

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



... an AMA Award of Excellence Club!

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

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March 2015

President's Message

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Welcome:

It looks like flying season is here let's get those planes ready. We have a lot of exciting events upcoming and it looks like we will have a great turnout for all of them. We are seeing a lot of membership participation and interest in getting these events so successful.

National Drone Day was a huge success, with attendance of over 200 and 10 exhibitors (check out the aerial photo!). The Army came out with a predator and launcher which was quite impressive. This is the way we hope all our events will be this season.

I would like to give a special thanks at this to all the volunteers who made this event such a success. I hope to see this kind of participation and teamwork in all our future events. With everyone's help me made \$787 net to the club, which I would like to give a special thanks to Tom at E-Mergent RC for the generous raffle he conducted of \$196 which was contributed to RCRC.

In closing I hope everyone can attend this month's meeting we need your input and help on the upcoming swap meet.

Dan Baldwin
President, RCRC



Club Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2015

The February RCRC meeting was held February 24, 2015 at 6pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was used to open the meeting. Roll call showed all officers present except the newsletter editor. There was not a quorum present. Two new members and 2 guests were present. The minutes as posted in the club newsletter were tentatively approved as published.

The treasurer reported \$3306.96 in checking, \$7676.74 in money market, and \$891.03 in the memorial fund. The previous service charges on the memorial fund were refunded and the bank will continue to waive the service charges.

The safety report had no injuries. If ever there are any injuries, the incident forms to be filled out are in the filing cabinet. We were also reminded that observers should not be in line with the propeller when someone is getting ready to fly. There were no changes to report on the field.

Nick Damron gave an update on Drone Day, March 14. He ran through the list of companies planning to participate. Some will fly and others will have static exhibits. A representative of XF Aerials was present and they will have a static display. Pilot registration will be at 9am, and possibly an afternoon registration as well.

The Swap Meet will be on May 2, with setup the day preceding at the JC's building. Admission will be \$5 and tables \$20, with \$5 of that going for tax. There will be a snack bar. Help will be needed Friday afternoon. The field will not be closed during that time.

Members approved \$400 for Club Day: \$200 for prizes and \$200 for food which will be free to members and their guests. Members also approved \$240 for the War Bird event: \$20 postage, \$20 sanction, and \$200 for food.

The Mike Wingo Fund was discussed. Going to Camp AMA would cost \$795 plus transportation. The 2015 camp is full but we could reserve a slot for 2016. It sounds like experienced youngsters are attending. The age limits are 12-19. Al Blair and Don Philpott were appointed to make recommendations on selection criteria.

A request has been made to get the AMA to visit the club.

SWDA reiterates that no open flames are allowed on the club field. Due to a change at Parks and Recreation, we are waiting on the exact policies regarding vendors.

John Pieczynski has rewritten the document RCRC Rookie Tips bringing it more up to date. That document, the Bylaws, RCRC Flying Field regulations and the AMA Safety Code are to be provided as a new member Welcome Pack.

A program on using the Spectrum telemetry system was given by Dan Baldwin.



New Members for February 2015:



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of RCRC met March 3, 2015 with all members present. Preparations for Drone Day were reviewed. Media coverage will be coordinated with Nick Damron. There will be pilot meetings at 9am and 1pm. The appropriate licenses and permits will be obtained. The sound system was discussed. Instructors are Keith Carter and John Williams. The CD is Dan Baldwin assisted by Don Peck, Nick Damron and Al Blair. Also an update was given on the Swap Meet May 2. The subject of fuel sales was reviewed. Morgan Fuel sales will be contacted. There is nothing new from Parks and Recreation.



