



THE **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** **NEWSLETTER**
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Proudly serving the Huntsville community at the Captain Trey Wilbourn Model Airplane Field.

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Huntsville, AL 35804

July 2015

President's Message

The weather has turned hot and muggy. Keep hydrated, drink plenty of liquids, use sun screen, and don't over exert.

I would like to welcome Al Blair to the board of directors. He will be filling the Vice President's position. Welcome Al.

By now you have already flown your winter project and have finished tweaking it in. Now you are ready to enjoy your last year's dream. Some of us are better fliers than others. Some just like to burn holes in the sky, others like to push themselves to perfection, some are gadget people, trying out new gadgets and learning how to use them. No matter which one you are, you're here for one thing; to have fun and to fulfill your dreams. Oh I almost forgot another reason. All are here to make friends, to exchange ideas and stories, to show others how to do something better, quicker, and easier. Now is the time, you have the rest of the year to do so.

Also, a reminder to the youth in our club and the surrounding area, August 15th is drawing near. Get your essay in for AMA Camp 2016. If you don't know what I am talking about, there is a flyer posted in the flight shed at the field and at each of the three hobby shops in the area, or just give me a call at 256-651-6487. This is a chance of a lifetime, don't miss it.

Remember the next meeting is July 21st, at 6:00 PM. Come and voice your opinion.

See you at the field.

John Pieczynski
President

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Minutes of June 16, 2015 RCRC meeting

The meeting was called to order by the president. All officers were present. A quorum was present. One guest was present.

The treasurer's report listed \$314.55 in income and \$626.72 in expenses for the past month. The general fund currently has \$2294.27, the money market fund has \$7680.72, and the memorial fund has \$891.76.

John Pieczynski gave the safety report which had no accident or injuries. Painting the propeller tips was mentioned.

John Williams gave the field report which discussed multiple minor repairs to the golf cart. The next repair will be the sprayer.

The Mike Wingo scholarship committee reported that brochures had been placed and the information had been on TV regarding the application for the AMA Camp. There was discussion regarding changing the dates for the application process but they were left intact so the winner could be announced at the pattern event in August.

A member wants to donate an AED unit for use at the field. Several issues were discussed related to that such as liability and exactly where it would be placed, whether indoors or out. It was voted to accept this gift.

UAH involvement with RCRC was discussed. It was voted to proceed with that by drawing up a document that would outline the relationship, essentially a memorandum of understanding to be approved by both parties.

Meeting attendance incentives were discussed. It was voted not to have pizza before meetings. It was also voted not to have door prizes. Programs will be announced in the newsletter.

Al Blair volunteered to fill the unoccupied office of vice-president for the remaining term.

The president pointed out that RCRC requires full AMA membership. A Park Flyer membership does not qualify.

A suggestion was made for an electric fly-in event. It was pointed out that we need CD's for events and that to be put in the AMA magazine they need to be scheduled 4 months in advance.

Improvements in the vertical take-off field were discussed such as two tables and crushed gravel around them.

The cost of those items will be investigated.

John Pieczynski gave the program which was on MonoKote surfaces.

Board Meeting Minutes July 7, 2015

1. UAH

A Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed and minor changes in the wording were made. That document will be sent to the officers after the changes are made. AMA will not insure UAH so they must provide evidence of equivalent coverage.

2. Auto accident

An auto accident at the field caused some damage to the fence and bench structures. That has been repaired. Thanks to Ron Lamon and Cameron Fears for getting those repairs done.

3. Camp AMA

Applications are slow to come in. The deadline is August 15.

4. Fireworks

An episode occurred at the field involving the use of fireworks that needed cleanup. The president will address this in the newsletter.

5. Membership

It was explained that the reason that park flyer AMA membership is not accepted is their lower level of insurance coverage. Club memberships after July 1 are half the regular amount.

6. Warbirds

Plans are complete for this event.

7. Field work

The large sprayer has been repaired with a new motor and pump. Information is being obtained regarding materials and supplies to improve the vertical take-off field.



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.

4th of July

The 4th of July is a joyous/patriotic time of the year. This is the time of the year that we celebrate our freedom. One of the ways of celebrating is the use of fireworks. They are so beautiful and dangerous. They are dangerous in more than one way. They can cause serious burns, missing digits, and in our case a lost flying site. We have this field for our use to fly model aircraft with the understanding that rules for its use are abided by. One of the major stipulations is that we do not use open flame. This means that fireworks are not to be used on this site. Unfortunately, one of our members used the parking lot to launch fireworks this holiday. They were lucky that the authorities didn't show up. If an incident would have occurred, what do you think SWDA would have to say about our use of their property? After all, no open flame is the only concession they didn't agree on. If the club would have lost the use of the field because of one incident, would the person/persons responsible be proud of themselves? How would they justify their actions to the rest of the club members? Just think before you act.

John W. Pieczynski
President.



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TO:

2015 RCRC EVENTS

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	August 8 th	All Day	BPA Pattern	To be determined	
	September 19 th and 20 th	All Day	AMA Pattern	CD: Jon Lowe	
	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.