

THE ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC. HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA NEWSLETTER



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November can be a good month for flying. Weather was good and at least 19 pilots/contributors turned out for the Toys for Tots event. thanks to Bob Walls and his crew.

A reminder: the voting for the 2013 officers will be held at the November meeting. A ballot was contained in the October newsletter. Your vote is requested, either by mail or at the November meeting. Mail-in ballots must be received at the club's post office box prior to the November meeting.

The board will be at the November meeting approximately an hour early to be available for renewing memberships. So attend the meeting to renew your 2013 membership and help us have a quorum. There will be door prizes. We had a quorum at the October meeting!

AMA has revised their document #550 which covers radio controlled flying utilizing first person view, (FPV), systems. This document can be accessed via the AMA web site and is recommended reading if you are interested in flying using FPV. This revised document has been discussed by the board and the Vice President is reviewing our flying field regulations, etc. for compatibility.

Fly in the zone and fly safe.

Jim

October 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President.

All other Board members were present except the Vice President who was absent due to a death in his family. We offer our condolences to Basil for his loss.

A long overdue quorum was present.

The September minutes omitted the fact that the July and August Treasurer's reports were approved without comment. The September minutes were approved with that correction.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

The President reminded the Membership of the election of officers pending at the November meeting and that the CD for next year's Big Bird event is still open.

There were no reports from Field, Safety and Publicity Committees.

Old Business:

Bob Walls made comments concerning the Toys for Tots event coming up November 2-3.

New Business:

A comment from the floor recognized the news in a recent AMA newsletter that our Vice President had made a generous donation to AMA to establish a scholarship fund. You can find the details at the AMA website. A reminder that Officers will arrive early at next month's meeting to renew Club membership for those who have already received their new AMA cards.

The meeting concluded at 7:15 for door prizes and the video of the 2008 Joe Nall fly-in.

November 2012 RCRC BOD Meeting Minutes

The November 6, 2012 RCRC Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM. All Board members were present.

The Board received notification from Jim Menninger via e-mail to the Newsletter Editor that he is withdrawing as CD for next year's military aircraft event.

AMA document 550 dealing with FPV was discussed. The VP will review the provisions of this document and our field regulations and prepare any changes necessary. Doc 550 is available for review on the AMA website.

The financial information to complete IRS form 1024 was presented by the Treasurer and discussed. This information is part of our application for exemption under sect. 501(a) of the tax code related to our tax-exempt status as a social club. The President will submit the application this month.

The event schedule for 2013 was reviewed and the revised schedule is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

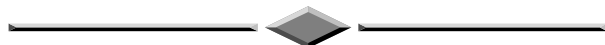
The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.



At The Field

As previously indicated, this "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 officer and they will pass it along to the newsletter editor.

Last month's second unsolicited editorial by a current member criticized publishing an anonymous editorial in August, RCRC's criticism of safety at the AMA NATs, use of the newsletter to remind members of our flying field rules, and a perceived militaristic operation of the club and field. It went on to suggest that members' "common sense" might



be a better alternative to rules and regulations that prohibit any particular activity.

Maybe the writer is correct. Maybe it's time to initiate a comprehensive review and rewrite of the Flying Field Regulations. When you look at the regulations it seems that the first 20, or so, concern safety and physical security of our property. The last few have a "play nice" character because of previous inter-personal issues between members.

Since we are an AMA chartered club we are obligated to enforce the AMA's rules, but do we really need anything else? If we do have a need for RCRC site specific rules, do we really need 25 of them? Perhaps the new board of directors will solicit member input toward a possible rewriting of the flying field regulations.



2013 Events

Club Day	May 18	VP
Big Bird	June 7-8	
War Bird	July 27-28	
BPA Pattern	Aug 17-18	Gary Courtney
AMA Pattern	Sept 20-22	Jon Lowe
Toys for Tots	Nov 1-2	Bob Walls



Flying Field Regulations

This month we'll continue our review of the Flying Field Regulations with the ninth rule:

9. Prolonged engine runs will be conducted at the break-in table located at the North end of the field. Prop-wash will be directed away from equipment and aircraft will be tied down or held by the pilot. Tie-downs will be sufficient to restrain the aircraft at full power. The airplane will be monitored at all times. Prop was will be directed away from planes and equipment during short run-ups in the pit area.

Like most of the rules reviewed thus far, this one is pretty straight forward. If you're having trouble with your glow/gas engine and need to run it for any time longer than that required for routine start and taxi, take it to the engine stand that is located at the north end on the parking lot in the grass area.

When you do start and run your engine(s) in the pit area your aircraft must be secured from unintended movement by yourself, a helper, or a mechanical restraint. It is also just common courtesy to direct all prop wash away from people and equipment in the pits to prevent damage and minimize annoyance.



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2012 RCRC EVENTS

20 Nov	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Jim Fowler	(256) 882-1784
4 Dec	7:00 PM	RCRC BOD Meeting	Jim Fowler	(256) 882-1784

RCRC Event Schedule

2013 Schedule will be in December's Newsletter

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