Cajun RC Club
Lydia Cancer Association Charity Fly-In
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Gary Manuel, Cajun RC Club President

RE: 09 August 08 Charity Fly-In

August 27, 2008

CAJUN RC CLUB MEMBERSHIP and the many others that helped

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present to each you the final outcome of the Charity Fly-In put on for the Lydia Cancer Association. You have all proven to be invaluable to the club and now, more than ever, our community. A lot of communications through many months and groups of volunteers were needed just to decide on which charity the club would contribute to. Many hours of coordinating were spent and I feel they were well spent.

The club has for many years counted on public support at our events enabling us to have and maintain the park that we all enjoy so very much. Now, you have given back your support to the community. Someone mentioned at the pilot meeting that this was the first time they have been to an event in this area that was intended for charity support. This has got to be the finest compliment and I am very proud to be a part.

Way too many people to name individually worked on this event, however, thank you all so very much for making this happen. There were planes in the air all day which made for a superb air show, so thanks also to all the pilots that came out to fly.

Without going into all of the particulars, Cajun RC Club will be presenting to the Lydia Cancer Association $2,000.60. This is truly a terrific success.

Congratulations to you all,

[Signature]

Gary Manuel
Club President
Gross Receipts:
Proceeds from Raffle  
Net profit from concessions, etc  
Total proceeds deposited  

Expenses:
Rental of toilet  
Postage for mailing flyers  
Total expenses  

Add additional checks received and payable directly to Lydia Cancer Association:
  Cajun R/C Club-check # 1046 attached  
  Williams Aeromodeler R/C Club check#313 attached  
  Cajun Black Sheep Flyers (Houma, LA) check# 1046 attached  
  Scott's Boat Rentals, LLC (from above club) check # 2168 attached  
  Miscellaneous (cash)  
Total Funds turned over to Lydia Cancer Association from Fly-In  

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Remote controlled planes, pilots meet here for fly-in

BY HOLLY LETHEUX THIBRON
THE DAILY IBERIAN

Remote controlled planes were performing loop-the-loops for a good cause Saturday at the Cajun R/C Flying Club’s field on Truhan Road.

The group held the local event to benefit the Lydia Cancer Association.

Gary Manual of New Iberia, club president, said the fly-in benefit saw more than 30 pilots visit the field with their unique remote controlled aircraft and more than 200 spectators.

“It was really fantastic,” Manual said. “We had good weather and a good turnout and pilots coming quite a ways to participate.”

Ryan Gonsoulin, club member and world champion R/C pilot, said the local R/C club flies almost every weekend and the spectators who come out for the events help club members maintain their flying field.

“Our club benefits so much from people coming out to our events to see our shows. We thought it would be right to give back to a local organization,” Gonsoulin said.

The club chose Lydia Cancer Association through a selection process weeding through many local groups.

Another club member, Kenny Price of New Iberia, said there is talk among group members to hold the event again next year benefiting another worthy Teche Area organization.

Debra Savoie, former president of the Lydia Cancer Association, attended Saturday’s benefit and said it was “awesome.”

It was her first visit to a remote controlled airplane show and she said she enjoyed the experience.

“I just love to watch men still being little boys and playing with their toys,” she said.

“It was very touching and humbling when the gentleman from the club approached the association wanting to hold the event with proceeds benefiting our efforts.”

Representatives from the R/C club said the total amount of money raised from the benefit fly-in would not be available for a few more days.

Savoie said the Lydia Cancer Association is always grateful of the community support they receive without which, she said, they would not be able to help as many people as they do.

Gonsoulin said anyone wanting more information about the Cajun R/C Flying Club can visit their Web site at www.cajunrcclub.com.

“The general public is always welcome to come out and watch us,” he said. “And, it’s always free.”

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CAJUN R/C CLUB - NEW IBERIA

FLY-IN INVITATIONAL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE

LYDIA CANCER ASSOCIATION

Who: All R/C Modelers who belong to area clubs and the Public at Large...any and all persons!!

What: Informal Fly-In...no events, no schedules

Where: Cajun R/C Club Flying Field (Trahan Road) Check our Website for location: www.cajunrcclub.com/

When: August 9, 2008 From 9:30 a.m. till ????

Why: To pass a good time and provide benefits for Lydia Cancer Association

No sanction has been requested, but all flyers must register and present their current AMA License. All AMA safety rules must be observed. Our club rules (Cajun Common Cents) must also be observed.

Type of aircraft allowed:

All types are allowed, from ½ A to Giant Big-Birds, from Sleek Streaks to Helicopters, from gliders to jets, from auto-giros to ornithopters, and ducted fans to just plain old sport ships (even ugly airplanes are allowed).

