

NEWSLETTER



... an AMA Award of Excellence Club!

Proudly serving the Huntsville community at the Captain Trey Wilbourn Model Airplane Field..

P. O. Box 2163

Huntsville, AL

October, 2009

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Prez Sez

It has been soggy and nasty over the past month so I hope everyone has had a chance to sneak out and get at least a little flying done. Now that the nominating committee has presented new board member candidates for next year, I would like to thank the club for allowing me to lead them over this last year. The rest of the board members have served me well this year, and I am sure those that are remaining for next year, will do their best to support the new president too. I think that members should serve on the board for at least one year. It allows you to see this club in an entirely different light, and makes you respect those who offer their time out of flying to manage the club.

*Tony Coberly,
President RCRC*

Minutes for the September 2009 RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on September 15th 2009. A quorum of the membership was present.

Board members present: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter editor

Guests: None

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New members: Jim Covington.

Board Announcements:

Tony reported that the city has finally approved the drawings for the Handicap ramp. We may now proceed with construction.

Field Chair Report: none

Publicity committee report: none

Safety Committee Report: none

Treasurer's report: The treasurer was absent so no report.

Old Business:

Because there was not a quorum of the membership last month the following motions had to be resubmitted for approval of the general membership.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the July General Membership Meeting as published in the August Newsletter the motion was seconded and approved,

A motion was made to accept the proposal as submitted for the 2010 Big Bird Event. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August General Membership Meeting as published in the September newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

A letter was sent to Lou Hovatter with a summary of the Rules and Regulations that the city imposes on the club. It was requested that she concur by signing the letter. She requested several changes which were incorporated and the letter returned to her for the requested signature. She replied that she did not have the authority to sign the letter.

Mr. Art Azlin, Chair of the Election Committee, presented the slate of members willing to run for office for next year.

- President: Peter Wick
- Vice President: Alan Barnard
- Treasurer: Wayne Gladden
- Secretary: John Roberts
- Newsletter Editor: Mike Norton

A motion was made to accept these nominees and seconded. The motion passed a floor vote.

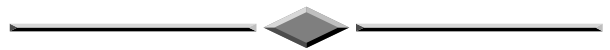
Tony reported that we still working on a solution to the fuel crisis. More information will follow as details are worked out.

Tony also reported that he had received a quote to repair the runway. This would include filling the cracks, resealing and restriping. The cost was \$2750.00. Chuck Facmore made the recommendation that we request in writing to the city that the runway needs to be repaired so they can put in their future budget.

The program was a video of the construction of a full size Christian Eagle kit.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45



Minutes for the October 2009 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order on October 7, 2009, at 18:30

Board Members present: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Letter Editor

Guests: Paul Webb. Bob Walls

Old business: None

New business: The gate chain has been cut by contractors working for the city again. Tony will procure a new chain.

It has been brought to the attention of the board that a few of the members are flying at the field without signing the log book and are not obtaining a frequency pin. This action is detrimental to the safety of club, its members and their property as well as voiding the AMA insurance if there is an incident. If a member refuses to sign in and does not obtain a frequency pin this action will be considered as detrimental to the club and the individual's membership will be suspended.

A letter was sent to Lou Hovatter of the city's recreation department with the cost of runway repair.

The board is planning on arranging a meeting with the director of SWDA to assure that we are being good custodians of the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:15.



HUNTSVILLE
The Star of Alabama

MEMORANDUM

TO: RCRC Board of Directors

FROM: Lou Hovatter

SUBJECT: Rules Clarification meeting held August 11, 2009

DATE: 9/14/09

On Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 3:00 pm a meeting was held between members of RCRC, the City's Recreation Services, and Legal Departments to discuss and clarify several rules and operation concerns at the Trey Wilbourn Model Airplane Flying Field (TWF). Steve Ivey, Manager of Recreation; Lou Hovatter, Recreation Superintendent; Cissy Cates, Assistant City Attorney; Gloria Branch, Huntsville/Madison County Health Department; Tony Coberly, RCRC President; John Roberts, RCRC Secretary & Jon Lowe, RCRC VP & Programs Chair were present. The Solid Waste Disposal Authority (SWDA) was not represented at this meeting.

The following are rules, guidelines & contract clarifications discussed at the meeting:

1. RCRC's contract with the City of Huntsville for use of TWF is a "NONCOMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL USE" sub-licensing agreement which means RCRC will not permit any COMMERCIAL Recreational Use of the property. RCRC may charge reasonable fees for use permits to non-commercial users. The fees may be used to help with cost of field maintenance & repairs.
2. Fuel CANNOT be sold by RCRC or an outside vendor at TWF. Fuel of any type CANNOT be stored at TWF. Scheduled event participants and RCRC members may bring enough fuel to use for that days flying.
3. A single event banner may be placed at the TWF listing sponsors and thanking them for sponsoring the scheduled event.

