

THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



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

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MAY 2012

President's Message

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May is here. I will be out of town the week of the May meeting. I will be playing carpenter's helper and laborer at my church's camp. It is something I do for two weeks every year. Basil will be in charge and as usual will have a program and door prizes. We haven't had a quorum in the last two meetings so I hope you will attend.

Club day is May 19. A notice is elsewhere in this newsletter. Come fly, come fly with us.

Unfortunately Dan Baldwin will be on TDY during the month of June so the Warbird event approved by the membership will not be held. However the board is considering having a Warbird fly-in that same Saturday for only club members. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter. We might do the same thing for Big Bird since we don't have a CD.

Peter and I had a good visit with Eric Enchelmayer, our contact with the city. We are looking forward to working together in the future.

Fly safe and fly in the zone.

Jim

April 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM, with four board members present. The President advised the membership that he was appointing Paul Webb as Secretary to replace Bob Vanderzyl, who resigned for health reasons, and thanked Bob for his service.

A quorum was not present.

There were no guests or new members present. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written in the April newsletter. Also the minutes from the March newsletter were approved again.

The Treasurer's report was made and approved with no comments. Also the Treasurer's report from previous meeting was approved again.

The President reported that Alan Berard was not yet available to serve as CD for the Big Bird event in July. If no one is found to serve, the event will be removed from the schedule.

The Safety Committee Chairman reviewed the field regulation requiring a radio check before each flying session at the field. A discussion followed.

Old Business:

Don Peck's Pylon Race events were voted on as he has proposed and approved with no opposition.

Dan Baldwin's War Bird event was brought to the floor for vote and after much discussion was approved as presented to the Membership at the March meeting. The President will contact Dan to confirm that his application for CD and sanction will be completed before the event, as submitted to the Board in Dan's March outline.

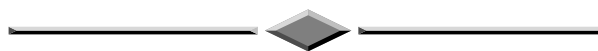
The President commented that Bob Walls continues to suffer from back surgery and his ability to serve as CD at the November event will be monitored.

The proposed change to Bylaw Article Three, Membership, Section 3:(b) was brought to a vote again and approved. The final vote will be at the June Membership meeting and announced in the next newsletter to give the proper notification.

New Business: None

The program was a video of the Tucson Shootout 2004.

Door prizes were drawn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.



May BOD Meeting Minutes

The May 1, 2012 RCRC Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM.

All Board of Directors members were present.

The President reported that he and the immediate past President met recently with Eric Enchelmayer, our new contact with the city of Huntsville. Eric was advised that the RCRC President, past President and Vice President will be the appropriate contacts concerning Club matters. The Newsletter Editor, in his role as Field Committee Chairman, will continue to contact the City regarding certain field matters.

The President reported that he continues to work with an accountant to prepare a filing for income tax exemption. The Treasurer will assemble financial data required for this purpose. The filing needs to be done before year end to benefit from reduced filing fees.

There was some discussion regarding the AMA requirement for monthly updates of the Club roster. The President will contact AMA for clarification of the acceptable form of reporting.

The President reported that the planned CD for the War Bird event had been contacted and will be unavailable to conduct the event in June. Therefore the event is cancelled as a sanctioned event and will be held as an informal Club event to be proposed. The same decision applies to the Big Bird event due to no response from the CD.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.



RCRC Club Day

19 May 2012

(NO RAIN DATE)

FLYING STARTS AT 9:00AM

PIZZA SERVED AT NOON

Bring your family and invite your friends.



At the Field

As previously indicated, the “At the Field” column will address general observations and anything else that comes to mind. If you have any ideas for a topic-notify any board member and they will pass it along to the newsletter editor.

April and early May weather had provided some unique challenges to our every-day flying. Low hanging gray clouds make my airplane turn into a black silhouette immediately after takeoff making it difficult to determine its orientation. High winds with occasional gusty conditions have resulted in fewer sign-ins at the field, even on weekends.

There are a few members who primarily fly with a steady south wind, there are some who don't fly when low gray clouds obscure the sky, and there are

those who remain grounded when the gust spread starts to grow. If you are concerned about risking an expensive airplane just to get experience in marginal weather, buy an inexpensive “Stick” or dig out your trainer that you thought you had outgrown..

Routine flying in these less than optimum conditions can have a couple of benefits. First, you will get more actual stick-time and the practice will help you become a better all-around pilot. Second, doing maneuvers in varying wind conditions helps condition your muscle memory to do something other than make left-hand turns. Third, the increased apprehension that happens when you're slightly out of your comfort zone causes your heart rate to increase, giving you credit for 10-15 minutes of cardio training. Who said this wasn't a sport?