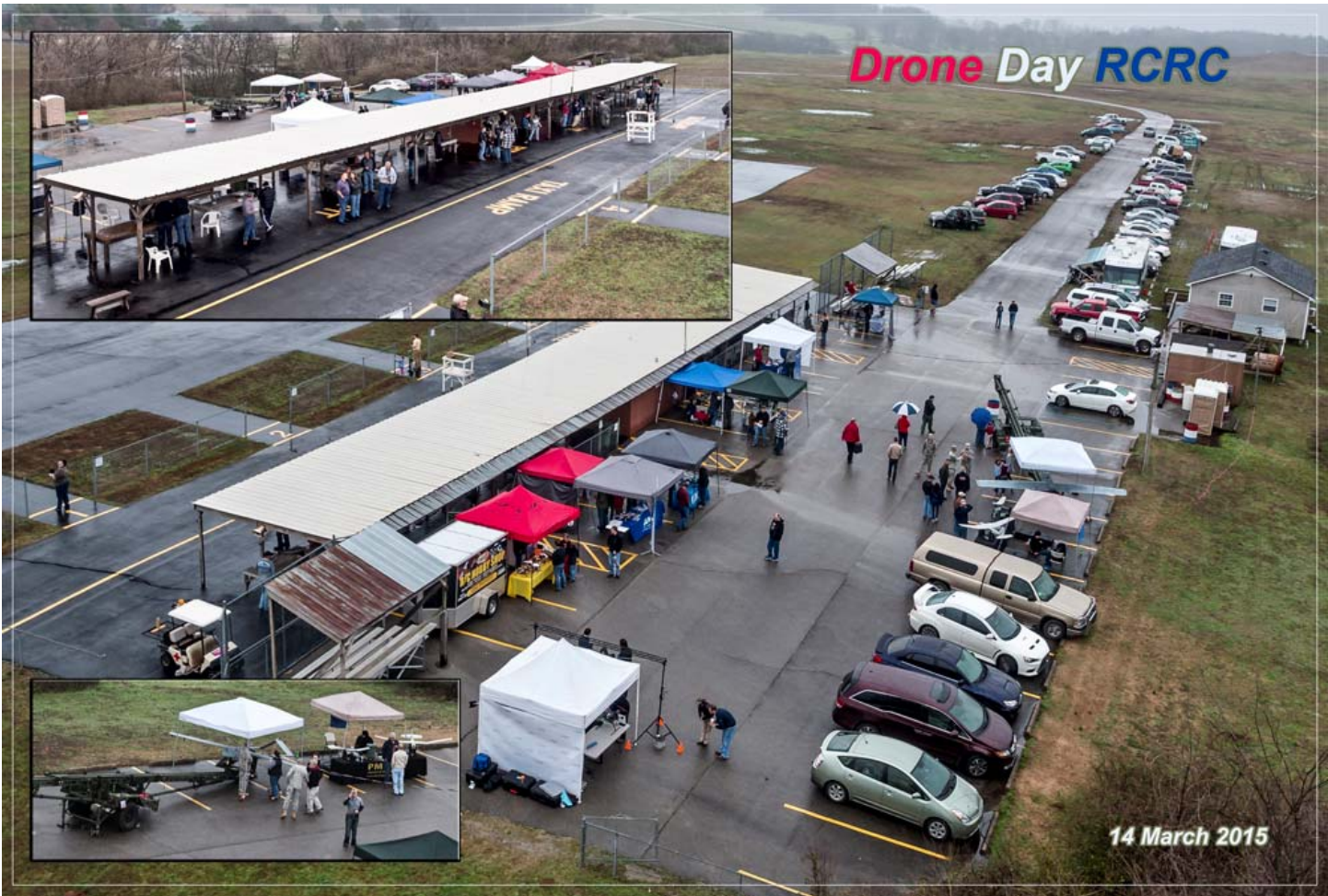
Safety

Safety has a different meaning to each individual. Some people think that what the other guy is doing is unsafe, while the person doing it thinks that it is perfectly safe. Is it true that some people can do unsafe things safely or is it that some people are “excessively” safe? I have been telling you what I have seen that is unsafe, how I would like to have you tell me what you have seen that is unsafe. You will not name people. Just write a short description, tell what was being done that was unsafe, and what they should have done to make it safe. Your name will not be used.

Send or email it to me, John Pieczynski at janandjohn@mchsi.com, or mail to John Pieczynski, 259 Sunny Dell Road, Huntsville, AL 35810

Then I will share it with you.

John





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TO:

2015 RCRC EVENTS

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	March 14 th	All Day	International Drone Day	CD: Dan Baldwin	256-541-1061
	May 1 st and 2 nd	All Day	Swap Meet	CD: Dan Baldwin	256-541-1061
	May 9 th	9 am – 3 pm	Club Day	CD: John Pieczynski	256-651-6487
	June 13 th	All Day	Big Bird	To be determined	
	July 11 th	All Day	War Bird	CD: John Pieczynski	256-651-6487
	August 8 th	All Day	BPA Pattern	To be determined	
	September 19 th and 20 th	All Day	AMA Pattern	To be determined	
	November 14 th	All Day	Toys for Tots	To be determined	

The field will be closed to members on Friday at noon before all field events, except Club Day and Toys for Tots. The field will be released back to the club by CD when the event is finished.

**ALABAMA'S
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AND BEST**

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North Alabama SWAP MEET and AUCTION

**2 May, 2015
9 AM to 3 PM
Jaycee Building
Huntsville, AL**

**Auction
at 2:30 PM**

For more information Contact:

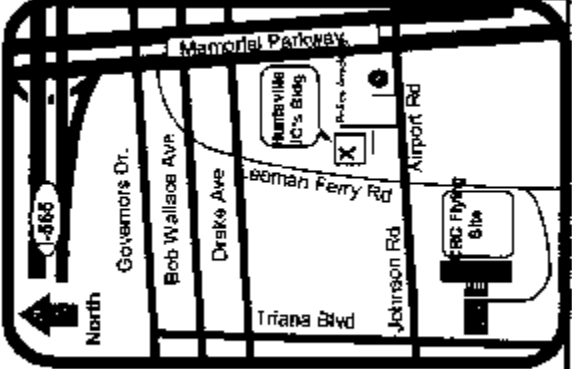
**Dan Baldwin
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**\$5.00 Admission
\$20.00 All tables
Call, E-mail, go to RCRC
Web page to
Reserve Tables**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!
BRING SOMETHING!
Look and buy!
TO SWAP OR SELL!**

**Refreshments
Available**

**Dealers with Sale Items
Setup 1 May, 2015
10AM to 4pm**





NORTH ALABAMA REGIONAL SWAP MEET

DECATUR MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

DECATUR ALABAMA

April 18th, 2015



AT THE DECATUR SHRINE CLUB 1117 LENWOOD DR SE 35603

**This is a nice indoor facility located just off the HWY 31 S. RAFFLE: VQ P51D VooDoo GP/EP ARF 58.2" 46 size - Door prizes. Admission \$5.00 per person, under 12 free. Tables/floor space \$8.00 per table PREPAID or \$10.00 per table at the door; Contact: Jim Ray (256) 353-1323 to reserve your table. All RC - Planes, Boats, Cars ,Glow and electric models and modelers welcome.
Door prizes, etc.**

Spencer: DECATUR MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB.

******April 18th, 2015 9 AM TO 12:30 PM OUT BY 1PM****
OPEN TO ALL RC EQUIPMENT**

SEE WEB SITE: www.ourdmac.com for directions and map