

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



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President's Message

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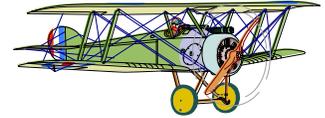
As you may have heard, Dan Baldwin resigned as president at the May 2015 board meeting. I have taken over the President's office. I hope that I can help the club become a place where everyone can have fun and socialize. Remember that you, the members, are the club and we, the board members, work for you.

I want to thank those who helped me set up for the swap meet. Jerry Hagood, Gene Hetherington, Paul Webb, John Williams, and my wife Jan, set up the tables on Friday. David Seymour assisted Jan on Saturday at the Admission table. A thank you also goes out to Joel Mullins of Cakes, Etc., who catered the event. Considering that we have not held a swap meeting for a long time, the turnout was encouraging. We did have several guests from out of state that set up tables.

I look forward to serving as your President, and welcome any suggestions for making the club a place where members, and guests, can come for fun and conversation.

Please mark your calendar for the next meeting on May 19th. Hope to see you there.

John Pieczynski



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Minutes of April 21, 2015 Meeting of RCRC

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers were present and a quorum of members was present. Three new members were welcomed. The minutes were approved as written in the April newsletter. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Income was noted as \$857.00 and expenses as \$2132.56. Current bank account balances were \$3050.16 in checking, \$7,678.36 in money market, and \$891.38 in the Mike Wingo Scholarship Fund. The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting were also reviewed.

Old Business

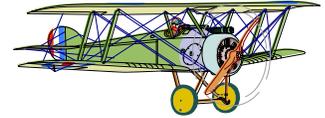
1. City resolution change – we have been informed that the city attorney is working on a document to remove the commercial restrictions giving us parity with other organizations using city property.
2. Swap Meet – Setup will be from 10-4 on Friday 5/1/15 and Saturday at 8:30 am, with the meet beginning at 9 am. Joel Mullins of Cakes Etc., will handle concessions.
3. Club Day – A motion to fund Club Day was passed: \$200.00 for food and \$200.00 for prizes. This was the same as had been passed previously when a quorum was not present.
4. War Bird – This event will be held July 11th, from 9 am to 4 pm. A motion to fund this at \$240.00: with \$200.00 for food, \$20.00 for postage, and \$20.00 for the sanction, was passed.
5. Mike Wingo Scholarship – A shortened version of proposed Selection Committee requirements for Applicants was approved by the membership. It is attached to the minutes.

New Business

1. New Banking Procedures – It was announced that new online banking procedures were now being used.
2. Bob Sorrels' proposal to use a Dropbox – This is to facilitate handling of paperwork such as minutes and historical documents. A search engine can then be used to help locate specific pieces of information.
3. Golf Cart Repair – It was voted to spend \$650.00 for new batteries and installation for the golf cart.
4. Joel Mullins Catering – On an experimental basis he will sell concessions at the Swap Meet and further plans will be made for future events.
5. Smoking at the field – Several aspects of this subject was discussed, with no motions put forth.

Field Report – Nothing other than repair of the golf cart.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting May 5, 2015

1. Members of the Board of Directors present were the previous vice-president, now president John Pieczynski; secretary, Susan Seaford; treasurer, Jan Pieczynski; and newsletter editor, Tom Wimsatt. The resignation of the previous president, Dan Baldwin, was noted.
2. The places where the resulting changes need to be made were discussed. Because of the husband and wife relationship of the treasurer and president, the secretary will be given access to the bank accounts. A trip to the bank was planned to accomplish the changes, and contact will be made with the parks and recreation and city attorney regarding these changes. The newsletter will also need to reflect these changes. A search will be made for a person interested in serving as vice-president. Also the AMA will be notified.
3. AMA will also be consulted with respect to Redstone Arsenal being (previously designated) a no-fly zone, and whether our Club will need any documentation or should take further action regarding this.
4. Dale Wasserman was appointed to do Club publicity.
5. The board members will be sent a copy of the current membership roster.
6. The board accepted the Event Accounting Form for the Swap Meet. Income from that was just over \$100. Our food service provider did not have a positive return.
7. It was (re)confirmed the Field Chairman may spend up to \$200 as needed for supplies, without prior approval.
8. Two grievance reports were reviewed and archived.
9. In our July Club meeting the event schedule for 2016 will need to be developed.

Safety Report – The safety officer reported no injuries. He stressed that the most danger of personal injury is from a spinning propeller.

Ensure that spectators are behind the airplane when the motor is running.

Commentary by John Pieczynski.

Life is but a dream. We have all heard this at one time or another in our lives. But have we given this any thought? Hobbies are the dreams of our lives; we live out our dreams by what we build and what we do with



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them. There are many different hobbies; model railroad, plastic models, RC/model aviation, sewing, knitting and so on.

There are different disciplines within radio control; building, flying, gadgets, scale, paint schemes, unique models. Building is an art in itself; what kind of glue to use, what type of fillers, what type of material to use for the air frame, what type of covering. Flying has many aspects; racing, pattern, or just burning holes in the sky. This also encompasses trimming the model, which can take many flights to achieve what the pilot wants out their model. Gadgets are a world in itself. With the explosion of technology, anything is possible; it is only limited by your imagination and pocketbook. Scale pilots are imitating the real models, not only in looks but also in flight. Many hours are put into building, finishing, and flying. Paint schemes can be applied to any model, limited only by the builder's imagination. Unique models-what are unique models? Snoopy's Dog House, the Wicked Witch of the West on a broomstick, birds (ornithopters), flying lawnmowers, and many more. Only your imagination will limit you.

I know that most RC pilots are satisfied with just buying a plane that is ready to fly. There is nothing wrong with this. But I am sure that when they get their plane in the air their imagination takes over.

Another side of RC is the friends that are made and the stories that are told.



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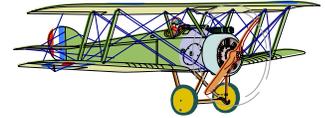
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May 19th Club Meeting Agenda will include the following:

1. Changes in the door prizes system, and changes in the pizza before meetings plan, will be brought up at the next meeting for discussion
2. We'll discuss a proposal to not include Toys for Tots and Big Bird events in 2016.
3. A reservation for Camp AMA will need to be made for winner of the Mike Wingo scholarship.



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TO:

2015 RCRC EVENTS

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.