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Prez Sez

Happy New Year to all the RCRC members.

Members that have been to the field in the last few days will have noticed that we now have a handicap ramp to the clubhouse door. They could not put steps at the end without a gate and more cost- I guess that we all will have to walk up the ram

Results of the auction that we had a few months ago: the trainer went to Mr. Flippo and there were no bids on the P 51. It will sell at the next meeting as we need to have it out of the clubhouse. There will be a reserve of \$100. All you have to do to this airplane is charge the batteries and add fuel and it is ready to fly. Included in this bundle are two gallons of fuel and a starter. (the plane has an engine, servos, receiver, and transmitter-all ready to go.) Get your bids ready!!

We will have a program at the next meeting with door prizes so come one and come all.

Peter



Minutes for the December 2010 RCRC General Membership Meeting

The December 2010 meeting was called to order on December 21 at 7:01 PM. A quorum was not present.

There were 4 board members present; they were the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.

Guests present: None.

New members present: Lee Kamelchuk.

The minutes in the November newsletter were approved.

The Treasurer's report for November 16 through December 18th was approved.

Safety report: None.

Field report:

John Williams says "PUT FOOD ITEMS IN GREEN CANS". The reason is that these cans are animal proof. If you need to discard an airplane, you can use the circular cans.

Old Business:

The handicapped access ramp is complete except for the concrete portion.

The President recommends that the club buy 20 miniature transmitters for the board to give to deserving members from time to time. This was moved on and approved. It will have to be approved at the January meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

New Business:

The contest calendar was read out but not voted on.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.



Minutes for the January 2011 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm, Jan 4, 2011 with all board members present.

Guests present: None

BOD RCRC Directors present:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor.

VP will lead Jan 2011 membership meeting due to President Vacation.

Handicap ramp is installation complete. City of Huntsville to pay for half, and RCRC to pay for half.

Secretary to provide program for January 2011 meeting.

Treasurer is to give a letter to Bic green for 250.00 donation to RCRC

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31



From the AMA Insider The Internet: Friend or Foe?

**Frank Geisler, Chairman Leader Member
Program Development Committee**

Many new people have joined the information revolution by purchasing personal computers for a variety of reasons. Whatever the reason, they soon realized there is a great big world out there called the World Wide Web (WWW). To them I say welcome to the WWW and I'm glad to see you here.

Of course there is another group of folks that have been "surfing" the Internet for many years now and are professionals at finding things that even Google has a tough time tracking down. From the brand new guy to the "old hat," we all know one thing about the Internet: there is a ton of information available to us just by clicking the mouse or by typing a

few letters in a search block. There is more information out there than any of us will ever have time to read or see in our lifetime.

As most of us know, not all that you see or read on the internet is true or accurate. Some will laugh at that, but the fact is that many believe what they read on the internet is true. One look at some of the sites that debunk urban legends will tell us that there is a plethora of misinformation floating out there in the WWW. Which brings me to the point of this article; is the Internet our friend or foe when it comes to model aviation and the Academy? I would like to submit to you that it can be both at times, but overall, the Internet can definitely be our friend when we come to realize what we can do with it to help promote model aviation and the Academy on a daily basis. Never before have we been able to touch so many people in such a short amount of time. All it takes is a little effort on our part to submit ideas and/or concerns to your club webmaster, your district webmaster, or even send an e-mail to the other LMs in your district or DVP.

You have the ability to let many people know what you think very quickly. Communication is very important and the Internet is a quick and easy way to share with others. An excellent way to share your thoughts and ideas as well as to help others in our sport is through the use of RC forums. RC forums have become very popular these days since they allow users to share thoughts, photos, videos, tips, and advice with thousands of people across the US and the world in a matter of seconds. Some of the popular RC forums have many thousands of members with millions of posts in them. Just think of all the positive influence you could have when using those forums to help promote the Academy and the sport of model aviation.

I mentioned the AMA forum in my first Leader to Leader article which is another forum that is growing more and more each day. As of last count they have topped more than 1,800 members and the number keeps growing. I encourage you to have a look and sign up when you can. We certainly welcome you to share your knowledge and experience, and who knows, you might even learn a thing or two also.

Unfortunately this deluge of information and the ability to buy product online is reducing the positive impact of the local hobby shop (LHS) that we have all enjoyed over the years. At one time, your source for

information and modeling equipment, tools, and aircraft parts all came from your LHS where you would meet up with friends and talk aeromodeling and learn all about the latest gadgets and kits on the market today. There you would find the store's owner or employees guiding modelers in the right direction on what to buy, how to fly, and anything else in between.

They would let you know where to fly, which usually meant your local AMA chartered club where newcomers would learn about the AMA and how to safely fly their new airplane without the crashes involved with teaching yourself how to fly. Many times, hooking up with a club and meeting new people turned into lifelong friendships. These opportunities are slowly fading as stores are closing or switching their emphasis to something other than model aviation. What a loss to modelers of all experience levels and interests! You could encourage new modelers to balance their input between the Internet and the LHS so that they get the best of both worlds by broadening the input to the new modeler and perhaps saving the LHS from extinction.

Beyond encouraging your club members to shop at your LHS, I also suggest that you as LMs get involved with your favorite modeling forum and help with new folks coming into this sport. Provide them with guidance to get them off on the right foot and, when questions about the AMA come up, you will be there to give them accurate information rather than them trying to sort through the tons of posts that have inaccurate or distorted views of the AMA. Those newcomers need help and who better to help than LMs with their experience and background?

Let's use the WWW to our advantage to inspire and teach newcomers to our sport and promote the Academy and model aviation. I look forward to seeing you on the WWW whether on the forums or via e-mail; I appreciate any time you may give sharing your knowledge and wisdom.



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January 2011

2011 RCRC Event Schedule

RCRC membership meeting – January 18th 2011 at 7:00 PM
Board meeting - February 1st 2011 at 6:00 PM

The nembership 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