

THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



... an AMA Award of Excellence Club!

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

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December 2014

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Welcome All

I hope all have done their Christmas wish list and Santa brings you everything you ask for. Because The BOD has an early Christmas early gift for all members, plan to attend the December meeting Tuesday Dec. 16 early and get a free pizza dinner before the meeting. We will start serving at 5:30 all are welcome visitors and members.

We all have agreed that this year the BOD will operate on total accountability and total transparency to the members. We are committed to keep the membership informed on everything, as you can see in our BOD minutes posted in this newsletter.

The Vice President and I had a very productive meeting with the City Council. We totally expressed we were not going over anyone's head but felt if we wanted capital improvements at our flying site we needed to talk to the people who could put the funds in the budget. We were assured that our request will be addressed without recourse.

The BOD will meet with the head of Parks and Recreation, and City Landscaping Dept. Head on Dec 16. Some of our request may be met and others may get tabled. But we were reassured by the City Council if the Resolution needed some variance they would get it done.

Start working on those Planes and have them ship shape by spring. We are hoping to have some big events this year.

In closing I wish each of you and your families a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. Hope to see all at the meeting and Fly safe.

Dan Baldwin
President, RCRC



Club Meeting Minutes November 18, 2014

The club meeting was conducted on November 18th at 6:00 pm. No quorum was present.

The meeting was started with Bill reviewing the prior months meeting minutes. These meeting minutes will need to be voted on the following month.

- Discussed the P51 mustang event that was previously held. It was a big success with a large turnout of pilots and spectators. A small scale P51 was donated to the club.

- John spoke about safety at the field this year and noted no injuries are known to have occurred this year. John also warned about the dangers of LiPo batteries and to take care when using them.


- John mentioned the need to find additional Contest Directors (CDs) for next year.

- Treasures report was given to the club.

- The new club president spoke about some of the planned activities for next year.



No New Members for November



Safety is everyone's responsibility. It comes from safe practices, and constant awareness. Once your concentration is broken you are on dangerous grounds. This means that if you see someone doing something dangerous, don't yell and start moving toward them. Breaking their concentration may lead to an erratic move that could put them in danger. It is better to talk to them later about the danger, in private, so that they will be aware in the future. Not all good deeds end in a safe manner. Think about it.

December 2014 RCRC BOD

BOD Meeting Minutes:

The December Board Meeting of RCRC was called to order by the president, Dan Baldwin on the evening of December 2 at 6 pm. Other officers present were the vice-president John Pieczynski, secretary Susan Seaford, and treasurer Jan Pieczynski.

1. New board members were familiarized with business and physical aspects of RCRC.
2. The change in tax structure item was tabled due to the absence of the presenter or any other new information.
3. Requested changes that the Board will present to the city were discussed. The secretary will prepare a document to take to that meeting. It will include those items suggested by members at the November meeting.
4. It was decided to have pizza available before meetings to encourage fellowship. It will be available a half hour before the meeting with the suggested donation of \$1. Also the meeting will be started with the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Signs are not to be changed without a vote of the members subject to loss of privileges. This is not a change.
6. A budget will be prepared when the fixed monthly expenses are calculated.
7. The events schedule was discussed with the first event being Club Day. The CD of any event is to be supported by the Board and general membership. The CDs of past events who wish to continue at those events are welcome to do so. The board is to encourage this.
8. The vice-president is in charge of instruction and trainer planes. Radios that have been ordered are expected later this month.
9. The annual report to the city auditor of receipts and disbursements will be prepared by the treasurer and president.
10. Board members are urged to get their biographies into the website editor.
11. At the next board meeting, the field regulations will be reviewed.
12. Safety and Fun are to be the emphasis this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

BOD Meeting Attachment A: AMA Award of Excellence Club

The Rocket City Radio Controllers would like to discuss with members of city government and Parks and Recreation the updating of resolution 95-112. The items we would like to discuss are explained in detail below. In general we are interested in putting procedures for maintenance in place and allowing limited commercial activities in support of the hobby of model aviation. For the last twenty years, this facility, which we call Wilbourn Field, has provided the Huntsville community with safe and family-friendly recreation.

1. Short term maintenance. Consider the Dept. of Landscaping cutting the remainder of the grassy areas
2. Sanitation. Consider a feasibility study to considering building a restroom facility or provide continuous portable service

3. Food and drink.
 - a. Allow a commercial vendor to put in a soda vending machine
 - b. Allow us to have an open flame outside for cooking at special events (the property has always had negative tests for methane)
4. Other commercial restrictions
 - a. Allow vendors to set up on the road during special events to sell items in support of the r/c hobby
 - b. Allow us to sell shirts, jackets and hats with the club logo
 - c. Allow us to have one day events which have booths to sell merchandize related to r/c and charge a fee for the booth
5. Long term maintenance of runway and road. We would like to see some specificity on the paving and sealing of the runway and the road. Considering the history of the facility, a mean time to repair might be 3 years and a mean time to replace 10 years. This would need to be accounted for in the city budget.
6. Flying at Braham Spring Park. Using the lake for landings and takeoffs.
7. Helicopter and hovercraft area. Consider development of the area west of the flying field and south of the clubhouse for this purpose. There has been tremendous growth in this aspect of the hobby and the FAA is requiring a safety program administered by a community-based organization. The RCRC is the only such organization in the city. A plan for paving, fencing and a gazebo structure could be prepared.

With these concerns in mind, we look forward to the next twenty years.

The officers of Rocket City Radio Controllers



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TO:

2014 RCRC EVENTS

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	December 16th	6:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Daniel Baldwin	256-541-1061
	January 6th, 2015	6:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Daniel Baldwin	256-541-1061