

NEWSLETTER



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Prez Sez

I don't know if you read the recent article in the *Huntsville Times* outlining proposed changes to John Hunt Park. These changes include selling Joe Davis Stadium and other tracts of land in order to finance park improvements. The improvement that got my attention was the adding of additional courts to the existing tennis facility. We will just have to wait and see what happens.

Another change: in 2006 the IRS eliminated the \$25,000 maximum income limit for not filing income tax returns for non-profit organizations. A recent article in the *AMA* magazine brought that to my attention. Now we are theoretically required to file a return annually. Does anyone know whether or not the club has ever filed for a non-profit exemption? Has the club ever filed an income tax return? Do we have any income tax professionals/advisers in the club?

If anybody has information concerning these questions, please let me know.

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I have received an e-mail from TheRCSwap.com, which is a new, free, RC only classifieds swap site. You may want to check it out.

A reminder: pilots flying on the 2.4 GHz frequency are still required to exchange their membership card for the appropriate pin. We

have several 2.4 GHz slots/pins on the frequency board.

The next membership meeting is January 17 at 7 p.m. There will be door prizes and a program.

Fly in the zone and fly safe.

Jim

December Membership Meeting minutes

The December 20, 2011 membership meeting was called to order by the president at 7:05 p.m. All the board members were present. There was not a quorum, or 20 percent of the membership, present.

The Secretary read the October minutes and they were approved with one exception. They should have read "diet drinks" not "Pepsis".

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The treasurer stated the need to keep \$2,000 in the checking account or it would incur a monthly fee of ten dollars. He said he would insure that the account always had the \$2,000 balance for the next year.

The president indicated he and the treasurer had taken an inventory of saleable items (ie., fuel, soft drinks, etc.) as required by the by-laws.

The president also stated that Tony Coberly had sent him the final monies from the AMA Pattern event totaling \$325.

Modifications to the 2012 contest calendar were discussed by the President and approved by the membership and will be published in the January newsletter.

There was no safety report but Vice President Basil Cooper asked those present to

inform him if they witnessed any field rule violations. There then ensued a discussion with the floor concerning appropriate boundaries for flying safety.

Bob Walls has indicated that \$512 was donated to the "toys for tots" in the club's name.

Door prizes were handed out. President Jim Fowler showed a video of some of the military's full scale helicopters.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

- *Written by Secretary Bob Vanderzyl*



January Board of Directors Meeting

The January RCRC board meeting was held on the January 3 at 7 p.m. All the board members were present except the newsletter editor.

The Board discussed allowing non-AMA and non-RCRC members to train under RCRC members' tutelage. It was decided the club could not support this activity.

Questions were raised about the Clubs income tax status as a non-profit organization. Further research on this subject will be done.

One of the Club members apparently encountered a problem with the retrieval cart. Field is going to investigate.

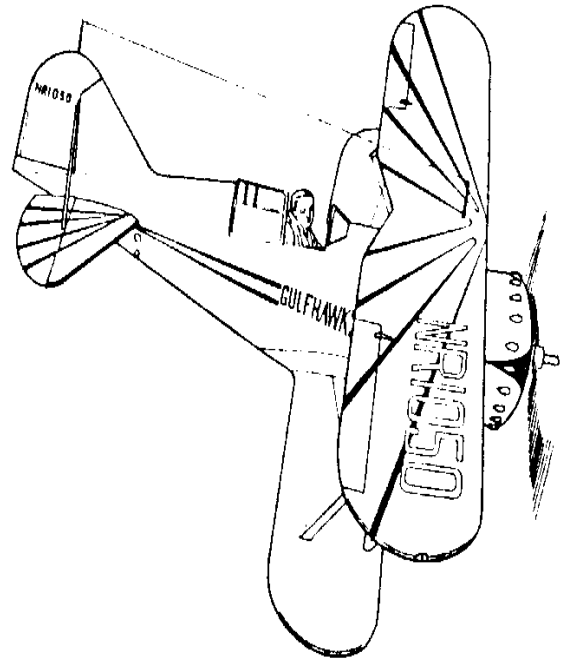
The president gave all board members a document outlining standard procedures for contest and event directors. He asked the board to review and return with comments a.s.a.p.

The vice president indicated he would like to see a mechanism to correct inconsistencies in dates published either on the web site or in the newsletter. A discussion of this subject followed without any resolution.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Remember, board meetings are on the first Tuesday and membership meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month. Mark it on your calendar.

Written by Secretary Bob Vanderzyl



New Website Presentation

For those of you who don't know, we have a new website. I'm going to throw objectivity out the window and give you my opinion here: It looks fantastic and is much more usable.

Web Editor Tom Sutherland will give a presentation about the new website at the February Membership Meeting on February 21. He'll explain what all went into the redesign, the site's new features, and how to use those new features – how to get photos uploaded, etc.

Please come out and listen if you can make it. Tom put a lot of hard work into revamping the site, so come out and find out how it was done and how to use it.

2012 Event Schedule

- May 19.....Club Day**
- June 9-10.....Warbirds**
- June 23.....Pylon Race**
- July 20-21.....Big Bird**
- Aug. 11-12.....BPA Pattern**
- Sept. 14-16....AMA Pattern**
- Nov. 3-4.....Toys for Tots**
- Nov. 17.....Pylon Race**

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<u>RCRC Event Schedule</u>
RCRC membership meeting – January 17 at 7 p.m. Board meeting – February 7 at 6 p.m.