We will have a concession stand for your needs
A Bicycle and a new Radio will be raffled off

GARY MANUEL, PRESIDENT 337-365-9053

Charles E. Castaing, Club Secretary 337-365-1577
Astro Wings of Wisconsin
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FLY A REAL RC AIRCRAFT,
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SAT. AUG. 2
10AM-5PM (Raindate Sunday Aug. 3)
Astro Wings of Wisconsin
Special Olympics Air Show Charity Event
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Tuesday, July 29
MT Farmers' Market
Time: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
Where: Corner of Prestage and Main, next to Walgreens, Thiensville
This vibrant Farmers' Market takes place each Tuesday through the growing season. Call 512-9358 with questions or to be a vendor.

NSAA offers free "Imagine Me" class for preschoolers
Time: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Where: North Shore Academy of the Arts, 11111 Broad St., Grafton
Art Smarter class for preschoolers will include music, art and literature for preschoolers, giving families a glimpse into this great program which is entering its third year. NSAA's "Imagine Me" courses are designed to uncover and develop a young child's talents and skills for creative expression.

Tuesday Tunes
Time: 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Where: Paramount Plaza, Grafton
The Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce presents its fourth lunchtime concert, featuring Gary Cushing of Classic Rockin' Piano fame. The concert is sponsored by The Investment Center of Grafton: Call 377-1650 if you'd like to become a sponsor.

Kids from Wisconsin are back in town
Time: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Where: Port Washington High School Auditorium, Port Washington
Cost: $10 reserved seating; $10 general seating; $5 children 12 and under
Back for the 13th year, the "Kids from Wisconsin" will perform two shows today. One of the most popular youth music groups in the Midwest, the "Kids" will also perform daily during the 11-day run at the Wisconsin State Fair. Proceeds from the two Port Washington shows will be used mainly for scholarship for students at all levels who are involved in music and performing. Financial support is also given to Port-Saukville United for Youth.

HeritageQuest Class
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Where: USS Liberty Memorial Public Library, 6200 131st Ave., Grafton
The class will demonstrate HeritageQuest, a genealogy database containing census data. The database is free to library cardholders and can be used on a home computer. To register, call 375-0315.

Wednesday, July 30
in "Youth Choose Your Own Adventure," youngsters are invited to pick their path and explore a story with members of the nature preserve. Registration required. Call 242-2593, ext. 15.

Healthy Child Wellness Clinic
Time: 2 p.m.-9 p.m.
Where: Grafton County Public Health Department, 121 W., Main St., Port Washington
Children, birth to 18 years, may be

Set for Aug. 2

This Saturday, AstroWings of Wisconsin invites families to head out to the Wre Energies Ash Site on Highway 32, located between Grafton and Port Washington, for one of the most anticipated events of the year. At the Special Olympics Air Show 2008, visitors will be able to watch dozens of radio-controlled model aircraft fly and perform breathtaking stunts. There'll be a chance to view 3D aerobatic demonstrations; talk with experienced pilots and learn all about RC flying; see sport planes, warplanes and helicopters. You can even sign up for a lesson during the event – $5 for 10 full minutes of hands-on RC flying – with all proceeds going to Special Olympics Ozaukee County. This year's grand prize, donated by Schwankle-Kasten Jewelers, is a man's Tag Heuer watch, worth $1,600. Raffle tickets for the watch will be sold during the air show. Founded in 1955, AstroWings began as a small group of control-line modelers, with meetings held at a member's home. Membership has grown by leaps and bounds and RC enthusiasts now meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month (except August) at the Grafton Senior Center on 7th Avenue. For more information, call Roger at 375-0861 or visit Web site www.AstroWings.com. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 3.
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Special Olympics Air Show Charity Event
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Gathering of the GIANTS

March 15-16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Annual air show biggest of the year

To go

What
Gathering of the Giants air show

Where
R/Seahawks Air Park

When
Saturday and Sunday, March 15 & 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost
$5 donation per car
Cape Coral R/Seahawks
Charity Event for Boy Scouts & Mayor’s Scholarship Fund
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People gather along the fence to watch pilots fly their radio controlled planes at the Seahawks Airshow last year.

A radio controlled, one-third scale, P-47 Thunderbolt flies over the airstrip during last year’s air show.

People in attendance should be excited to take part in this special candy drop from a B-29 plane which is being planned.

“We are going to have one of the planes take up a huge bag of candy and let it drop from about 400 feet,” said Niezelski. “Then we open the airstrip up to the kids and let them have at it. It’s kind of like a flying pinata.”

“The kids will have a great time. The show is best we have ever had,” said Fernandez. “Between the candy and the stunts, the whole thing is just going to be quite impressive.”

Although the event is free, the group will be charging $5 per car for parking, which is being handled by the local Boy Scouts. The parking fee is being charged to help offset the cost of maintaining the airfield, which the R/Sea Hawks members do themselves.

