



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



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Prez Sez

Greetings. Your new board is now in place and we have had the first meeting to discuss some plans for the coming year. The club has an immediate need for a publicity chairman to increase both member awareness and public awareness of events we sponsor. Anyone want to volunteer?.

I asked John Williams if he would be the field chairman. He went right to work on the field with his crew (Chuck Facemire and Mary Long) removing some of the trash, rotten tables and other 'junk' off of the flight line. Looks much better!!! Many thanks. (Ask John how much stuff was removed.)

This month I plan to meet the Parks and Rec director (Lou Hovatter) and see if anything can be done about the fuel storage at the field. Wish me Luck!!

I look forward to a good year and will appreciate any help that any club member offers. Thanks again.

Peter Wick



Minutes for the November 2009 RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on November 17, 2009. A quorum of the membership was present.

Board members present:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter editor

Guests: Yuval Adler

New member: Ron Passavant

Field Chair Report:

Tony reported that after all the difficulties in getting the city to finally approve the drawings for the handicap ramp the city has informed him that the construction will have to be done by a licensed general contractor.

Publicity committee report: none

Treasurer's report:

A copy of the report was not available to the secretary to include in the minutes.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bob Walls presented the following results for the Toys for Tots event on Nov. 7th

32 contestants

Advance from the club \$395

Expenses: \$319.40

Returned to the club \$75.60

Entry fees and donation sent to Toys for Tots: \$1285

Thanks Bob for all your hard work in making this event happen and be so successful.

The annual election of officers was conducted.

All of the officer positions were up for vote. However since only 1 individual expressed an interest in each of the positions the vote was done by a show of hands. The following were elected unanimously:

President: Peter Wick
Vice President: Alan Berard
Treasurer: Wayne Gladden

Secretary: John Roberts
Newsletter Editor: Michael Norton

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45



Minutes for the December 2009 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order on December 1, 2009, at 18:30.

Board Members present:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and News Letter Editor

Guests: John Williams

Old business: No old business was discussed.

New business:

John Williams presented a proposal and a cost estimate for refurbishment of the memorial area. The cost was below the amount allowed the Field Chair to spend for repairs and refurbishment without requiring board or membership approval. He was so informed and told to go ahead with the refurbishment. The cost estimate will be published in the newsletter.

A proposal was made by Wayne Gladden to remove the \$10.00 late fee on membership dues paid after the December General Membership meeting. The proposal will be submitted to the General Membership for discussion.

The President asked the board to help in finding an attorney, preferably a club member, to help us understand the definition of various legal contracts and legal activities in which the club is involved.

A New Web Master has been found. Gerry Poplin has agreed to fill this position.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:15.

Field Chairman Report 12/01/09

Our new President Peter Wick asked me to be Field Chairman for this next year, so I accepted.

In order to get the field back the way it use to look, I have enlisted the following people to help.

- **Assistant:** Chuck Facemire
- **Material Coordinator:** Mary Long
- **Worker:** Gene Hetherington
- **Worker:** Ron Passavant

The following projects have been completed.

1. Took up old rotted railroad ties, cleaned up around the Porta Potty and behind storage buildings.
2. Picked up paper and trash around the field and pit area.
3. Removed old broken down rotted tables.
4. Removed old rotted out barrels.
5. Removed all flowerbeds, except the one at the entrance gate. (To be replanted at a later date)
6. Repaired the gate leading to the North end of the field.
7. Cut down the dead weeds along the roadside and parking lot between the welcome sign and the clubhouse.

If anyone knows of something that needs our attention, or if you would like help. Please contact me.

John Williams: 256-656-9499
email field@rocketcityrc.com

YOU KEEP RADIO CONTROL FLYING SAFE AND FUN
AND, WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN KEEP IT CLEAN.

Thank you,

John Williams

Toys For Tots Fly-in 2009



I cannot THANK each and every one of you enough for all the generosity and support for the Toys for Tots Fly-In held the 6-7 November. This year's event had 32 entries along with 6 donated toys. I want to give a very special thanks to Dan Baldwin for donating his P-51 to the event, which helped raise \$200. I did not think that we would reach last year's gift to Toys for Tots, but we far exceeded it. We raised to my surprise a total of \$1285, plus a box of toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. I want to thank my assistant CD Alan Berard for all his help and also everyone who assisted in making this year such a GREAT SUCCESS!

You have set the bar high for next years program, but I believe I'm up to it.

THANK YOU ALL once again!

Bob Walls



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2009-2010 RCRC Event Schedule					
RCRC membership meeting – December 15th, 2009					
January board meeting - January 5th, 2010					
	May 8 th	All day	Club Day	Alan Berard	776-9509
†‡	May 29 th	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					