

# NEWSLETTER



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# Prez Sez

This is your newsletter editor. The prez didn't say anything this month. One item does require your attention, however:

We have a vote this month on the bylaw we moved on last March. Remember - it takes a 2/3 majority of the members voting to pass this change. There is no quorum requirement – if only three people vote, only two people are needed to change the bylaw. You may either mail in the ballot from the April newsletter or come to the meeting to vote in person, but please vote. (Remember- the April newsletter is still up on the web site. You can use the ballot in that newsletter.)

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## Minutes for the April 2010, RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on April 20, 2010. A quorum of the membership was present.

### **Board members present:**

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

### **Guests:**

John Rist, Ty Marcucci, and Tom Smily members of NCAC. Tim Batt a member of NARCA

**New members:** None

### **Boards Notices:**

**Treasurer's report:** The report was presented by the treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. The motion passed.

**General Membership Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2010 General Membership Meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was voted on and passed.

**April Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded to approve the April Board Meeting minutes as published in the news letter. The motion was voted on and passed.

The President, Peter Wick announced that Mary Long had accepted the position of Publicity Chair Person. We all thank Mary for her acceptance of this position.

Peter also notified the membership that there have been several incidents where the gate has been left unlocked when no one was at the field including at least one case where it had been left open over night. Please any time you are last to leave the field; lock the gate

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

### **New business:**

A formal proposal will be made to the city to repair the runway. Contractually they are supposed to do it but when requested orally they have said there

was no funding available. This will put RCRC on record as officially requesting the repairs.

NCAC, the U control club, requested an area at the field to build a U Control circle. In order to do this their club members would become members of RCRC. The majority of members of the club seemed to feel this would be good for both club. The president stated that this would require a change in the contract with the city. Since the contract is written to limit activities to Radio Controlled Airplanes and no other activity is allowed. He also agreed to discuss the matter with Lou Hovatter, city representative.

A presentation was made to the members by Don Peck and Tim Batts, NARCA Representative. This presentation explained what club 40 racing was and requested that they be allowed to put on such an event at RCRC field.

A motion was made to allow such an event to be held at the field with Don Peck to be the CD and Tim Batts his assistant. After being seconded the motion was discussed, voted on and approved by the membership.

The date of the event was set for June 26, 2010, and an entry fee of \$10.00 with all proceeds to be retained by RCRC. A motion to accept the date and entry fee was made, seconded and a vote taken of the membership. The vote passed.

A motion that the meeting be adjourned was made at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded voted on and passed by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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## Minutes for the May 2010, RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order on May 5, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. Vice President, Secretary and News Letter Editor were present.

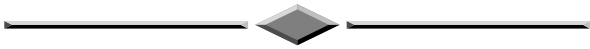
### **Guests:**

Rollin Keszler, John Rist , and Tom Smiley all members of North Alabama Control Line Association ,NACA.

### **New business:**

The above visitors came to discuss the proposal to allow them to develop an area south west of the club house and flying field for operation of control line models. NACA members are attempting to establish the best location for the flying circles while we are awaiting approval from the city to allow the establishment of the circles and the flying of control line planes under are present contract with the city. If the city agrees to the use of a part of the field for control line flying under the present contract, a proposal will be made to the members to allow NACA to establish their flying circles at the above mentioned locations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P. M.



### **A New Airplane Is Being Built**

About a month ago, Gary Courtney and I met high above the flying field. He was flying his YS powered ship, and I was flying my new electric airplane. My plane was a loss except for the electric pieces (motor, servos and radio), and Gary's plane was repairable. I had planned to build a new airplane fairly quickly. However, I was offered a part-time day job, which I accepted. For almost a month now, I have worked on the day job, ignoring the airplane. This is about to change; however, I haven't written anything on building this airplane. The following two pictures give you an idea of what the project is about.



Note that the first picture is the airplane stuff, and the second picture is the motor and its holder. I wired everything up, and the motor appears to run without any more vibration than it did when it was new. The servos are in one of the baggies in the first picture. 4 out of 5 had broken gear teeth. However, a new set of gears fixed them for about ¼ of the cost of new servos. I was so impressed with that result that I bought a gearset for the rudder servo for my Funtana. Unfortunately, not only was the gear broken, but the sockets in the plastic that retain the gears were broken. Next ime, I will take the servos apart before buying gears.

**Don't forget to vote!**





# 2010 RCRC Big Bird Fly In



**AMA Sanction Number 10-0360**  
**Sponsored by RC Hobbies**

**80 inch wingspan monoplanes, 60 inch wingspan biplanes, or true quarter scale. No jets, or helicopters. 3-D flyers cannot block the runway.**

RCRC Trey Wilbourn Field, Huntsville, Alabama. GPS: 34 41.192N, 86 35.725 W.

Entry fee: \$20.00.

Practice on May 28<sup>th</sup> starting at noon, Demonstration flying is from 8:00AM to 5 PM on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Pilots meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

Vendors are not allowed!

For more information, see website below, contact Mike Norton by email at [newsletter@rocketcityrc.com](mailto:newsletter@rocketcityrc.com) or call Mr. Norton at 256.653.6632

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[Previous Newsletters](#)" for  
"Club 40 Racing Rules" when  
visiting "[rocketcityrc.com](#)"



# 1st Annual Pylon Race

**June  
26th, 2010**

Club 40 Racers

**600' x 55'  
Paved Runway**

**NOVICE & ADVANCED  
CLASSES WILL BE FLOWN**

Site: John Hunt / Wilburn Park, RCRC Flying field  
GP **GPS Info:** 34 41.192 N  
86 35.725 W  
[4100 Leeman Ferry Road](#)

**AMA Class "C" Sanctioned Event #10-1531**

Registration \$10.  
Free overnight camping w/110 hook-up

Registration 8:00 AM  
Races start at 9:00 AM

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**DIRECTIONS:** Memorial Parkway - 431/231 South  
Turn West (R) on Airport Rd. from Memorial Pkwy.  
Turn left on Leeman Ferry Rd.  
The gate entrance will be on your right.



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**May, 2010**

<u>2010 RCRC Event Schedule</u>					
<b>RCRC membership meeting – May 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7:00 PM</b>					
<b>Board meeting - June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 at 6:00 PM</b>					
	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Club Day	Bob walls	256.830.2352
†‡	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Big Bird	Mike Norton	256.653.6632
†	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Club 40 Pylon Race	Don Peck	256.539.5217
†‡	July 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	All day	War Bird	Jim Minninger	N/A
†‡	August 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Ballistic pattern	Gary Courtney	256.881.7009
†‡	Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12th	All day	AMA Pattern	Bryan Kennedy	770.441.1014
†‡	November 6 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Toys for Tots	Bob Walls	256.830.2352
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					