“Even though this is a city-owned park, we do all of the landscaping,” said Niezelski. Fernandez added that a portion of the proceeds will also be used for necessary repairs that need to be addressed at the airfield from time to time.

“Right now we have a crack in the runway and we are going to have to fix that,” he said. “We also have to cover the cost of bringing in the pilots who are not part of our club and it is not cheap.”

Fernandez added in addition to covering the cost of the expenses for the pilots being brought in to fly, they also have to cover the cost of all the fuel used to fly for the two-day event.

The R/Sea Hawks is also donating a portion of the proceeds from the event to the mayor’s scholarship fund to the Boy Scouts for their help with the parking.

“I would like to try donate as much money as possible,” said Fernandez. “I’d like to give back to the community.”

In addition to the air show, the R/Sea Hawks is also giving away a model airplane door prize to one lucky winner.

“It is an acrobatic type plane with an 18-inch wing span,” said Niezelski. “It got a seven channel specifications and an engine for power. It is all ready to go.”

Niezelski said like most other R/Sea Hawks shows, this event in past year has been very well attended.

“We usually get about 2,500 people coming over the two days,” he said. The group has also hired caterers to come in and provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages for the crowd.

“It is going to be like a portable restaurant. Everyone will find something they like to eat,” said Fernandez. “We also have big, red, double-decker coming in like the ones have overseas which have all kinds of ice cream.”

Fernandez said he encourages everyone to come out and see the air show whether will be the first time visit the airfield or if you come to see them fly before.

“I can’t say enough about the great this show is going to be,” he said. “You are going to see things you have never seen before.”

The R/Sea Hawks field is located at 1030 N 36th St. For more information on the show please visit the group’s website at www.reahawks.org.
Arianna Perez Benefit Fun Fly
April 18-20, 2008
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A note from Rafael Flores, Contest Director and Arianna’s Uncle:

“Arianna Perez, my beautiful niece, was born with a defect that left her right leg much shorter than her left leg. Arianna went through bone enlargement surgery last year and several more surgeries will be needed. Traveling from Puerto Rico to Maryland for her treatments is very expensive. Arianna and my sister plan to join us for the event and they look forward to thanking everyone in person for their kind support.

Arianna’s smile, wonderful personality & positive attitude during the difficult times are inspirational for me, our family and we hope for you too. We look forward to seeing you for a fun weekend all to benefit a wonderful little girl!”

$20 Landing Fee for Pilots Covers Three Days & Includes Saturday Night Dinner
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Everyone is Welcome! Spectator Admission is Free.

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Saturday Night BBQ Cookout 6pm $12.00 (Kids 7-12 $5.00)

For more information call Ken Stitt 316-680-5239
or Rafael Flores at 785-209-0458.
Imagination takes flight at aviation day
By Pamela Schehl, News Staff Reporter
Posted: 07:40 AM, Thursday, September 20, 2007

MOUNT VERNON — Third-graders from around Knox County — 700 strong — descended on the Knox County Airport on Wednesday for Aviation Day. The festivities started with a flying demonstration and aerobatics by model airplanes "piloted" by members of CORKS, the Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society. All of the models were built by club members, and many, like a replica Spitfire, were scale models of actual aircraft.

The young spectators oohed and aahed as the small aircraft swooped and swirled and dived over their heads. They later had the chance to inspect the models, and other aircraft, up close as they rotated past the various aircraft on display.

"This is a good thing for us to do," said CORKS member Don Bryant. "It's a good opportunity to introduce kids to aviation at an early age. It could spark an interest that could last them a lifetime."

"Awesome" was the word most often heard as the third-graders inspected, among others, a gyrocopter, planes with turboprops, a colorful, striped Tiger Cub plane, and a pedal airplane built to match its full-sized Christen Eagle counterpart. Many of the students liked the chance to climb in and out of the basket of the Re/max hot air balloon, assisted by members of the Central Ohio Balloon Club. The students were impressed with the instrumentation in Chris Cordle's four-place Cessna Cardinal plane, which included a storm scope and auto pilot capabilities. They thought it was pretty neat that it could fly 175 mph and gets the same kind of gas mileage as a full-size van. They also listened attentively as retired commercial pilot Capt. Jim Beroth talked about his experiences flying the mammoth 777s.

Of all the types of flying machines and accessories, the thing which most impressed the children involved the NetJets Hawker 400 jet. They thought it was neat that it had a television set, foldout table and leather seats. But the most splendid thing about it was summed up by one Danville third-grader.

"It was awesome," he said. "There's a toilet in there, too."

Another of the volunteer exhibitors was Andy Doll, a pilot for the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation. He told the students about his Partennia Observer aircraft, demonstrated how the steering mechanism works, and explained how the plane is used for missions such as forestry surveys, airport inspections and transporting state officials. As did all the aircraft enthusiasts, Doll patiently answered the youngsters' questions. Many were thrilled
when he told them, “You don’t have to be in the military to learn how to fly. You can learn right here, right now.”