So, the next time the clouds are a multi-hued gray or winds a little blustery, grab an airplane you're comfortable flying and head to the field. You may even run into someone else who read this article, who is wondering what they're doing there, too.



Flying Field Regulations

This month, the review of the Flying Field Regulations continues with the third rule:

3. All users of this site will complete the requirements for information in the Pilot Log. The Pilot Log is provided by RCRC, Inc. and renders information to the Club about the use of the field. It also provides radio channel information and usage that will help when choosing and purchasing new radio equipment.

The Pilot Log is the sign-in book in the flight shed. The individual pages are labeled “Field Sign In”. Flying Field Regulation number 13 also refers to the Pilot Log as the “Flight Log”. Required entries are very straight forward. Along with being a

requirement of the city in our agreement for field operation, the information is available to assist the Board of Directors in identifying usage trends to better serve the entire membership.

Even in this time of 2.4 GHz systems the radio equipment part of the rule is still valid. Several 72 MHz systems are still offered for sale at very attractive prices, and the AMA still has frequency monitoring requirements.

War Bird Fly-In

As explained in the President's Message, the War Bird Contest has had to be cancelled. Many of us were looking forward to showing off our favorite war bird models and were disappointed when the contest had to be cancelled. After some discussion, the board has decided to hold an informal war bird fly-in on June 9 (the same Saturday that the contest was to be held). The field will be open for general flying, just as it would be on a normal Saturday; but flyers are encouraged to bring one or more of their war birds to show off and fly informally. There will be no organized contest and no prizes other than the complements of our fellow flyers for a nice or fun bird well flown. If enough people show up, perhaps we can bring in some pizza for lunch.

Basil

Ballot for the proposed Bylaw change is on the following page.

Instructions for voting. Vote one of three ways.

1. Ballot can be mailed in. You must print your name, date and sign. Fold the ballot page into thirds, put a stamp on it and mail it.
2. Ballot can be given to any Board member. Print your name , date and sign.
3. You can come to the May membership meeting and vote at the meeting anonymously.

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BALLOT

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS
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Proposed change is as follows:

CURRENT:

ARTICLE THREE, MEMBERSHIP, Section 3: (b)

“Persons showing an interest in miniature radio controlled model aviation and of an age less than sixteen (16) years and current member of AMA will be granted a no dues Junior Membership. Applicant must file a membership application with proof of claim.”

PROPOSED:

ARTICLE THREE, MEMBERSHIP, Section e: (b)

“Persons showing an interest in miniature radio controlled model aviation and of an age less than nineteen (19) years as of July 1 and a current member of AMA will be granted a no dues Junior Membership. Applicant must file a membership application with proof of claim.”

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YES-I agree with the proposed change.

NO-I do not agree with the proposed change.

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Printed Name and Date

Signature

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Trey Wilburn Model Airplane Field for their

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Mach 7 for your
engine and you enjoy
the race for the pure
thrill of racing! We
love racers.....*

Annual Club 40 Pylon Race



**June
23rd, 2012**

Club 40 Racers

**600' x 55'
Paved Runway**

**Use of legal model, motor, and
scoring rules will apply. These will
be the final rules Dist. V agreed**

Site: John Hunt / Wilburn Park, RCRC
Flying field

GP **GPS Info:** 34 41.192 N
86 35.725 W

AMA Class "C" Sanctioned Event #12-1295

Registration \$15.00
Free overnight camping w/110
hook-up

Registration 7:00 AM
Races start at 9:00 AM
Food decided by NARCA April 28th event

CD: Don Peck
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DIRECTIONS: Memorial Parkway - 431/231 South
Turn West (R) on Airport Rd. from Memorial Pkwy.
Turn left on Leeman Ferry Rd.
The gate entrance will be on your right.



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2012 RCRC EVENTS

	15 May	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Jim Fowler	(256) 882-1784
	5 Jun	7:00 PM	RCRC BOD Meeting	Jim Fowler	(256) 882-1784

RCRC Event Schedule

	19 May	All Day Sat	Club Day	Basil Cooper	(256) 883-9220
*	9-10 Jun	All Day Sat All Day Sun	War Birds		
*	23 Jun	All Day Sat	Pylon Race	Don Peck	(256) 539-5217
*	20-21 Jul	Noon Fri All Day Sat	Big Birds		
*	18-19 Aug	All Day Sat All Day Sun	BPA Pattern	Gary Courtney	(256) 603-3329
*	14-16 Sept	All Day Sat	AMA Pattern	Jon Lowe	(256) 464-0802
***		All Day Sun			
*	3-4 Nov	All Day Sat All Day Sun	Toys for Tots		
*	17 Nov	All Day Sat	Pylon Race	Don Peck	(256) 539-5217

* Field closed to non-participants during this event
 *** Field closed Fri before event at noon