



# THE NEWSLETTER



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# Prez Sez

Thank goodness that the cooler weather has arrived. No more 100 degree days.

The other day we were told that the fence on the road leading to the field needed to be cleared of the vines, grass, etc. A crew of three got the job done: the real workers were John Williams and Gene Hetherington. And I helped by keeping the weed eaters running with fuel and string (and pulling a few vines too). After the weed eating and vine pulling the golf cart was used as we sprayed Round-Up along the entire fence line (requiring another fix of the sprayer as it was leaking fairly briskly). Looks much better now. Many thanks to John and Gene for volunteering their time.

I have been told that the city will repaint our parking lot lines and add one more handicap parking space near the Porta-John. The city has also obtained a handicapped picnic table for us and it will be delivered some time in the next few days. Where does the membership want to put it?

John Lowe is now authorized to distribute the club's fuel. In the afternoons if the board members are not at the field look for John and he can get your fuel.

A big thank-you to Chuck Facemire and John Williams for getting our long malfunctioning Coke machine fixed.

The bylaws change and the decision to allow the U-control pilots to fly at RCRC's field has been tabled for the time. There are many more problems to deal with than we thought at first glance. At the next club

meeting these issues should be discussed before another vote is considered.

Again, many thanks to John, Gene, John and Chuck. The support of the members helps to make this club more enjoyable for all.

Peter

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 18th, 2010. A quorum of the membership was present.

**Board members present:** President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Minutes from previous meeting were discussed.

- Discussion for event schedule for 2011. It was noted that schedule was to be approved at July Mtg was not. To be discussed further during old Business.

- Minutes were approved by vote.

Treasurer's report was read for the period Jun 16 - Jul 20, 2010. The report was approved by membership vote.

### Old Business:

1. 2011 Event Schedule was discussed. Club Day 1 Apr 2011, and Toy-for-Tots 4-5 Nov 2011, were discussed and approved by Vote.

2. Opened was the idea to move the Event Schedule approval for the following year from July to Oct or Nov. This will be brought up at the next BOD mtg then presented to membership.

3. U-control Issue - Peter Wick talked with City Attorney.

- a. no change would be needed in by-laws
- b. they will have to have separate contract with city
- c. The RC flyers and U-controlers CANNOT be in the air at the same time.

Vote to table the issue and contact the AMA regarding flying site safety issues.

4. The floor brought up the issue of handicap ramp that was approved by previous board and funds allocated. Peter Wick to follow-up.

### New Business

1. Rick Grimm brought up interest for another Club 40 Race to be held at RCRC. Date of Nov 20th, 2010 was suggested. Plan to present to BOD next month. CD to be determined.

2. Fuel Sales - John Lowe is now available to help sell fuel at RCRC, he plans to be at field most afternoons.

3. Please plan to attend RCRC pattern Event 11, 12 Sept 2010.

4. A call for volunteer for the 2011 Nominating committee - no one stepped forward - TBA

5. Safety Issue - there was a crash this past week near the tennis courts. Please be aware of flying limits.

6. Safety Talk by Rick Grimm, AVP(AL), District V

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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## **Minutes for the August 2010, RCRC Board of Directors Meeting**

The meeting was called to order on August 3, 2010, at 6:00 PM

President, Vice President, Secretary and News Letter Editor were present.

Guests:

New business: The subject of allowing someone other than a member of the to sell fuel during the afternoon was taken under advisement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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## **The Club Corner**

**by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor**

How involved are you in your local club? Perhaps you just want to pay your dues and go fly your planes when you want. Maybe you volunteer to cut the weeds on a tidy-up day at the field but you don't want to do much more. Maybe you seldom go to a club meeting or perhaps you make it a point to attend all of them.

Have you ever submitted an article for your club newsletter? Do you go to some of the club social functions? Have you ever cornered your club field marshal to share with him or her some ideas you would like to see implemented? Do you show up for your training night at the field to help out? Keep in mind that all skill levels can find a role to help out with the new guys and kids!

Have you ever had the urge to put together a fund-raiser for the club? Can you find a way to show up early for club meetings and help with setting up refreshments? Have you ever thought about setting up a Valentine Day Fun-Fly to get some of the ladies involved? Did you ever think about becoming a club officer?

You get the point. The list goes on and on. You will find that the clubs that have more people involved tend to prosper and those that don't tend to stagnate

and even fail. We all know that 10% of the members do 90% of the work. It doesn't have to be that way!

If you are in any sort of leadership role in your club, think about ways to motivate some folks and change that ratio. Things do not just happen by themselves. It takes you to initiate change. Take that first step and watch how your club benefits.



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**August, 2010**

| 2010 RCRC Event Schedule   |                              |         |               |               |              |
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| <b>RCRC membership meeting – August 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7:00 PM</b>  |                              |         |               |               |              |
| <b>Board meeting - September 7<sup>th</sup> , 2010 at 6:00 PM</b>  |                              |         |               |               |              |
| †‡   | 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<br>† Field closed to non-participants during this event<br>‡ Field closed to non-participants from noon onward on the Friday before the event |                              |         |               |               |              |