



Club Information

President: Seth Nagy
Vice President: Don Bourdon
Secretary/Treasurer: Brett Springall
Safety Officer: Richard Haas
Field Marshall: Jack Adams
Assistant Field Marshall: Larry Smith
Intro Pilots: Seth Nagy, Vic Welland,
& David Bentley

A Note From The President

I'm excited. This month we'll have our meeting at the field . . . and an auction. Everyone is welcome to bring items for auction. Think of it as a club swap meet. Just gather up anything that is in your way or any stuff you don't want/need any more. We'll auction it off and you'll go home with some money or new plane stuff.

I'm excited. Last month Tony brought a Top-Flite P-47 to the meeting for show and tell. Hopefully the maiden flight will be soon. I can't wait to see that beautiful plane take to the sky.

I'm excited. Gary Pearson trimmed the trees at the west end of the runway. He and I battled poison ivy to take down those plane grabbers. Landing from right to left is now much, much easier. Please thank Gary when you get a chance, we'll all benefit from his effort and his poison ivy rash. I also want to thank the generous person who emptied the trash cans at the field.

I'm excited. Vic Welland & I represented our club at Central Carolina RC's (CCRC) first inaugural Quickie-25 pylon race. Eleven hard charging pilots showed-up all wanting to win . . . and Vic took first place! He beat the 10 other top notch pilots. After the Quickie-25 race, CCRC held a "nostalgia" T-6 race. Vic also won this! I took third place. Big congratulations to Vic for this remarkable achievement.

Next Meeting

The next club meeting is Tuesday, May, 20 7:00 pm at CAM field.

I also want to thank Blake Honeycutt for building two of the top three planes at the T-6 race.

I'm excited. We have a unique fly-in coming up soon, June 28. This is, of course, our Carolina Speed Rally and Fly-in. At the May 20 meeting we will spend some time fleshing out the details and asking for help.

I now hope you are excited too! YOUR RC club is doing well. The field is in good shape, we have new folks getting into this great hobby, and old club members are really enjoying the hobby. I'll see you May 20 at the field.

Happy landings – Seth

April Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was opened by President Seth Nagy who began by welcoming all members and guests who were present
- Seth introduced a new concept of approving the meeting agenda at the start of the meetings, and adhering to the agreed agenda for the course of the meeting.
- Seth introduced guest David Groom. David is a local resident and neighbor of Don Bourdon. David has had a long interest in woodworking and works in the furniture industry. David has been aero modeling for many years and has recently regained an interest in r/c aviation.
- A motion to accept the minutes as published in the March newsletter was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Jack Adams. They were accepted by all but one member present who abstained.
- Brett Springall delivered the treasurers report which was accepted by all members after a

motion made by Ron Miller and seconded by Jack Adams.

- Seth mentioned the absence of safety officer Richard Haas, and noted that our annual review of the AMA and club safety rules was due.
- Field marshal Jack Adams delivered a field report and mentioned a need to build some new tables and to repair the pilot stations. Seth agreed to contact Chuck Byrd and to find out the possibility of building some more metal framed tables.
- The intro pilot report brought news of Ron Millers work with Steve Abee. Steve is making strong progress and is close to solo flying. Seth and Will have both been working with Terry Gilliland. Terry is progressing well, although windy days have hindered progress somewhat.
- There were 11 members and 1 guest attending.

Old Business

- Jack Adams presented details of the Habitat for Humanity housing blitz as was introduced at the March meeting. Application forms were handed to the interested members present at the meeting, who met after the meeting to make arrangements.
- Don Bourdon has information regarding club apparel, but was not present at the meeting. Further discussion was tabled until Don could be present at a meeting.
- Details of the fly-in were tabled until Vic Welland could be present at the next meeting.

New Business

- Brett asked the club about the possibility of a “bring and buy” sale or auction at club meetings. The intent being to provide an outlet for members to sell airplanes, engines and equipment. The members present agreed to hold the first sale event at the May meeting using an auction format. Sellers will be able to decide the percentage of proceeds that would be shared with the club from zero to 100%.

