

# THE **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



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Warm weather is finally here and we are enjoying some good flying! Club Day is right around the corner. I have not heard from any of the city officials regarding their attendance of Club Day, but hopefully some will show up. Kris Dixon (District V VP) will be attending the event.

Please come out and participate and have some fun. We have several important items that need your vote so please try to make it to the May membership meeting.

I hope to see you at the field. Happy flying!  
Bill

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## General Membership Meeting Minutes

The club meeting was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. A quorum was not present. Bill discussed the previous minutes which included a discussion around using the south west corner of the field for helicopter and multi-rotor aircraft. The board will continue to discuss and refine the rules for use of this area.

Also discussed JCAP and that we will be more than happy to meet individually with any new JCAP member for some individual training. Feel free to call one of the trainers listed on the website and we will be happy to help anyone with trained needs.

Club / Huntsville Appreciation day is still scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and enjoy the day with us.

New Tactic radio was purchased for the trainer. We now have two Tactic radios for use to train new pilots.

Two new trainer places were donated to the club for use as trainer aircraft. Looking for volunteers to help build them. Also in need of servos and other general electronics to outfit the aircraft. Donations are welcomed.

John mentioned that we need to all be careful when purchasing any old FM radios. Some may be wide-band, which is not legal at this field. If you have an older FM radio, please check to make sure it's not wide-band.

Dave presented the Treasurers report and all is well.

Field chairman mentioned that the front gate damage is being addressed.

We need volunteers for the Club day. If interested, please contact John.

The weather is finally improving, so get out there and burn some nitro or electrons!

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## May 2014 RCRC BOD Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 6pm with all board members present except the Secretary.

The BOD discussed the proposed rule change to move multi rotor flying to the south end of the club house. The amended rule will be posted in the newsletter and brought up for vote at the May membership meeting. The BOD settled on a zero line for the multi rotor flying area. Safety netting will be place along the zero line extending southward for approximately 50 feet to keep spectators from entering the flying area.

The BOD discussed runway and pit area maintenance estimates provided by the field chairman. The estimates included:

Runway - \$5800 to fill cracks, seal and repaint stripes.

Runway - \$1500 to fill cracks only

Pit area - \$1500 to fill cracks, seal and repaint stripes and lettering with the club stencils.

Parking Lot - \$300 to repaint lines


The field chairman noted that a city crew came out and looked at the runway for the possibility of resurfacing. Their estimate will be turned in to the city for budget consideration next year.

The BOD decided that since there is a possibility of getting the city to resurface the runway the only maintenance needed at this time is: fill the cracks only in the runway \$1500, fill cracks, seal, and repaint pit area \$1500, and repaint stripes in parking lot \$300, for a total of \$3800. This proposal will be brought up for vote at the May membership meeting.

The President and Treasurer conducted fuel inventory and no discrepancies were found.

The BOD meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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## Flight Operations Expansion Proposal

### Section 8: Flight Operations:

#### Existing rule:

e. Helicopter Pilots will utilize the flight boxes and runway in the same manner as fixed wing pilots and will conduct their operations so as not to interfere with fixed wing operations. In order to avoid prolonged hovering over the runway, hover practice will be done on the northwest end of the flying field, off of the runway and taxiways.

#### Proposal rule change:

e. Copter Pilots will utilize the flight boxes and runway in the same manner as fixed wing pilots and will conduct their operations so as not to interfere with fixed wing operations. In order to avoid prolonged hovering over the runway, hover and flying practice will utilize the flight area south of the club house. Copters will be recognized as; helicopters, quadcopters, hexacopters, octocopters and any other air craft that is capable of vertical take off and landing. The flight area will have an L shape zero line, flying will be allowed on the west/south sides of the line.



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**TO:**

**2014 RCRC EVENTS**

May 6th	6:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Bill Mitchell	256-975-5687
May 2th	6:00 PM	RCRC Board Meeting	Bill Mitchell	256-975-5687
Huntsville Appreciation/Club Day May 24, 2014 Vice President				
Big Bird June 14, 2014 TBD				
War Bird/Wounded Warrior July 19, 2014 TBD				
BPA Pattern August 8-10, 2014 Gary Courtney				
AMA Pattern September 12-14, 2014 Jon Lowe				
Toys for Tots November 7-8, 2014 Bob Walls				