Babcock rubber powered escapements and a Citizenship single channel transmitter with a Controlaire S-100 receiver on 27.095 Mhz. I crashed a lot. It was a big deal just to land on the same field that you launched from.

I started building my own radio gear by converting a single channel Controlaire Mule transmitter to galloping ghost and with a Rand actuator was able to fly 3 channel proportional ( sort of ) in .15 powered models.

While attending NCSU, I built a RCM 4 channel Digitrio and flew Lanier ARFs with a Supertigre .60 engine. I scratch built several Royal Classic 6 channel proportionals and World Engine MAN 2,3,4 kits. The Royal Classic was the best of the bunch. I got the pylon racing bug about 1970 and raced all over North and South Carolina with some success. I raced Quarter Midget, Formula I and II, AMA Sport Pylon, and the original Quickie 500 classes. From 1972 until the mid 80s, I ran a part time RC radio repair business authorized by Kraft Systems and World Engines until they both went out of business ( no, I didn't put them out of business ). I worked on most of the other radio brands as well including Proline, Logitech, MRC, Heathkit, and an upstart named Futaba.

I believe they have done OK.

In the intervening years, I served RD-RC in every office several times over ( except Newsletter Editor ) and have helped dozens of people learn to fly. Currently, I am still pylon racing AMA classes 424, 426, and EF1. I am also flying sport and war bird electrics as well as electric EDF jets and Giant Scale planes.

I am proud to serve as RD-RC Treasurer. Clyde



# Getting to know our IT Officer

## Steve Ballard



My first initiation to radio controlled airplanes was as a kid with my dad, but I don't remember much about it. From what I was told our first plane went up and immediately came back down. Unfortunately not in one piece. That put a halt to my RC airplane hobby for a while. Flash forward to 2011. Co-worker and trainer extraordinaire Herby Alford set me up on his buddy box and I was hooked. My first plane was a hand-me-down from Herby, a yellow 40 sized Sig Four Star. Since then I have enjoyed flying at RD-RC and thankful that I have been able to use some of my skills for the club. I have built three flight stands, upgraded the camera computer, installed new Internet service, made adjustments to the cameras, and assisted Rodney with keeping up the website. I look forward to many more years with the club and having fun flying RC airplanes. Thanks RD-RC.

In IT news I have purchased another camera and a long cable. I should be getting it installed within the week.

## The Secretary with out the skirt!

As a small child in the mid-1940s I lived across the street from a military auxiliary landing field. I guess that started my interest in aviation.

I started building stick and tissue models about 1949. I first built free flight and then control line models. I built my first radio control model around 1961, but never flew it because I did not have any RC equipment. I guess it was not really a RC model if I didn't fly it.

I joined RDRC in about 1964-5, I don't remember exactly. My first successful RC model was a Carl Goldberg Junior Falcon with an escapement for rudder control. After that came a multi control reed set and larger planes.

Progressed from that to a 3 channel radio I built from a series of articles in Radio Control Modeler. Then I moved on to commercial radios, mainly Kraft and World Engines.

During the 1960-70s I was an officer in every capacity in RDRC, including Newsletter Editor. I am a pilot and have owned several airplanes in the past 40 years, but have never lost my passion for RC. I think that is more than enough about me so let's move forward in the 2016 year and continue to



Marshall Sanderson

# Getting to know our Safety Coordinator

I was born and raised in Franklin County just a few miles from the field. For the past 38 years I have worked for Wake Electric Membership Corporation. I started out as a lineman but later moved into member services. I currently manage all our buildings and grounds as well as warehousing and material ordering. For over 30 years now I have been going to schools, fire departments, rescue squads and the like with my company's safety display. I have been a member and chairman of our safety committee in the past.

My interest in model airplanes goes back to the late seventies. I purchased a Sig LT-40 kit and spent the winter putting the plane together. I joined the RAMS club and went out every Sunday hoping to get help learning to fly. Plenty of people would fly my plane but rarely would turn the sticks over to me and give me some useful instruction. I soon became discouraged and sold everything thinking I would never learn to fly RC.