“This is a great event for kids,” Doll said. “It encourages aviation education, and not many little airports in the state do things like this. This is all because of [Airport Manager] Marla [Elliott]. Knox County should be proud of her.”

Elliott said all the work which goes into aviation day is well worth it.

“Ninety-five percent of these kids have never been so close to an airplane,” she said. “And if you just hook one to learn to fly or hook them into getting their pilot’s license or into dreaming ... it’s well worth it all.”

Aviation Day is sponsored by the Knox County Educational Service Center, hosted by the Knox County Airport, and coordinated by Elliott and KCESC superintendent Dave Southward.

“We get a lot of good help,” Elliott said. “Just think about it — that’s a multimillion dollar aircraft they bring up here. They don’t have to do that. A lot of the guys took time off work to be here for the kids. They don’t need to do that. It’s pretty neat.”

Volunteers help make the event possible, including the exhibitors, airport staff, KCESC staff, parents, teachers, bus drivers and representatives of the Knox County Career Center’s Air Force Junior ROTC. Students in the KCCC Chef and Catering program prepared and served lunch to all in attendance.

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The article above covers our participation in the event at Knox County Airport as it was written up in the Mt Vernon News. The article can be retrieved from the paper’s archives at: http://www.mountvernonnews.com/local/07/09/20/aviation_day.html

Below are two pictures of our club members demonstrating the working of R/C models and answering questions. We have participated at this event for several years now.
Fox Valley Aero Club member Dennis McFarlane of Lombard helps unload toys collected by the club for local disadvantaged children. Families will be able to come to the Salvation Army in St. Charles on Thursday and Friday to select toys and clothing for their children.

**Club plays Santa**

*By Nancy Gier
ngier@dailyherald.com*

The 300 or so new toys dropped off for disadvantaged children Saturday at the Salvation Army in St. Charles included an unusually high percentage of remote control models.

It was no wonder.

The toys were part of a van load collected by members of the Fox Valley Aero Club, one of the most progressive radio-controlled model airplane flying clubs in the Chicago metropolitan area, according to its Web site.

The club may also be one of the most generous.

Club president Dominic Saverino of St. Charles said the toys were collected at this year's Christmas party. Members then asked St. Charles Mayor Don DeWitte how he would like them distributed.

"We want to give back to the community of St. Charles," Saverino said. "Those who take care of others will eventually be taken care of," he reasoned.

"They call me every year to let me know the toys are for the charity that I choose," said DeWitte, who was on hand to help unload. "I'm thrilled to pass their efforts along and be a small part of it. Their generosity is most appreciated."

The toys from the Fox Valley Aero Club added to thousands already collected and dropped off at the Salvation Army through the Tri-Cities Toys for Kids program. Tables were stacked with dolls, puzzles and games for varied age groups.

According to Jennie Ziegert, social services director for the Salvation Army, families who have registered can come in before Christmas and choose up to three toys for each of their children.

"All the gifts stay here in the community," she said.

For information on donating, call Jim Wheeler at (630) 584-8356. Donations must be made no later than Thursday.
Model-airplane pilots fly to the rescue

Donation marks third year that area group has helped Salvation Army

By PAUL DAILING
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ST. CHARLES – A club for flying model airplanes is helping local children in need to have a happier Christmas.

On Saturday, the Fox Valley Aero Club donated a carload of toys for The Salvation Army Tri-City Corps’ Christmas assistance program. The program allows parents and grandparents who might not be able to buy toys to pick out gifts for youngsters from a selection of donated toys, clothes and games.

The Tri-City Corps has held this event every year for more than 35 years. This is the third year that the Fox Valley Aero Club has collected toys for the event.

“For assistance

To register for assistance, a person must:

• Live in either Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles or Wayne.

• Bring identification, the Social Security cards of everyone in the house, the current lease or mortgage bill, and financial documents over the past 50 days proving need.

• Documents, which must be from every member of the household, can be pay stubs, Social Security or disability payments or other forms of financial paperwork.

The toys were purchased by Aero Club members or bought with their donations.

“The deal was, if you came to the Christmas party, you had to bring two toys,” Saverino said.

However, some people forgot the toys and had to write checks instead.

“We were shopping at Toys ‘R Us yesterday for an extra $500 worth,” Saverino said Saturday.

The club gave the toys to St. Charles Mayor Donald DeWitte, who then gave them to The Salvation Army.

“I’m always happy to have a finger in it,” DeWitte said. “The Salvation Army ensures all this generosity stays in the valley.”

Although the Salvation Army is packed with toys, clothes and other future presents, the cupboards were slightly bare last week.

