

February 29, 2016

Hello everyone: Yes it was a windy weekend but a nice one with good opportunities for flying at the RAMS Field. Several RAMS Club members attended the BARKS Swap Meet in Mebane on Saturday. This year, the BARKS Club had their swap meet at a new venue and the facilities were definitely better than the previous location and with good parking. The building is a little bit bigger than the previous one and the event seemed to have been reasonably well attended. JT and I arrived around 9:30AM and met with Terry K, Mike and Larry C and then Greg. Later on we saw Colton and his Dad Randy as well as Bob, Terry C, Buck and Joe Schodt. Our Bill Wynn was there as a vendor (Carolina Hobbies, <http://carolinahobbies.net/>). I know we missed a few other club members that were there. Some of them had tables where they were selling used goods. Besides finding the occasional deal, the best part is to meet with friends from other clubs, update on what everyone else is doing as clubs and as individual pilots. What projects are being entertained by other pilots, new builds and so on. We had the chance to talk with other club officers like Larry Lewis from RDRC and Dave from the PILOT Club and get updates on their clubs activities. So, the social aspect of the BARKS is a pretty cool reason to attend.

Why do we tend to attend this swap meet? Just because is relatively big for our area and is just about little under an hour drive for most of us. I am aware of some good deals that some of our pilots were able to get hence we will see some new stuff coming up to the field soon. Once done at the BARKS Swap Meet, many of us headed to the field for some good flying. Yesterday Sunday, there was about 8-12 mph winds coming form West to SSWest hence was not too bad for landing but required staying in good control. Around 4:30PM it became mostly a SSWest wind coming down the runway and the flying got much better. All in all, a very nice weekend at the RAMS Club.

Reminders:

RALEIGH DURHAM RADIO CONTROL CLUB (RDRC) Electric FunFly: Saturday, April 16, 2016. An all day of flying electric models at our fellow club RDRC. Current AMA required. If it is electric powered, bring it to the FunFly. Let's plan on going there and spend some time with our RDRC fellow Pilots. Spectators have free admission. 1339 Bethlehem Church Road, Youngsville, NC.

RAMS WINTER BUILD EVENT 2016 : SATURDAY, April 23, 2016 starting at 1:00PM. The build theme will be the **THE RAMS PIC-A-NIC BUILD** where any aircraft, from balloons, multirotors, rockets, helicopters or airplanes can enter. Even a trash bag filled with helium can make it! The theme consists of using any item typical of a Picnic (plates, plastic forks, napkins, cups, trash bags, ketchup bottle, picnic table, etc) to build the model. Or you can use an existing model and decorate with picnic related items. Yogi Bear and Boo Boo are very excited and we will have a Jellystone Park size amazing event in the Spring. There will be prizes awarded by judges and a "Peoples Choice Award". And you know how generous we are at RAMS with prizes! Sure!!! This promises to be one of the best and most fun build events ever. So, start thinking. And don't forget to bring all the family and friends to cheer and support you. Download the attached pdf file for more details.

RAMS MARCH 2016 CLUB MEETING: This SUNDAY, March 6 at 9:30AM for breakfast and 10:00AM for the Club Meeting at the US1 / Wake Forest **Golden Corral**.

See you at the field and have safe fun flying!

Dr. Joey
RAMS Secretary