If we fast forward 30 years, a buddy of mine wanted to know if I knew someone who would sell him a used RC airplane. I just happened to know that a coworker flew RC and it turned out he was willing to sell a trainer to my friend. When we went to pick it up the deal had changed and he wanted to sell all his RC stuff. We came back with 8 planes, several transmitters and flight boxes. Like it or not I was back in the RC business. This time I would not be denied, I would learn to fly.

RDRC president James Fowler test flew my old Falcon 56 that I received in the deal and pronounced it airworthy. I proceeded to destroy it a few days later in the pond on the north end. I went out and purchased a new Sig LT-40 and a Slow V electric. To make a long story a little shorter, after about a hundred flights on that slow electric plane by myself I advanced to the LT-40. Here is where Mr. Cleveland Meeks came into the picture by helping me refine my flying skills and by removing some of my bad habits.

I still fly the old LT-40 on occasion and I repaired the Falcon 56 and was still flying it until last year when the wing folded up doing a hard loop. Since I had such a hard time getting help in learning to fly, I decided that I would help others when I could. I have trained quite a few people in the last few years and am working with a trainee right now.

I enjoy swap meets a great deal. I enjoy reviving and flying vintage planes. I enjoy the smaller glow powered planes the most but have just completed my first gas powered plane. It is an 85" Seagull Sparrow hawk powered by a G-62. It is in the trailer and I hope to maiden it in the next few weeks. I only hope it turns out better than my first flight with the old Falcon 56.



**Herbby Alford**

# The Newsletter Guy

## Rodney Earp

I started modeling with flying Line-Control when I was 9 and by the age of 11 was flying R/C. Since then I have messed with boats, helicopters, cars, airplanes, quads copters and low/high powered rocketry. But I always have enjoyed and loved the airplanes and will for life I suppose. As they say it gets in your blood.

I've been a member of RDRC off and on since 1997. Never held a office in the club but have been involved with many of RDRC's upgrades and enhancement projects in the past years. I have always enjoyed doing things with the members of RDRC and hope to be a part of the club for years to come.

The R/C talent that RDRC has is unbelievable, from small foamies to 50% giants. Members flying 200 mph pylon racers to hanging 40% on the prop. Everyone in RDRC has their own little piece of this hobby and anytime you want to write an article for the newsletter please do so. RDRC is always so active it's easy to find thing going on to add each month but you can contribute with problems you have or anything RC related.

Looking forward to flying next year with you

Rodney



# 2016 RDRC Membership

Don't forget your to bring your membership form and check to the November 17th meeting and be done! Marshall will be taking Forms, Proof of AMA and Checks before and after the meeting. You can also give them to him on December 18th at the Christmas Dinner. Besides that you will be on your own to mail them in to the address below before December 31st.

The forms are new this year in PDF and word, with information areas that have typable fields and drop-down boxes to easily add your information. Please fill in the required information in red and review that your information is correct. Print the form to be mailed or taken to the November 17th meeting. Please use check or money order as the method for paying dues, as it's easier to track than cash and can be used as receipts if necessary. All membership renewals mailed after December 31 2015 will have a \$10 late fee added. This year please re-familiarize yourself with the RDRC By-Laws and Field rules in that they have changed over the last couple of years and indicate you have read them on the form.

[Click here or on form to open the PDF version!](#)

**Mailing address:**

**Raleigh Durham Radio Control  
7413 Six Forks Road #260  
Raleigh, NC. 27615-6164**

## RALEIGH DURHAM RADIO CONTROL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (VERSION 2015)



The following RDRC membership application is for renewal or new membership. Please fill in this form, print, and bring this page along with proof of AMA membership to the next club meeting or mail to the address below with the dues and a scanned copy of AMA card.

Attendance at the next available club meeting is required of all new prospective members. You must be a member of the AMA; there is no exception to this rule. We are an AMA chartered club and our insurance provides protection only for AMA members.

Required dues are in the drop down boxes below, there is a one-time Capital Assessment fee of \$55.00 for all new members over the age of 18. Our year begins in Jan. and dues are required no later than Jan. 1. Dues are prorated for membership at 1/12<sup>th</sup> for new members only. Please make checks payable to: RDRC

Please read the club bylaws and field rules and indicate you have read them by checking the following box.

