



**THE** **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** **NEWSLETTER**  
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# President's Message


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It feels like summer has finally arrived! The flying has been good, just hot and humid. The AMA pattern event is coming up. Mark your calendar if you want to participate, spectate, or help out. We got a chairman for the nominating committee. Thanks, John Williams! If you want to run for office or want to nominate someone please contact John.

Have fun and be safe.

Happy Flying!  
Bill

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**September 2014 RCRC BOD**  
**Meeting Minutes**

BOD Meeting started at 6pm. The President, Vice President and Treasurer were present.

The VP noted that we have two functional trainer planes for club use, and one that has not been built yet. One plane is set up with the tactic radio system and the other is set up for JR.

The VP also noted that the airplanes have been stored in the locked closet in the club house, and that some of flight instructors do not have access to the closet. The BOD discussed the options of making a key to the closet for the instructors or not putting the planes in the closet. It was decided to make wall hangers for the trainers for storage near the front door to the club house. The president will get the supplies and build the hangers.

The coke machine was not feeding Cokes and the BOD was able to fix the issue. A water bottle was jammed in the mechanism.

The BOD meeting adjourned at 7pm.

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**Club Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2014**

The club meeting was conducted on Aug 19th at 6:00, pm. No quorum was present.

Bill Mitchell's comments:

- Looking for a nominating chairman for this year's elections. We need a volunteer. [filled... thank you John Williams !]

- Pattern event was discussed and planed for Sept 13-14th.
- Discussed what to do with the donations made to the Mike Wingo fund.
- Veterans of the 352nd fighter group will be at the club on Oct 11th around 2:30.
- Online voting was discussed again.

John Pieczynski's comments:

- Discussed safety at the club.
- Discussed radio interference issues that some members are experiencing with FM radios.

Treasures report was presented to the club by David Seymour.

John Lowe spoke to the club about "Camp AMA" for kids. He also did a demo of the new Taranis radio system.

Kevin Riggs talked to the club about the museum at the Train Depot and the opportunity to display static models to the public.

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**Decatur Model Airplane Swap Meet**

Our friends at Decatur AL Model Airplane Club invites everyone to their swap meet on October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 12:30pm at the Decatur Shrine Club, 1117 Lenwood Rd, in Decatur. (Note that the AMA magazine indicates that the meet is at their field, which is not correct.) Please contact Jim Ray at 256.353.1323 if you need a table.

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**New Members for September**

Wally Key

Robert Boyett

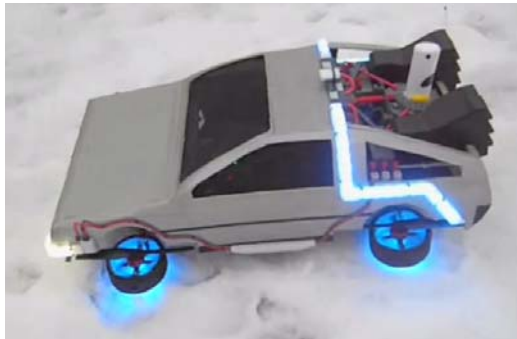
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## Back to the Future

Below are the July 15 club meeting minutes. We accidentally left them out of the August newsletter.

In researching some appropriate “going back in time” clip-art, I came across this actual RC flying DeLorean. I’m wondering if it can hit 88 MPH?

Bob Sorrells



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## Club Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2014

The club meeting was conducted on July 15th at 6:00pm. A quorum was present.

Our club president Bill, covered the following topics:

- Reviewed the meeting minutes from the prior meeting.
- Discussed the 2015 event schedule. CD's are needed for many of the events next year. Planning to have a swap meet next year.
- Discussed the resignation of Fred as the newsletter editor. Announced Perry Hughey as the new, newsletter editor for this year.
- Clubhouse sign was removed as it was believed to contain incorrect word usage. After reviewing with the club members, it was deemed appropriate to reinstall the sign as it was.
- Discussed the topic of online voting. Voted in and approved.

- The ballistic pattern contest has been canceled for this year.

VP John:

- Discussed safety at the club. Again, please be careful around your props. Don't stand in front of, or beside a running propeller.
- Warbird event will occur on July 19th.

Treasurer David:

- Reviewed the treasurer's report and was voted and approved.

Regards,  
Aaron

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## Rocket City RC Website

[www.RocketCityRC.com](http://www.RocketCityRC.com)

We've had quite a few people this year use the Rocket City RC website to either renew their membership or sign up for the first time. Here's the membership count as of this writing:

125 total members (includes Junior members)  
111 voting members, 38 of which used the website to sign up and pay.

Please let me know if you have any trouble logging in.

Also feel free to email me with any suggestions you may have about the website.

Bob Sorrells – Web Editor

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**TO:**

**2014 RCRC EVENTS**

|   |             |         |                         |               |              |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | Sept. 16th  | 6:00 PM | RCRC Membership Meeting | Bill Mitchell | 256-975-5687 |
|   | October 7th | 6:00 PM | RCRC Board Meeting      | Bill Mitchell | 256-975-5687 |
|   |             |         |                         |               |              |
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| Decatur Model Airplane Club - October 18 <sup>th</sup> at Decatur Shrine Club |             |         |                         |               |              |
| AMA Pattern September 12-14, 2014 Jon Lowe                                    |             |         |                         |               |              |
| Toys for Tots November 7-8, 2014 - Canceled                                   |             |         |                         |               |              |