- a) Sponsor made banners are considered commercial use of the property and therefore are NOT permitted to be displayed at the TWF.
4. RCRC can sell prepackaged foods not requiring cooking, heating or warming such as chips, candy, crackers, cookies, honey buns, etc. without a health department permit. The proper City business license is required.
5. RCRC can sell prepackaged, precooked (microwavable) food provided a temporary health department permit (CAT2) is issued by the Huntsville/Madison County Health Department. A portable cleaning station approved by the health department is required. Permit must be displayed for public view.
6. For safety reason and SWDA restrictions, OPEN FLAMES from permanent or portable grills are NOT permitted at the field due to methane gas from the Landfill. Any type of open flames is strictly prohibited at the field.
7. Vendors selling food or merchandise at TWF are NOT permitted. TWF is for noncommercial recreational use only.
 - a) RCRC may contract with a license caterer to provide meals for participants at scheduled events but the caterer may not collect money from each participant for the food. Caterers must be properly licensed, insured and properly health department permitted.
 - b) RCRC may have pizza; sandwiches & individual dinners delivered to the site for participants and the cost of food can be covered in event registration fees and given away at the event. RCRC cannot sell the food items to event participants without a Health Department Permit to do so and the proper business license from the City and Madison County.
8. Outside vendors are not permitted to sell anything on TWF property.
 - a) RCRC may sell merchandise (t-shirts, caps, cups) at scheduled events to promote the event and cover cost of field maintenance with the proper business license from the City and Madison County. Questions concerning the business license please call the City Clerk Treasurer's Office at 427-5093.
9. RCRC can provide and maintain soda & stocked snack machines on the property for use by members and guests. Any profits are to help cover cost of field maintenance & repairs.

Other questions that came up during the meeting:

1. Why can the quarter midget race track located very close to RCRC's leased property have food and merchandise vendors and RCRC cannot? The track is located on County property and not on an active Landfill. The track property is not restricted by EPA Landfill guidelines.

2. Will Recreation Services be able to financially assist with runway repairs in 2010? Due to the City's economic status and budget cuts in 2010, it is not likely the

City will have any funds for repairs. Public Works currently has no equipment to make the repairs.

The clarification of the contract is not a change in the contract. The rules & guidelines listed above are to insure the public's safety, City of Huntsville and Madison County permitting guidelines/restrictions as well as the SWDA Landfill guidelines and restrictions are being followed. Any past interpretation that is contrary to the items listed above are simply incorrect.

Please feel free to contact me at my office if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

Lou Hovatter

Mrs. Lou Hovatter
Recreation Superintendent
City of Huntsville

Cc: Steve Ivey, Manager of Recreation
Greg Patterson, Director of Recreation
Tony Coberly, RCRC
John Roberts, RCRC
Jon Lowe, RCRC
Cissy Cates, Assistant City Attorney

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



TOYS FOR TOTS FLY - IN November 6th-7th, 2009

Friday: Noon till 6:00 pm -- Saturday 8:00 am till 6:00 pm

Site: Captain Trey WILBOURN

Model Airplane Park (Chub Field)

Located: Airport Road and Leeman Ferry Road, Huntsville, Al.

FLY WHAT YOU BRING, AMA Membership REQUIRED TO FLY

Bring a new, unwrapped Toy (\$20 value), or donate \$20 towards your landing fee for the Toys For Tots' Foundation.

All toys and landing fees will go the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation.

RV's are Welcome, sorry no hookups.

Concessions will be available at the field.

Sorry NO Vender Setup or Sales Permitted at the field

VISIT OUR CLUB WEB SITE FOR INFORMATION & DIRECTIONS TO FIELD
WWW.ROCKETCITYRC.COM

Contest Director:

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2009 Mail-in Ballot for the Election Of Officers

President:

Peter Wick

Write-in candidate _____

Vice President:

Alan Barnard

Write-in candidate _____

Treasurer:

Wayne Gladden

Write-in candidate _____

Secretary:

John Roberts

Write-in candidate _____

Newsletter Editor:

Mike Norton

Write-in candidate _____

Either place an X in the box after the candidate's name, or write in the name of the desired officer.

Signature (Required)

Send this completed ballot to:

RCRC Secretary
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Huntsville, AL 35804



RCRC NEWSLETTER EDITOR
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To:

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2009 RCRC Event Schedule

RCRC membership meeting – October 15th, 2009
November board meeting - November 3rd, 2009

†‡	November 7 th	All day	Toys for Tots fly-in	Bob Walls	830-2352
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Events held at Wilbourn Field unless noted otherwise

† Field closed to non-participants during this event

‡ Field closed to non-participants from noon onward on the Friday before the event