- Bliss introduced a Hickory Moose Lodge “Build and Fly” event which will be held in August. Delta Dart type models will be provided for children to build and possibly a more advanced model for older children and teenagers. Bliss asked the club to consider volunteering to help at this event, and many members expressed an interest. The Catawba Valley R/C club will also be helping out with the event.
- Brett introduced a concept of holding short educational sessions at club meetings. These would be used to aid new modelers with a variety of modeling subjects. It was proposed to hold the first session of this type at the June meeting.

Announcements

- A change in personnel at the landfill site eliminates the need to check in with the office. Members are welcome to stop and say hello to the staff, but it is no longer a necessity.
- Newsletters will be published on the Monday of the week prior to each meeting. Information to be included in newsletters should be provided to Vic two weeks prior to the newsletter publication date.

The meeting was adjourned until May 20th 2008.

Show-N-Tell

- Gary Pearson gave an account of his time spent recently with his son Justin who is attending college at NC State. Justin is a member of the Aero Robotics Club, a group who has built an autonomous airplane based on the Senior Telemaster. This airplane contains \$14,000.00 of electronics and fly's a programmed course aided by GPS.
- Tony Triplet brought his partially completed Top Flite P47. Major construction is completed, and the model is ready for glassing. We look forward to seeing the finished model take to the sky.
- Brett brought his coaxial helicopter for the last inside meeting of the winter.

-Prepared by Brett S.

From the Editor

You may have noticed the mention of club mate Justin Pearson's involvement in the Aero Robotics Club at NCSU. I asked Justin to give us some info about the project for those who missed Gary's account.

"We go up to Tucson Naval Base in Maryland in late June. I believe there will be anywhere between 20-30 teams from across the nation competing at once.

The competition consists of parts such as autopilot simulation, aerial imagery, as well as auto takeoffs and landings. The auto takeoffs and landings are only bonus prizes (\$1000 for each success). Objectives involve flying at a given altitude based off of requirements, using GPS location points, and take aerial images of targets on the ground, obviously, the clearer the better. But also, time is a virtue, and we must complete all tasks within 20 minutes.

But seeing this plane fly on its own, given an aerial pattern, is just cool. We do anything from orbitals, to figure 8's, or just a sweeping pattern. You could literally find a lost kid with this thing. There's a lot more to all of this than what I'm stating now, just because I haven't really been informed of everything yet.

One more thing, last week we traveled to Harnett County Airport (South of Raleigh) and flew on an actual runway in order to test auto takeoffs and landings. It went pretty well, however no success came about just because it was our first attempts at running our new programs. But the coolest part was, since it was an actual airport, we had aircraft coming and going often. So we would just lay in a course on our database, and the plane would fly itself about 650FT in an orbit, and real aircraft would come land and takeoff out from underneath us. It was an awesome site to see our plane just "chilling out" in the sky by itself hands free while the real thing was happening 10 feet from our faces."

Thanks for the report Justin!

Our next meeting is ***AT THE FIELD***.

May 20th Meeting Agenda

APPROVE AGENDA

REPORTS

- * Secretary / Treasurer's Report
 - * Safety Report
 - * Field Report
- * Intro Pilot Report

OLD BUSINESS

- * Club Apparel
- * Carolina Speed Rally & Fly-In

NEW BUSINESS

- *None

ADJOURN BUSINESS SESSION

SHOW-N-TELL

CLUB AUCTION

Bring a plane and do a little flying beforehand if you like. Also we will be trying out the "bring and buy" idea after the meeting. If you have something you are ready to part with, this is a good opportunity to let someone else give it a try.

If you have an opportunity, please visit our website. Brett has done a nice job in updating it to reflect our upcoming Speed Rally & Fly-In with the flyer and our "Things to Know" page. Don did an outstanding job of the flyer too.

One of the things that will need attention for the rally will be volunteers. I have made up a list of opportunities to help and will bring it to the next meeting. If you are interested in helping you can sign up then or email me for the list. One particular need is someone with very nice handwriting, calligraphy would be perfect. If you or a family member would be willing to assist in this by filling out the certificates of speed it would be a great help.

All I am going to say about my recent wins at the CCRC pylon race is that I am very grateful to you...my club mates for putting up with all my practicing.

Thanks!

Vic W.