



**THE** **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** **NEWSLETTER**  
HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA



... 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**

**November, 2009**

Officers		
President Tony Coberly president@rocketcityrc.com		882-7193
Vice President Jon Lowe vicepresident@rocketcityrc.com		464-0802
Secretary John Roberts secretary@rocketcityrc.com		883-8722
Treasurer Skip Andrews treasurer@rocketcityrc.com		851-6015
Newsletter Editor Mike Norton newsletter@rocketcityrc.com		653-6632
Committee Chairs		
Field Tony Coberly field@rocketcityrc.com		882-7193
Programs Jon Lowe programs@rocketcityrc.com		464-0802
Publicity Ed Hood publicity@rocketcityrc.com		859-1811
Safety Jon Lowe (Chair) safety@rocketcityrc.com		464-0802
Web Editor Mike Jones webeditor@rocketcityrc.com		(615)335-4015
Flight Instructors		
Wayne Gladden	By appointment	881-6048
Mike Norton	By appointment	653-6632
Tony Coberly	By Appointment	882-7193
Rick Grim	By Appointment	503-5847
Pete Wick	By Appointment	883-7571
Bill Mitchell	By Appointment	650-5181

# Prez Sez

Well everyone, the year has past quickly and it is time for some else to take over. I appreciate everyone that served on my board this year and appreciate all their efforts.

I am sure that Dr. Peter Wick and his board will server the club well this next year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

*Tony Coberly*

---



---

## Minutes for the October 2009, RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on October 20th 2009. A quorum of the membership was present.

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

**Guests:** None

**New members:** Vance Horton

### Board Announcements:

Tony requested that all members read the letter that Lou Hovater wrote clarifying her interpretation of the contract we have with the city.

**Field Chair Report:** none

**Publicity committee report:** none

### Treasurer's report:

#### Income

BPA event	306.00
Fuel sales	3309.00
Membership dues	200.00
RCRC Pattern Event	550.33
War Bird Event	1256.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>5621.33</u>

#### Expense

Advertising	220.32
Field Maintenance	582.93
Insurance	739.00
Sanitation Services	360.00
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>1902.25</u>

Net Income 3719.08

Checking Balance 1963.99

Savings Balance 9631.88

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Report as presented. The motion passed.

### Safety Report:

Jon Low reminded everyone that flight over the runway is prohibited. Exceptions are landing and take offs.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

Gary Courtney presented the proposal for the 2010 BPA. This will be reviewed at the next board meeting and then presented to the general membership for a vote.

Alan Barnard has a conflict with his Boy Scout commitments and the date of the war birds event next year. He requested that an alternate CD be found or the date of the event be changed. The board will review the options and present the best option to the membership for approval.

Peter Wick requested that the web master be notified to modify the web site to reflect the new rate structure on membership. Tony said he had and the modification is scheduled .

The program was presented by Bob Vanderzyl. The subject of his program was the use of coordinated rudder and ailerons during the landing phase of flight. We would like to than bob for his presentation.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35

---



---

## Minutes for the November 2009, RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order on November 3, 2009, at 18:30

### Board Members present:

Vice President, Secretary, News Letter Editor

**Guests:** none

**Old business:** None

**New business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 18:45.

---

## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Rocket City Pattern Contest

September 12-13, 2009

The 41<sup>st</sup> annual Rocket City Pattern contest is in the books and I want to thank the club and all the club members who helped out over the weekend. Tony Coberly was my assistant CD and did a great job as usual. Alan Barard helped with judging and arranged for our great lunch on Saturday. Scott Smith helped both Saturday and Sunday judging I think almost every class. Wow what a guy. Several other club members flew in the contest. Gary Courtney, Jon Lowe, Mike Norton, and Don Peck all participated.

I want to give a big thanks to our sponsors for the give aways. R/C Hobbies the local Huntsville hobby shop donated a complete electric airplane kit with motor and speed controller and a tool set. Atlanta Hobby.com donated a Mercury adhesive caddy and logo socks. Extreme Flight donated a pair of very nice airplane stands. Thanks again for supporting our contest.



**Give away table and trophies**

The RCRC contest has traditionally been well attended and this year was no different considering the tough times we are in. We had several folks that made the trip that did not fly but generously donated their time to help with the contest including judging. This really helped and I think all of the pilots had a great time and appreciated the extra judging help.

Most classes were fairly evenly represented we had 27 total pilots. We had four in Sportsman, nine

entered in Intermediate, five in Advance, six in Masters, and three in FAI.

Sportsman seemed to be a battle between Larry Loucks and Tomm Stennis. Mike Norton won round six. Congratulations, Mike-great flying.

