



NEWSLETTER



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Prez Sez

Don't forget the pattern meet this coming weekend. Come out to the field and help the club and the CD if you can.

It has been so hot recently make sure that you bring some water when you come fly. The water dispenser in the coke machine has malfunctioned. They are working on that but until it is repaired it is important that you bring water along so that you can remain hydrated. There is water in the refrigerator in the clubhouse if you need that.

There will be a program at this next club meeting and there will be door prizes as well.

Peter



Minutes for the July RCRC General Membership Meeting

I am not very good at keeping minutes. This month, I realized I have no notes. The only item I do have are the report of the pylon race (run by Alan Berard). Therefore, this is an abbreviated set of minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours. All officers except for the secretary were present.

The treasurer and field chairman gave a report showing that all storm damage is repaired. (This may or may not include the tin on the spectator stand at the North end of the field; it is finished now so that this is not too much of a lie.)

Alan Berard gave a report on the pylon race. He came out with a net loss of \$19.77. We could have had a few more pilots.

Basil Cooper is providing the program for the August meeting.



Minutes for the August 2011 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

I have the same problem with the minutes of the board meeting - I have none.

I do recall that we had 4 officers present.



Safety Is The Name Of The Game

Jim Wallen, Insider club column editor

Every AMA club has a safety officer. It is a requirement if the club is to be AMA sanctioned. All too often we quickly identify a safety officer and then go on our merry way, paying little attention to significant safety issues. Let's identify a few of them and see if they might make sense for your club.

- AMA issues a safety code to all AMA sanctioned clubs every year and it should be posted at your flying site. This listing of safety requirements has been a

valuable asset over the years that has contributed to minimizing accidents and injuries. Take the time to read it to refresh your memory.

- Have your safety officer give a brief presentation at one of your club meetings. Perhaps having a guest speaker come to the meeting and give a talk about procedures to follow for such things as lacerations, heart attack, or some other potential problems that could arise.

- Keep the address or location of your flying site prominently posted in case of an emergency that requires medical assistance. Minds can get fuzzy when you are in the middle of an emergency! If you have to make that 911 call, you need to know where you are.

- We have a lot of hard-earned cash invested in our aircraft. They don't stay in good shape forever. Take the time to periodically check them out for wear and tear. This is especially true for batteries. Electrical failure is the source of numerous unexplained crashes.

- Pilot error is always a major concern. Maybe conducting classes for pilots to fine-tune their skills would help out. Many clubs provide training for the new fliers but pay little attention to pilots who have successfully soloed. There is always room for improvement.

- Courtesy and common sense often fix a potential safety issue before it becomes a problem.

- Our hobby often puts us in potentially hazardous environments. We need to think of safety issues that are not directly related to flying. Do you have an area at your flying site that is a great hangout for snakes? Stay away if at all possible. Extreme sunlight can be damaging to your eyes. Take a look at getting some proper eye protection. Some tints of color actually let you see your aircraft more clearly. Polarized lenses are a great form of protection. Our hobby is notorious for putting us in jeopardy from sunlight. Always slather on sunscreen before going to the field. It is a good idea to reapply during the day. Skin cancer is a terrible thing! Take the time to think about safety. Safety doesn't happen all by itself. It takes your thoughts and actions to make it happen.

Modeling and flying is one of the best sources of fun and enjoyment that I can think of. Creating safe environment will help keep it that way.



GIANT SCALE FLY-IN



Door Prizes

Half Time Demos

Good Food

Great Fellowship

COOKEVILLE, TN
UCRCS New Fabric Runway 2010
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011
(No Rain Date)

**** NEW FABRIC RUNWAY – IMPROVED LARGER PIT AREA ****
**** INCREASED Flight AREA ****

Location: UCRCS field
(located right off the interstate)

www.ucrcs.com for update/information/directions/map

Cookeville/ Sparta, TN

Directions: From I-40, Exit #288 (Hwy 111) S. towards Sparta. Approximately 300 ft on left, turn into the business access road and immediately left towards the Knights Inn. Continue around the corner and turn right into the gravel parking lot. You will be looking at the new field. See the club website for a more detailed map.

Landing Fee: \$15 includes lunch and 1 door prize ticket

Time: 8 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. Flying

Awards for: Best Military Best Civilian Best of Show

Contact:

Contest Director: Bob Mackie –for info, directions, etc.

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2011 RCRC Event Schedule					
RCRC membership meeting August 16th at 7:00 PM					
Board meeting – September 6th at 6:00 PM					
†‡	August 13 th &14 th	All day	BPA Pattern	Gary Courtney	256.881.7009
†‡	Sept 9 th thru 11 th	All day	AMA Pattern	Tony Coberly	256.882.7193
†	November 5 th & 6 th	All day	Toys for tots	Bob walls	256.830.2352
†	November 19 th	All day	Pylon race, Chili cookoff	Alan Berard	256.776.9509
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					