See DONATION, page 2C

Residents must be from Geneva, Batavia, Wayne, STC

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“I was getting kind of worried because we were getting a few things, but not too much and then bam, all this came in,” said Jennie Ziegert of The Salvation Army.

Ziegert said there were 250 families registered for Christmas assistance, a total of 600 children. Registration is open until Wednesday. Most of the shopping will be done Thursday with people who registered late getting their toys Friday. Donations will be accepted until Friday.

To register, call 630-377-2769.

But if a person who needs assistance misses the Friday deadline, The Salvation Army will be open Christmas Eve.

Anyone who registers must live in Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles or Wayne. They must bring identification, the Social Security cards of everyone in the house, the current lease or mortgage bill, and financial documents over the past 50 days proving need. The documents, which must be from every member of the household, can be pay stubs, Social Security or disability payments or other financial paperwork.
PLANES TAKE SKY AT FLY-IN

IF YOU GO
Florida eXtreme 3D Fly-In
When: 10 a.m. today.
Where: Lannie Road Flying Field, 3461 Lannie Road.
Price: $25 for landing fee for pilots; spectators get in free.
For more information: (904) 765-1070

A remote-control aircraft leaves a trail during the fly-in, which raised money for the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund.
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Curt Henschel of Clermont carries his remote-control aircraft at the Florida eXtreme 3D Fly-in Saturday in Jacksonville.

Lou Verdiales (left) advises his son, Luis, 12, as he pilots a remote-control aircraft Saturday. Another aircraft hovers nearby at the Florida eXtreme 3D Fly-in, presented by local flying club Gateway R/C, at the Lanrie Road Model Flying Field.

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Bryan was one of almost 70 people from all over the country and as far away as Brazil who attended the Florida eXtreme 3D Fly-in at the Lanrie Road Model Flying Field.

It wasn’t a competition, but rather a chance for families to bond, old friends to catch up and enthusiasts to discuss their hobby.

The Lanrie Road Flying Field is where model-airplane flyers can meet to practice barrel rolls or learn the basics.

Beginner’s planes, which have a 60-inch wingspan, are sold at most hobby shops and can cost around $400. The more expensive models can cost $10,000 and be as large as half the size of the actual aircraft they are modeled after.

For newer enthusiasts, flight simulation programs are a good idea to train without destroying your investment.

“I see people who try to fly solo without any practice and on the first landing they crash. They’re almost in tears,” said Patrick Lanfrani, president of Gateway R/C, a local flying club. The club has 250 members in Jacksonville and hosts a dozen events a year.

That’s why you can fly with a trainer who can take over the controls if something goes wrong, Lanfrani said.

Mike Chandler, 46, of Statesville, N.C., said he enjoys the hobby because it’s a distraction from the stress of work.

“It’s just you and the plane out there,” he said. “It’s very relaxing.”

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Florida eXtreme 3D Fly-IN

Father & Son team!
Excellent interview!!
Academy of Model Aeronautics
5161 E. Memorial Dr
Muncie, IN 47302

March 5, 2008

Subject: Club Recognition and Reward Program

Please find enclosed an application for the AMA Club Recognition and Reward Program for an AMA sanctioned event, Florida Extreme 3D Fly-in (FX3D), in which Gateway Radio Control Club, Charter 206, sponsored and held on February 29th, March 1st, and March 2nd.

The FX3D event was a benefit to raise funds for The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund Charity. The Contest Director/s for FX3D was Peter Jackson (AMA# 133640) with Co-Contest Director Jeff Carle (AMA#811472, but his number may have changed when recently received his CD certificate)

The following advertisements were published for the FX3D to simulate interest from modelers and spectators:

Model Aviation: A Supplemental ad was purchased with the AMA Sanction and ran for one month prior to the event. A copy of that ad is enclosed with this application.

Time Union (local newspaper): The Times Union was contacted by Jim Willis (AMA#831407) and three advisories were placed in the upcoming event section of the Times Union the week of the event. No copies were saved to send.

Times Union (Local newspaper): A reporter from the Times Union attended the FX3D event on Saturday March 1st and wrote an article that appeared in the Times Union on Sunday March 2nd. That article is enclosed with this application.

Jacksonville.com: A video journalist, Emily Barnes, posted a video of the event on their Internet site called Jacksonville.com. This was an excellent video which included an interview the Co-Contest Director Jeff Carle and with a father & son team that was participating at the event.

Here is a link to that site:
http://link.brightcove.com/services/link/bclid1329229943/bclid1308023108/bctid1439820429
Pre-event report
The FX3D event was an agreement between Extreme Flight R/C and Gateway Radio Control Club. The agreement was that 1/3 of the pilot fees, minus the cost of dinner, would go towards a charity. 1/3 of the pilot fees, minus the cost of dinner, would go to Extreme Flight R/C who would supply a 1/2 Scale Acrobatic airplane and other donations; engine, servos, and accessories for a Grand prize raffle which all proceeds would go towards the Charity. Gateway R/C Club would receive 1/3 of the pilot fee, minus the cost of dinner, for the expenses for hosting the event. Jeff Carte contacted numerous businesses in the radio control world and was able to obtain other prizes that were added to the Grand Prize Raffle. The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund was selected as the charity for the event.