Austin Wingo won Intermediate with four K's on Saturday however our club president and my assistant CD Tony Coberly placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Intermediate with his electric pattern plane. Tony experienced some problems on Friday but I am glad he took care of things that night and was back ready to fly Saturday. Congratulations Tony.



**Do you recognize the guy on the left? Yep, Don Peck judging with Ray Craig**



**Ken Blackwell with his Marauder**





**Austin and Mike Wingo**

Jamie Strong edged out Mike Wingo for first place by only 36 points. There for a while on Saturday we had both Mike and Austin in first place what a great father and son team. Ken Blackwell placed third.



**Maybe this is Jamie's Secret? It is all in the stability**

Masters was led by John Fuqua taking rounds one and two and then again fourth and fifth. Marcio gave him a run for the money. Marcio ended up in second only 59 points back. Chris Odom was flying his Monster Magic great and was only 93 points out of first.

We had three pilots register for FAI. Cameron Smith and AC Glenn battled it out flying the new P-11 sequence. AC took round one, Cameron Round two (AC had an unfortunate flame out). AC came back to take round three but Cameron followed suit and won round four. Since all of the FAI pilots could not come back on Sunday we decided to call the FAI class

complete at four rounds. Cameron won with a 2983 to a 2967 only 16 points. Congratulations Cameron.



**We had a great time watching these guys fly the new P-11 sequence**

Everyone had a great time and we were very lucky that the weather held out for us. Thank you again to all the pilots who attended. Special thanks go to Cathy Reuther for doing a fantastic job with the scoring and to all the RCRC club members for hosting the 41<sup>st</sup> annual RCRC pattern contest.



**Cathy running scoring..**

Till next year. Wings level, score 10's

Regards,

Bryan (Contest Director)

## Final Standings

### Sportsman

1. Larry Loucks
2. Tom Stennis
3. George Gordon
4. Mike Norton

### Intermediate

1. Austin Wingo
2. Victor Dias
3. Tony Coberly
4. Kirk Sutherland
5. Lawrence Odom
6. Houston Schweitzer
7. Forrest Schaffer
8. Douglas Harvel
9. Mike Williams

### Advanced

1. Jamie Strong
2. Michael Wingo
3. Kenneth Blackwell
4. Frank Chick
5. Don Peck

### Masters

1. John Fuqua
2. Marcio Jorge
3. Chris Odom
4. Jon Lowe
5. Gary Courtney
6. Ronald Van Putte

### FAI

1. Cameron Smith
2. AC Glenn
3. Albert Glenn

---

## Next Year's Electric Pattern Plane

Since the pattern meet, I have built an electric Focus Sport. I had about 70 flights on it, and had hopes of it lasting until the Spring. Unfortunately, the airplane had a malfunction at the top of a loop, destroyed the cowling and tore off the propellor. Without power, I had no way to pull out of the loop before hitting the ground. (If I had thought quickly enough, I could have rolled out and glided in for a landing. However, that is for the next wreck.)

I believe that the original malfunction was due to the cowling screws coming out on one side. This could be fixed by being more careful with the centering of the cowling screws, making certain that CA is put in the holes, and checking the tightness before every flight. In other words, it need not have happened. Therefore, I am going to build another electric Focus Sport. Here is a picture of the one that crashed (taken before the crash).



It was really a nice airplane, and a joy to fly.

*Mike Norton*  
Newsletter Editor

---

*I received the following message as an email. I thought it might be of interest to somebody, so here it is.*

Hello All,

I didn't know who to send this to, so I found your contact info on the internet site. I was a member many years ago, but just don't have time to be active anymore. I purchased a 35% Carden 300 Extra S Kit and a 80cc 3W twin from Desert Aircraft to build in my spare time, but it looks like I won't have time to even start on this project.

I'd like to offer this combo to RCRC members first. The engine and dual smoke mufflers were \$1,500 and the Kit was \$800+ I'll take \$1200 for both. The engine has never seen gasoline and the kit is still stacked in its shipping box.

Thanks,  
Don Roden [donroden@hiwaay.net](mailto:donroden@hiwaay.net)



RCRC NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
 P. O. Box 2163  
 Huntsville, AL 35804

To: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA chartered  
 club since 1964  
 Number 715

**November, 2009**

2009-2010 RCRC Event Schedule					
<b>RCRC membership meeting – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009</b>					
<b>December board meeting - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009</b>					
	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Club Day	Alan Berard	776-9509
†‡	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Big Bird	Mike Norton	256.653.6632
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					