☐ I indicate by checking this box that I have read the [RDRC Bylaws](#) and [Field rules](#). **Required for membership**

**Personal Information, required fields in red, others are optional but we would like to know more about you.**

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>Application Date Mo:</b> 1 <b>Day:</b> 1 <b>YR:</b> 2015
<b>First Name:</b>	<b>DOB Mo:</b> <b>Day:</b> <b>Year:</b>
<b>AMA #:</b>	<b>AMA Expires:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b> North Carolina <b>Zip:</b>
<b>Serve in Military?</b>	<b>If so what Branch?</b>

**Contact information, Note: An Email address is required to receive the monthly newsletter or RDRC updates.**

<b>Email address:</b>	<b>Mailing address:</b>
<b>Contact Number:</b>	<b>Raleigh Durham Radio Control</b>
<b>Emergency Contact Name:</b>	7413 Six Forks Road #260
<b>Emergency Contact Number:</b>	Raleigh, N. C. 27615-6164
<b>Choose Membership Types from Drop down boxes</b>	
<b>Type of Membership being applied for:</b>	
Click on blue fields below for drop down box.	
\$125 for Open Membership, new and renewal	
Name of primary club If applying for associate membership.	
<b>Second type of Membership being applied for:</b>	
None	
<b>Name of second membership:</b>	
<b>AMA#</b>	<b>Expires:</b> <b>Email:</b> <b>DOB:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm adding a one-time Capital Assessment fee of \$55.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm adding a late fee of \$10.00	

**Required dues and fees being mailed by check: \$**



Click on any of the logos to be



# Shops



# Clubs





# Filling in the bare spots

Thanks to Kerry and crew for the fresh sod lay on October 31! Don't know who all helped out, so I'm not going to try list them all here, but thanks to all. I was out there on Wednesday and found it hard to stay off the new sod, but lets do our best to let it grow and fill in.

The field just keeps getting better!









# Thoughts from Suzy!

## The RDRC News Hound

### Voting for club officers at next meeting!



Remember we'll be voting on club officers at the next meeting, Tuesday November 17th at Forks in Wake forest at 6:30. Come and eat with your club members and take this opportunity to get to know them better. All the same club officers from last year were nominated to serve another term. Must not have done too bad last year! There will still be a vote to accept the officers for the upcoming year.



Don't forget your AMA D4 website! A lot of good stuff out there. Did you know there are newsletters from other D4 clubs posted there. Here is [the link](#) if you want to check up on other clubs.



### Winston-Salem, NC (E) 34TH ANNUAL WSRC SWAP MEET

I got to Join Alex and Mark Fredrickson and ride down to Winston this past Saturday to the WSRC swap meet. Very nice with plenty of room and lots of tables of RC stuff. They had your typical swap shop food with can

drinks hot dogs, Hambers and Cheese Hambers (that's was what they called them) with all the fixings. We even had a old RDRC Pres. Rick Beal walking around with the Cleveland.

I was able to pick up a Mini Stick kit to build for the indoor fun-fly and a couple of other things line control.

If you like SMs this is one you need to go to next year! Lots of stuff to pick up cheap.





# RC on YouTube

There are so many cool things on You Tube to do with RC it would take a life time to watch them all. Here I'm starting a page just for unique RC or Aircraft related YT videos. So to save time in our busy lives, if you run across any good ones please send me the link at [RDRCNews@gmail.com](mailto:RDRCNews@gmail.com) and I'll put them here to share with you club members.

New from Dane Edwards the "Redneck Planes" Season 2 Episode 4 Veterans Day at RDRC 2015. I had a wonderful day of flying with the group out there. Check it out and let Dane know you enjoy his videos.



Here is a step by step Video on how to replace your engine bearing. There is two parts to this and both are about 10 minutes long.

I was looking for one that did a Saito 4 stroke but couldn't find one. There has to be one out there, if anyone knows of one please send me the link.



