



THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



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

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Prez Sez

I guess that winter has arrived at our flying field. Temps in the afternoons are now in the low 50's. Where was some of this cool weather in July and August?

The Pylon race last month was a big hit (29 racers!) and I hope the membership will vote to have another one in the spring. A big thank you to Alan Berard and Rick and Kim Grim for running the race and a BIG thanks to Kim for being 'El Cid' and running such a organized announcers' stand.

Any members that would like to get RCRC monogrammed hats, shirts, jackets, etc the place to go, I am told, is Greek etc. located on Jordan Lane.

I have been notified that Bryan Kennedy will be unable to be the CD for the 2011 RCRC pattern contest. Do we have any members that will be willing to fill the void??

The new GREEN trash cans are now in place and **PLEASE** use them for any waste that food came wrapped in. The critters at our field love to snack on this stuff and then leave the packages scattered all over the field. The metal cans are for 'don't-use-after date' models that have met an untimely demise. Also please do not drive your cars on our runway as it is not a road and is unable take the weight of a car. The damage is very difficult to repair. I do not think the club wants to cough up the thousands of dollars it might take to repair the runway.

The handicap ramp for the clubhouse will be built some time this month and may even be in place by the next general membership

meeting. It is my understanding that the city will pay half of the cost of the construction.

Peter



Minutes for the November 2010 RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on November 16, 2010. A quorum of the membership was present.

Board members present: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and Newsletter editor

Guests: Susan Nichols

New members: None

Boards Notices:

The Treasurer's report was read. A motion was made to approve it as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

An announcement of the Nov 20 Pylon race was made Registration 8:00 and pilot meeting 9:00.

Old Business:

The Handicap ramp will be built in late November or Early December. Lou Hovater will meet with the contractor for her approval of the club using his services. The city will pick up ½ of the cost. The clubs share of the cost will be approximately \$1300.

New Business:

A report of the results of the Toys for Tots event was made by the CD of the event:

29 Participants.

Clubs start up funds for expenses \$400.00

Expense \$250.94

Contributions & entry fees \$756

Bob made a motion that the club donates the \$149.46 that was not used for expenses to the Toys for Tots. The motion was seconded and passed.

The slate of new officers was voted into office.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.



Minutes for the December 2010 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Called to order at 6:04pm, December 7, 2010 with all board members present.

Guests present: Gunnery Sergeant Dickey presented certificate to RCRC for donations for 2010 Tony for Tots campaign.

Bob Walls presented final donation tally of \$1075.00 to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Meeting with city and contractor on December 1, 2010 yielded a confirmation that the RCRC Handicap ramp will be completed in December. City will pay for half of the cost.

Contest calendar proposed for Membership approval:

Pylon Race CD: TBD April 9, 2011

Club Day CD: Jim Fowler May 21, 2011

War Bird CD: TBD June 11-12, 2010

BPA pattern CD: Gary Courtney July 15-17, 2011

Big Bird CD: TBD Aug, 5-6, 2011

Pylon Race CD: TBD Aug 27, 2011

AMA Pattern CD: Tony Coberly Sept. 9-11 2011

Toys for Tots CD: Bob Walls Nov 5-6 2011

The Secretary has received communication from tennis pro at the tennis center with concerned about recent repeated flyovers.

Discussed members concerned about vehicles on the runway. NO Vehicles are allowed on the runway. It is not stressed to handle the weight of the vehicles.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Thank You, Thank You all so very much. This year Toys for Tots had 29 attends, with 4 donating toys this year. I want to THANK EVERYONE who attend this years Toys for Tots fly-In. A special thanks goes out to John and Gene for filling in and taking control of lunch.

The day of the event ended with \$631, however with the Club's continuing generosity, we finished with \$935. Having that feeling we could do better, during the Pylon 40 meet the following weekend, I set up a display. I'm proud to say, 'We as the Club we're able give to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve this year \$1,075 and 4 Toys towards the 2010 Toys for Tots Campaign'.

Once again **THANK YOU ALL!!!**

Bob Walls

The Club Corner

by Jim Wallen, Insider Club Column 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 FunFly 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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2011 RCRC Event Schedule

RCRC membership meeting – December 21st 2010 at 7:00 PM
Board meeting - January 3rd 2011 at 6:00 PM

The membership needs to approve this list.

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