

# THE NEWSLETTER



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# Prez Sez

The pylon race will be held the 20th. If you have a pylon racer please join in. It should be great fun for all.

The handicapped ramp for the clubhouse is still under discussion and my understanding is that the city will help RCRC pay for the building of the ramp. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of this month.

Our field chairman, John Williams, is working hard to get the field ready for the upcoming winter months. He has obtained 5 large green trashcans with tops that should keep the critters (possums and raccoons) out of the cans if there is any food in them. If crashed airplanes do not allow the tops to close please use one of the open cans on the far side of the parking lot instead.

Just a reminder: there is a Silent Auction being held in the clubhouse which will close at the meeting on the 16th of November and someone will have a new aircraft to take home. Place your bid in the can between the airplanes.

The treasurer and I will be at the meeting 30-45 minutes early on the 16th to sign members up for the coming year. Dues will be \$50 as before. Also the membership will be voting on the new slate of officers at this meeting.

Peter

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## Minutes for the October 2010 RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. There was not a quorum present.

**Officers present:** President, Vice President and Treasurer.

**Guests:** Susan Seaford.

**Officer's reports:**

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved. He is still looking for an insurance carrier. A new order for fuel was received.

The president said the ADA porta-potty along with additional handicapped parking was OK. A handicapped ramp was quoted as \$3705 for a city contractor.

**Committee reports:**

The field chairman said he was opened for suggestions.

Two airplanes were contributed to the club for sale at the November meeting. The bidding will be silent, with the bids due by the November meeting.

**Old business:**

A motion to rescind prior motions was approved.

**New Business:**

Helicopter flight location was discussed. The rules are that hovering practice is at the North end of the field. Otherwise, flying should not interfere with fixed wing takeoffs and landings. Ed Holliday said to see the current flight regulations.

A pylon race was proposed for November 20<sup>th</sup>. It was approved.

Ted Kaiser reported that animals have been getting into the trash cans, leaving a mess to clean up. The problem was given to the field committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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## Minutes for the November 2010 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order on November 2, 2010, at 6:00 PM. President, Treasurer and Secretary were present.

**Guests:** Jim Fowler

**New Business:**

The cost estimate for the addition of the handicap ramp to the club house has been received. The club's portion of the cost is approximately \$1250 the remainder will be paid for by the city parks and recreations department. The ramp will be installed in late November.

The club has received 5 new trash containers with attached lids from the city's Parks and Recreation Department. The purpose of these containers is to keep the animals from spreading trash all over the area as they forage for food scraps in the containers.

If non- food items will cause the lid not to close down properly use the old containers for such materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

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## AMA/NASA Program by Dave Mathewson, AMA President

AMA recently signed a memorandum of understanding with NASA to collaborate on a program to incorporate NASA Remote Sensing resources as an aid in the classroom to teach Earth Science. This Space Act Agreement signed between NASA's Remote Sensing Earth Science Teacher Program (RSESTeP) and the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) will allow certified Earth Science teachers nationwide to continue to take part in the program.

NASA has a history of developing programs to encourage young people to become more involved in aviation and aerospace as a career choice. As an important participant in the RSESTeP program, AMA members can play a significant role in helping to build

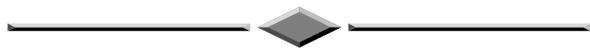
our country's future workforce. The agreement calls for AMA members and clubs to work side-by-side with teachers and students in local school systems using NASA research equipment.

While NASA provides the necessary tools, AMA members will provide the modeling experience and piloting skills to make the program successful. RSESTeP is administered by the Goddard Space Flight Center and is available to teachers instructing in fourth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade levels.

To take part in the program teachers are required to submit a conceptual outline of how they will incorporate the program into their classroom. Teachers selected to take part then spend a week during the summer at Goddard Space Flight Center developing their "missions." The program, which began in 2005, has involved teachers in 21 states and we hope to increase that number through this effort. By participating in the program AMA members have an opportunity to help young people learn new skills and to apply those skills in a real-world experience. Working together, experienced modelers, pilots, and students will conduct real-time research projects.

This is another opportunity for our clubs to become involved in—and an asset to—their local communities. At the same time participation opens the door to introducing students and teachers to model aviation. This is an excellent example of a "win-win" situation for everyone involved.

Details of our new partnership will be finalized soon with an anticipated launch date of early 2011. More information will be published in *Model Aviation* magazine and be available on the AMA Web site.



From Notam, Bayou City Flyers, Katy, Texas  
**Protecting Yourself From Hazardous  
Materials**  
By Chris Myers

If we caught our kids out in the garage sniffing paint or glue, we would send them to counseling. Yet, as adults we do this and call it modeling.

Last year I read an article about a man who was working with acetone in his house. After using it, he

almost collapsed. Getting out of the room and lying down, he returned to normal. When I look at the shelves in my work room, the chemicals stored there range from Balsarite to various spray cans, paint, lacquer, pesticides, etc., to CA to acetone, along with a couple of cases of fuel. In addition to this, I use balsa and do a lot of sanding, creating particles to clog my lungs.

In the process of repairing and maintaining our aircraft, our hands come in contact with several hazardous materials. Our body absorbs these chemicals, and consistent exposure to them can be a danger to your health.

If you dissect our hobby, it quickly becomes apparent that we often spill fuel and CA on our hands. We sniff the paint and glue fumes and use grease and oil in our maintenance. It all gets on our hands. If you are an active modeler, you have a lot of exposure to hazardous materials. Below is a list of a few items you may want to keep around the workshop. They should help minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous materials.

1. Get a fire extinguisher.
2. Go to an auto paint and body shop and pick up a good face mask.
3. Buy a small fan for ventilation. **[Tech editor's note:** A large fan is recommended. In order to move more air, a small fan must be run at a higher speed and that causes some of its own problems. A large fan running slow moves sufficient air without making other problems.]
4. Work in a room that is properly ventilated.
5. Buy a box of rubber gloves.

Our hobby is great fun, but more than the propeller deserves some serious attention to keep you from being in harm's way.

Fly safe and have fun.



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**November, 2010**

2010 RCRC Event Schedule					
<b>RCRC membership meeting – November 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7:00 PM</b>					
<b>Board meeting - December 7<sup>th</sup> , 2010 at 6:00 PM</b>					
†‡	November 20 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Club 40 pylon race	Alan Berard	256.417.5499
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					