Event report
The event was scheduled for February 29th, March 1st, & March 2nd. Pilots started arriving on February 25th. The total number of pilots (not official) that I have listed is 66. An estimate of one to two persons (crew) came with each pilot to make the total number of individuals attending about 140. This number does not include local spectators, just those attending each day. An estimate of approximately 20 spectators attended the FX3D event on Friday and about 30 on Saturday, no admission was charged, so no exact accounting is possible. The article in the Time Union appeared Sunday morning and the field phone rang continuously for hours. An estimate of 50+ spectators attended the event on Sunday. Gateway R/C Club had AMA literature and Club information available on the AMA and getting started in radio control aviation. Gateway received three new membership applications and referred those individuals to the AMA for membership.

Gateway R/C Club provided a light cart for two night electric foamy events. Along with the light cart, Gateway R/C Club supplied pilot prizes, and opened its concession stand. To encourage pilots to fly, which makes a good show for the spectators, Gateway purchased pilot prizes from our local hobby shop. Each pilot was given a raffle ticket each time they flew and returned their transmitter to impound. This also encouraged pilots to impound their transmitters. The expense of the light cart, the pilot prizes and sanction fee w/supplemental ad was part of the costs to Gateway Radio control club for hosting the FX3D event. That total was just under $300.00.

At events it is standard practice for Gateway Radio Control Club to host what we call a 50/50. Raffle tickets are sold and the pot is split with half of the proceeds going towards the winner and the other half going towards the Club. Since this was a charity event, Gateway R/C Club donated its half of the proceeds to the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund. The 50/50 was run each day and $499.00 was added to the Charity Fund.

Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund
The event was concluded on Sunday March 2nd. The Grand Prize Raffle was completed and when the receipts were counted a total of $2,516.00 was raised for the charity. Extreme Flight R/C and Gateway Radio Control Club received its share of the pilot’s fee, which was just under $500.00 and covered our Gateway costs.
In conclusion
The FX3D Event was an absolute success in many respects. Every pilot was an excellent representative of the hobby and handled themselves with great sportsmanship. As mentioned earlier the event brought in many spectators and they were given access to static / hanger area’s to where the planes were kept. This area was behind a designated spectator safety line, which was brought to the attention of the spectators during various times of the day and to each pilot during the morning pilot briefing. Spectators got an outstanding view of the model planes on the ground and in the air.

This event provided the greatest amount of advertisement and exposure to the general public that our Club has every received. At the present time our club is facing one of its greatest challenges, the loss of our flying field. *After dealing with this issue we were just notified today that the property has been sold. In most cases we would seek some means of debating the issue with the City regarding the sale, but in this case the sale is for the site of a National Veterans Cemetery. Though our flying field is a City Park, and the City has stated that they are committed to building another flying field, we are well aware the fact that they will not build the field, if they do at all, to the needs of our hobby.

Since 1991, when Gateway R/C Club entered into a management agreement with the City of Jacksonville, Gateway has spent thousands and thousands of club funds upgrading the flying field to its present condition. Since the Cemetery issue presented itself our Club has been attempting to raise funds without raising dues, which is only $36.00 per year.

Thank you for considering this application, any funds that the Academy of Model Aeronautics can donate from the Club Recognition and Reward Program will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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Hampton Roads Radio Control Club  
Toys for Tots Charity  
Club Recognition & Reward Winner

Toys for Tots flies high this weekend

BY LAUREN WICKS  
STAFF WRITER

A helicopter toy through the sky and hovered upside down just feet from the ground. The pilot, however, remained calm and poised, picking up speed and flipping the copter back around to take off amongst the clouds. This was an easy feat, though, considering the pilot was safe on the ground maneuvering the control responsible for the model helicopter.

The men and women of the Hampton Roads Radio Control Club held a special fly-in event on Saturday to help raise funds and toys for the Toys for Tots program in Suffolk. The club ended up raising more than $1,400 for Toys for Tots as well as bringing in approximately 200 toys for children in the cities of Suffolk, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Fly-in: Event helps benefit Toys for Tots; other local events, including bike ride, help also

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Fly-ins are common place for clubs and organizations like the Hampton Roads Radio Control Club. Pilots are invited to bring their aircraft and fly at their leisure, and they pay a cash landing fee to cover costs. Desbois suggested that for this fly-in, pilots bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

The response was overwhelming. Forty-five pilots registered for flying time on Saturday. Within the first hour of the fly-in, two donation boxes were filled. At the event’s prime, approximately 200 guests were flying planes, watching the skies or touring the full-size helicopter flown in especially for the event.

