



**THE RCRC NEWSLETTER**  
ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.  
HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA



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

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July 2014

# President's Message

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It's been a busy month at RCRC. Summer time has definitely arrived with hot-hot humid days and pop up thunderstorms. Be sure to keep an eye on the weather while flying, stay hydrated, and protect yourself from the sun.

John Pieczynski will be hosting the War Bird and Wounded Warrior fly in on July 19. Be sure to come out and support the event.

As you may have seen or heard, the Newsletter Editor resigned and the position is currently vacant. I will act as Newsletter Editor until one is appointed.

I would like everyone to take a few minutes and review the RCRC Field Regulations posted on the RCRC website and in the pilot shed.

There have been some incidents reported of violation of the flying rules. If you see any member violating the rules please ask the member to cease the activity in a friendly and tactful manner. If you are uncomfortable confronting the member please report the incident to a board member and we will address the issue. Our goal as RC hobbyists is to have fun and promote the RC hobby in a safe manner. The RCRC Field Regulations are in place to protect our members and club and they need to be followed and enforced no matter how trivial they may seem.

Happy Flying!  
Bill



## *June 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes*

The club meeting was conducted on June 17th at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present.

- Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.
- VP - John discusses the following:
  - Approximately 25 boy scouts attended a one time flight demonstration at the club. Was a fun day for the kids and a good day for recruiting future new pilots to the club.
  - Discussed the use of the new Hex-copter area on the south-west side of the field.
  - Discussed the possibility of providing the functionality of "online voting" to our website.
  - Repairs were made to the runway and work is complete.
  - Spoke to Chamber of Commerce about putting our club information on their website.
  - July 19th is the Warbird event. \$20 landing fee and will be AMA sanctioned. A donation box for the wounded warriors will be at the event and donations will be collected and sent to the organization at the end of the event.
  - John mentioned the need for all pilots to please stand behind your propellers and not beside or in front for safety reasons.

A guest from the NACA Club (Control Line) spoke with the group about their club and flying area. He passed out information about the club to all those interested in flying Control line.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.



## *July 2014 RCRC BOD Meeting Minutes*

The BOD meeting was conducted on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The President, VP and Treasurer was present.

The vacant Newsletter Editor was discussed and the President will serve as Newsletter Editor until a replacement is appointed.

The former Newsletter Editor's resignation email, which included topics of the city leash law, the clubhouse

signage, and selective enforcement of club rules was discussed.

The city leash law "**Section 5-44 Duty to Restrain**" is in effect at our flying site. The BOD feels that this is sufficient and no updates will be made to the club rules or bylaws. Any complaints on members that violate the leash law will need to be filed with Huntsville Animal Control at 256-883-3788.

The "Chuck Facemire Memorial Clubhouse" sign has been removed. Since Chuck is still living it is inappropriate and improper to display this signage. The BOD discussed this matter and a replacement sign will be discussed and brought up for vote at the membership meeting.

The BOD discussed implementing online voting on the RCRC website. This feature would not replace voting at the monthly meetings and would only be available for BOD elections and bi-law changes where the entire membership needs the opportunity to vote.

The VP talked to the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce and brought information on regarding the visit. It would cost the club \$300 per year to join the CoC and the BOD feels that this money would be better served elsewhere.

The AMA sent the club a check for \$175 for the Club Recognition and Reward Program for the TV interview for the Club Day event.

The power line crossing the field parking area was struck last month by an out of town visitor's motor home, breaking the pilot's shed mast. John Pieczynski and his son and Chris Ward were able to repair the mast. The line itself was undamaged. The lights that were there were not functioning and are not planned to be replaced. The visitor volunteered a donation before leaving which covered our expenses.

The BOD meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.



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**TO:**

**2014 RCRC EVENTS**

July 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Bill Mitchell	256-975-5687
Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	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 John Pieczynski				
BPA Pattern August 8-10, 2014				
AMA Pattern September 12-14, 2014 Jon Lowe				
Toys for Tots November 7-8, 2014				