# RDRC Meetings!



**The Forks Cafeteria**  
**339 S. Brooks Street**  
**Wake Forest, NC 27587**  
**919-556-6544**



***Last meeting of the year!***  
***November Agenda:***  
***Vote on new club officers***  
***By-laws vote***  
***Safety Report***  
***It report***

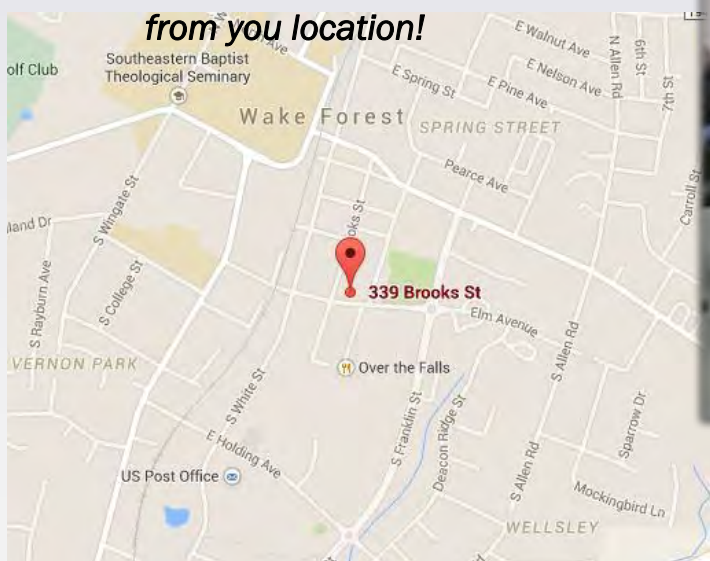
During the past winter RD-RC has been meeting in Wake Forest at [Forks Cafeteria](#). This month we'll continue to meet at forks because everyone is enjoying the food.

Check out their [daily menu](#) on line with all their great home-style cooking! It changes from day to day and is filled with anything you might want.

Members should go through the line for dinner and bring their food to the meeting room. The Cafeteria requires that 90% of attendees eat dinner for use of their room. We tested most of the food at the last meeting and found it very good.

**Click on map below to get directions**

**from you location!**





The following is only of NC please check [AMA Events Calendar](#) for outside NC

## **No Fun-Flies till Spring listed!**

Don't have a date yet but don't forget the Cabin fever indoor Fun-Fly coming soon! I'll let you know as soon as we have a date!

## **Swap meets**

February NC

**2/13/2016 – Statesville, NC (E) 6TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET.** Site: 2659 Chipley Ford Rd. William Francis CD PH: 704-402-5927 Email: [billfrancis@roadrunner.com](mailto:billfrancis@roadrunner.com). South River Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Tables \$10-floor, \$15-wall. Admission \$5, children and spouses free. Vendors receive one admission w/table. Set-up 6-9pm Friday and 7-8am Saturday. Doors open at 8am. E-mail CD for table reservations. Sponsor: STATESVILLE FLIERS RC CLUB INC

***BARKS Will be February 27th this year, make your plans now!***

**2/26/2016 - 2/27/2016 – Mebane, NC (E) 27TH ANNUAL BARKS SWAP MEET.** Site: 633 Corregidor St. Chris Philipps CD PH: 919-428-1215 Email: [cphilipps244@gmail.com](mailto:cphilipps244@gmail.com). Visit: [barksrc.com](http://barksrc.com). Mebane Arts & Community Center. Visit club website for information and online table rental. Sponsor: BURLINGTON ALAMANCE RK SOC BARKS

***Got something you want to write up for the Newsletter? Well do it and send to me and I'll get it in one of the up coming issues!***



Plus, this year I welcome all to contribute to the newsletters. Everyone is trying out new toys that they love or hate and they can drop me a email about them. We can say something about anything we touch in this hobby no matter how big or small. Some of us will get to go to Swap meets and fly-ins that other won't have the chance too. Writing about these can be a great way of letting the club know if it's something worth going too and to watch for it next year, what there was, interesting things about it and some other detail about food and so on. News can be anything happening at the field, someone have a maiden flight on something, let me know. We join the club to share and learn more about RC. We do that a lot at the field, but you can reach many more by sharing in the newsletter, it goes out to all the club members! We have so much to share in this great Hobby!

Thanks to all that has contributed so far this year!

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*Please remember to be courteous to our neighbors  
and slow down when coming and going from our  
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.



***Fly SAFE, Courteously  
and Respectfully!  
Come out and share in  
the fun!***



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