Desbois contacted the United States Marine Corps and helped arrange for a CH-46 Sea Knight to be flown in from Norfolk for people to see. “It was a really great event,” Desbois said. “Everyone had a good time and lots of lots of people came out. Along with the fly-in, the Toys for Tots campaign in the city has been growing. On Nov. 3, the fourth annual Paul Lutz ride was held at Lakeland High School. The motorcycle rally helped bring in an additional 30 toys for Toys for Tots. Plus, this week, the Suffolk News-Herald launched its Cheer Fund campaign with more than $3,000 raised so far.

To make a donation to the Cheer Fund, contact Ashley McKnight-Taylor at 934-9617.
HIGH FLYING FUN: The Hernando Aero Modelers Remote Control Aircraft Club hosted members of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hernando County for a free air show and barbecue lunch May 31. Jennifer Dallner, senior match manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters, accepted a check for $1,000 from Mike Pennington, president of the remote control club. The event was at the airfield at the Comex plant north of Brooksville.
Hillsdale Aeromodelers
William County Foster Children Event
Newspaper

Aeromodelers share hobby with area foster/adoptive families

What started as a dream became a reality on July 19. Aaron Snyder of the Hillside Aeromodelers visualized a day that their organization could give back to Williams County as they use Opdyke Park, a county owned park, to fly their remote controlled model airplanes.

As the foster care and adoptive system is near to his heart, he figured that this would be a great direction to start. An exciting day was planned for Williams County foster kids to gather together for a time of fellowship and fun. Several families with foster/adoptive children participated in the day’s events.

Remote control airplanes and cars were available for flying or driving. As time allotted, kids and foster parents who wanted to were encouraged to fly a remote controlled airplane or run the rc cars. As this was a new experience for most foster/adoptive families, there was someone who assisted from the sponsoring group.

Families were not only given time to have fun with the events going on, but they were also given an opportunity to meet other families and get to know them better. With this in mind, the day was even more of a success as families had fun and gained more support from one another.

Not only did the families gain from the experience, but so did the sponsoring group. Many members remarked afterwards about how fulfilling it was to share their hobby with the kids. They found the kids’ smiles to be worth millions.

In one individual’s words:

Saturday we taught some kids to fly model airplanes. "Saturday I was taught the biggest lesson of all by a group of foster children. It is better to give than to receive."

A big thanks goes out to the Hillside Aeromodelers for giving back to Williams County in such a meaningful way.

Persons who would desire to help with this worthwhile cause, contact a local foster/adoptive agency and see how you could share your interests or hobbies with the group. You too will find that it’s a worthwhile cause and worth every minute!

For more information on foster/adoptive parenting, information may be obtained through Williams County Department of Job and Family Services. (Information contributed by WCDFJ.)

Williams County Department of Job and Family Services Foster/Adoptive Parents enjoyed the day’s event along with the Hillside Aeromodelers members. Shown at Opdyke Park are kneeling from left, Mindy Martin, Hurker Jenkins, Aaron Snyder and Karen Clingman; standing, Tom Appel, Deanna Appel, Paul Scannell, Tonja Jenkins, Carol Kirk, Steve Kirk, Chet Rutledge, Sean Rupp, Chris Cole, Teresa Rice, and Paul Brown. Missing from photo are Kris and Zach Brown. Nick Ieneshower. Valerie Snyder. Ten
Models are real to them

BY KELLEY LANNIGAN
Press Staff

The 20th 4F Big Bird Fly-in of the Shadetree Miniature Aircraft Association was held November 1-3 in a field north of Glen St. Mary. The $1155 raised from the event was donated to the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life program.

The radio controlled miniature aircraft of “big bird” designation means that the fly-in was specific to single-engine models with a minimum 0-inch wingspan and biplane models with a wingspan of at least 60 inches.

Many of the models were scaled down replicas of planes like the 1930s Spad XIII used by Curtis Aviation and a 1930s PT19, used as training craft for WWII pilots.

The Shadetree club has access to a 35-acre airfield off CR 125 and features a 1000 by 200 foot smooth grass runway. The 42-member club received its charter in the late 1970s. Membership dues include insurance for registered flying participants which comes through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

These events must be sanctioned by the AMA,” said club president John Mason. “Insurance is protection for the member just in case of an accident, such as a model plane hitting a car.”

The club, one of thousands from the spring fly-in is used to maintain equipment and the field. Money from the fall event goes to charity. Participants came from all over Florida and the fly-in is a chance to see spad XIII and exhibition of smoke hollered out in a line of smoke.
Model airplanes: they’re real to the enthusiasts...

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That is how the planes did skywriting back in the ’30s,” explained Mr. Mason.

