



# THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



... an AMA Award of Excellence Club!

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

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# Prez Sez

Hello all from the west coast. The temps here have been in the high 60's but all I have to fly is a kite which is good because the wind blows about 20 or so miles-an-hour. Not too good for RC. I hope the Pylon race went well and everyone had a good time, I missed not being there.

I have no new information on the status of the U-control flying site but I will try to get some news when I return home next week.

Sorry but this will be real short as I am typing this on my cell phone and the keys are 'real small' and my fingers keep hitting the incorrect keys.

Peter

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 15, 2010. A quorum of the membership was not present.

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

**Guests:** none

**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. The motion will have to be brought up next month due to a lack of a quorum.

Peter Wick, president, announced that the new website is up and running.

Peter also notified the membership that the city workers are in the process of repairing the runway.

The request for the use of the field for control line models has been presented to the city and we are awaiting approval by the city legal department and SWDA. This seems to be only a formality. The recreation department did not expect any objections and they will approve it after SWDA has completed its review.

The Pylon race is scheduled for June 26, 2010, The grass will be cut the preceding Wednesday.

### **Old Business:**

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### **New business:**

No New business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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

The meeting was called to order on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6:00 pm

**Board Members present:** Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor

**Guests:** None

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

**New business:** No new business was discussed

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

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## The Pylon Race

*The following article was composed by Rick Grim. I want to thank him for this writeup.*

*For any article published in the newsletter, I can accept any format. I paste it into Word Pad to strip off any of the formatting. With the original on hand, I can adjust the article to match the purpose of the original formatting.*

In an effort to spread the joy of pylon racing Tim Batt and Don Peck approached RCRC and set up a combined effort with the racing equipment being supplied by Tim and the race organization and execution from RCRC. This class of racing has been growing in our area. It requires the use of the Skyraider and a Thunder Tiger Pro 40 for the advanced class or a bushed 40 or 42 engine in the novice class. The total cost of engine and airframe is less than \$200 dollars not counting the radio equipment and the emphasis is on piloting and racing skills more than brute speed and your pocket book.

RC Hobbies of Huntsville donated several shirts, Dubro foam and a very nice metric tool set. Tony Coberly donated several subscriptions to RC Report on line. All the goodies were awarded by drawing a ticket so everyone had a chance of taking something home independent of their placement in the race.

During registration 18 pilots from Alabama and Tennessee signed in. 13 pilots signed up for the advanced class and 5 for novice. This was an increase of two pilots from the Saturday before where NARCA hosted a Club 40 race at its field in Harvest AL. Tim set up the racing matrix of 5 rounds with 4 heats totaling 20 advanced races and 5 rounds with 2 heats totaling 10 novice races.

Several spectators came to watch and it was heartwarming to see the parking lot full with overflow onto the grass. Key to the success of any race is its organization and smooth execution. Several RCRC members volunteered to help and I would like to thank Gary Courtney and Tony Coberly for calling the start/finish line. Perry volunteered as a turn marshal and for the second week in a row Kim Grim ran the flight line keeping turn marshals assigned, heat races started and run smoothly and the ready line set for the next race.

Due to the temperature on Saturday the pilots meeting, lunch break and the awards presentation were held in the air conditioning to cool off. After all 30 heat races were flown, Tim totaled the points and we had a 4 way tie for second place in advanced class. Al, Rick, Michael and Jon readied their planes for a fly off to settle the tie. There were only 2 points difference from 2nd place to a tie for 6th place. Very close racing!

Here is the final tally:

Advanced class

Name	Total Score	Total Cuts	Final Place
Tim Batt	50	2	1
Al Kretz	42	6	2
Rick Grim	42	1	3
Jon Lowe	42	2	4
Michael Krebs	42	2	5
Larry Bart	40	2	6
Robert Hodgdon	40	1	6

Ernie Duffy	38	6	7
Greg Doe	36	1	8
David Ortegon	32	9	9
Art Azlin	32	2	9
James Flippo	22	0	10
Don Peck	6	0	11

Novice Class

Name	Total Score	Total Cuts	Final Place
Aaron Smith	40	2	1
Wayne Gladdin	38	0	2
James Brown	34	0	3
Alan Berard	28	4	4
Curtis Scofield	16	0	5

Don has taken a picture of every pilot and his plane before we started the day. At the awards ceremony Don presented every pilot a very nice certificate indicating their class and final standing with the picture on it so everyone went home with something to remind them of the fun we all shared.

I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our race and I hope you all had a good time racing or watching. The next races are scheduled for 10 July in the Nashville TN area, 24 July near Alabaster AL and Aug 14th at NARCA in Harvest AL.



Here are all of the pylon racers.  
This is quite a crowd, isn't it?



Capt. Trey Wilbourn Field  
Huntsville, AL



# ALABAMA WARBIRDS



## 16 - 18 July 2010

8 to 8 Sat - 8 to 12 Sun  
*Casual & Test flying Fri 16 July*  
AMA Sanctioned

\$10.00  
Pilot Fee  
Awards &  
Door Prizes



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**Aircraft Minimum Specs**  
Any size Warbird or Military  
RC airplane  
Jets welcome (AMA Turbine Waiver required)  
AMA Permit required for aircraft over 55 lbs  
**Registration**  
Entry fee \$10  
AMA Membership Required

**Trophies Awarded for**  
Best WW1  
Best WW2  
Best Post WW2  
CD Choice / Best of Show  
Must fly to win awards  
**Door Prizes**  
Available to  
Registered pilots only

Saturday Peer Judging  
Sunday Rain Date Judging

**NO Vendors**  
The RCRC Licensing Agreement with the  
City of Huntsville, AL  
Prohibits Commercial Activity

**Amenities**  
600' x 50' paved runway  
Large grass landing area  
Covered 18x160 pt area  
Air-conditioned clubhouse  
Picnic tables  
Spectator seating  
Limited concessions available  
RV's welcome (no hookups)

**Hotel and Travel**  
Several hotels nearby  
See our Web site for details  
[www.rocketcityrc.com](http://www.rocketcityrc.com)  
GPS: 34 41.192N,  
86 35.725W  
**AMA Required**

## RC Military Aircraft Any Size - Any Era Jets Welcome



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AMA chartered  
**club since 1964**  
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**July, 2010**

2010 RCRC Event Schedule					
<b>RCRC membership meeting – July 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7:00 PM</b>					
<b>Board meeting - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 6:00 PM</b>					
†‡	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> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	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					