Jimmy Potter, who hails from Middleburg, traveled up with his Extra 300 model plane, a gorgeous piece of craftsmanship, painted in an eye-popping shade of bright green. It was 40% the size of the actual full scale Extra 300 airplane.

“This is one of five models I brought with me,” said Mr. Potter. “I painted this one with Olympic exterior house paint.”

Mr. Potter explains that the model is constructed mainly out of components crafted from balsa and basswood. A special poly fibre fabric is stretched and attached to the frame. When the fabric is heated it behaves like shrink wrap and adheres to the frame. Pinking tape, which is used in hair salons, is also used to construct the models.

Radio controlled models operate on a special band of FM frequencies designated by the Federal Communications Commission for flying model aircraft.

A highlight was the candy drop. A plane with a compartment loaded with candy took off from the runway as a group of mesmerized kids watched from behind a field barrier. The controller towed the kids a bit, sending the plane through several fly-bys and aeronautic maneuvers before giving a signal to release the candy payload.

As the sweet stuff fell from the sky, the kids took off, scrambling all over the field hoping to grab up a prize. To their surprise, dollar bills were wrapped around some of the candy.

Although the fly-ins are a wonderful family event, there is a lamentable side to the hobby of flying miniature aircraft.

“Our hobby is aging,” said Mr. Mason. “By that I mean the members are growing older and younger ones are not taking their place.”

Mr. Mason remembers when building model airplanes was nearly a rite of passage for young boys. Today, there is so much else competing for their attention that the clubs don’t have the youth participation they once did.

“This is the generation of instant gratification, also,” he said. “folks don’t necessarily want to spend the time building models or learning to maintain the engines. Many flyers just buy models ready-made from overseas.”

According to Mr. Mason, kids go berserk over the planes but it takes parental involvement and commitment for them to participate. And many people in Macclenny and Glen St. Mary are unaware the club exists.

The club takes its name from a huge oak tree covered in moss at the east end of the field. The logo depicts a flyer whose model plane has gotten stuck in the top of the tree. He is seated underneath to cool off in the shade.

For more information contact John Mason at 904-868-2813. The club’s website is www.Shadetree_piczo.com.

‘Staph scare’ is addressed

FDLE crime statistics

Monthly cruise-in
RC flying club donates to Skaggs

During the recent holiday season, members of the Tri-Lakes Radio Control Flying Club collected several dozen stuffed toy animals and donated them to Skaggs Community Health Center in Branson to be given to any patient – old or young – in need of comfort while at the hospital. Skaggs Chaplain Mary Helen Jeruzal, second from left, accepted the generous donation from club representatives, from left, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy and Gary Acton.
Examples of TV News Coverage of Charity Events

Cajun RC Club – Lydia Cancer Association Charity Fly-In

Coachella Valley RC Club – Toys for Tots

Buffalo RC Club – Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains

Hampton Roads Radio Control Club – Toys for Tots

Rochester Aeromodeling Society – Local Emergency Responders
June 27, 2007

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Dear Buffalo R/C Club:

On behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains Board of Directors, our staff and volunteers thank you for your gift of $700 from the R/C Club Spring Fun Fly. This external event is a long standing tradition supporting Make-A-Wish and we appreciate the continued support.

Our mission is to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The vision of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® is that people everywhere will share the power of a wish®. We’re delighted that you are among the Foundation’s circle of friends, which includes all of the donors, volunteers, supporters, and Make-A-Wish families that have contributed to the growth of the Make-A-Wish phenomenon.

We will grant our 1000th wish before the end of August through our Texas Plains chapter, and you have helped us reach this amazing dream come true.

Thank you again for your support of Make-A-Wish and the hundreds of children who have seen their wish come true and those who will experience the magic of Make-A-Wish.

Sincerely,

Jelnine B. Workman
Executive Director

For federal income tax purposes, this letter will serve to confirm that no goods or services were provided to you for this donation. Please retain this letter for your records.

Share the Power of a Wish℠
Buffalo RC Club
Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains Charity Event
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Buffalo R/C Club 10th Annual Spring Fun Fly 2007
June 2 & 3 at Buffalo Airport to benefit

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(1st.) Sig Something Extra ARF,
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(3rd.) OS .46 AX Engine

Drawings will be held Sunday at 2 pm
Tickets $1 each or 6 for $5
Tickets good on all three drawings
Call Mike Starkey 655-1584 for tickets
** Need not be present to win**

There will also be items up for bid in an auction.

2007 Spring Fun Fly to benefit
MAKE A WISH

Come out, have a great time, and help make a child’s wish come true...and you could go home with some very nice prizes yourself!

BUFFALO R/C CLUB NOW HAS A SCANNER (IC-RS) TO CHECK FOR INTERFERENCE AT THE FIELD.

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