



THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



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The weather has turned hot and muggy. Keep hydrated, drink plenty of liquids, use sun screen, and don't over exert. This has been a hot summer and it doesn't look like it is going to let up soon.

Looks like this is a year for change. AMA has made some major changes for next year that will affect RCRC. To be specific, it is when an AMA membership will start and when it will end for members. In the past, it was from the first of the year to the end of the year. As of September 15th of 2015, this will no longer be the case. Therefore, RCRC will have to make some changes in the By-Laws. The board is looking at some ways to have RCRC meld into the new AMA changes. Come to the August meeting and voice some options and vote on them.

Also, a reminder to the youth in the 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. You can also give me a call at 256-651-6487. This is a chance of a lifetime, don't miss it. Turn it in to Al Blair, Vice President of RCRC.

Remember the next meeting is August 18th, at 6:00 PM. Come and voice your opinion.

See you at the field.

John Pieczynski
President

Minutes of July 21 RCRC Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the president. There was not a quorum present. One visitor was present. All officers were present. The minutes of the last two meetings were approved. The treasurer's report showed \$988.09 in income for the last month and expenses of \$1079.23 giving balances of \$2262.57 in the checking account, \$7681.24 in the money market account and \$891.94 in the Wingo Fund. The safety report described an auto accident with injuries and property damage. The safety messages for the month were to be careful around props and be aware of the injuries the can occur from using neck straps. The field report stated that the sprayer was repaired and that the repairs to the field after the auto accident had been completed.

Under old business, it was noted the applications for Camp AMA will be open until August 15. It will be brought to the attention of those youth participating in the Civil Air Patrol program at the field. There is no further information on UAH's response to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

Under new business, the proposed contest schedule for 2016 was presented and discussed. There is a need for contest directors and event directors. There are some members interested in this. The pros and cons of having the swap meet at the field versus the Jaycees building were discussed. Interest was expressed in doing a pylon contest and doing more work with Toys for Tots. It was voted to accept the contest calendar. The need for a Facebook presence was discussed and Bob Templeton will help out on that. Other business included the gift on another air conditioning unit. And the president mentioned that the AMA Manual can be downloaded.

Al Blair presented the program on adhesives.

Board of Directors Meeting August 4, 2015

1. National Model Aviation Day will be August 15. Bob Templeton will be the Event Director and do the social media pre-event work. The field will remain open and pizza and cold drinks are planned.
2. AMA Camp has still not attracted many applicants. The final date to apply is August 15.
3. There has been no contact with UAH regarding our proposed MOU with them.
4. A recent change at AMA regarding their dues will affect several areas with RCRC (*refer to Attachment I*). We will either have to align our membership procedures with the AMA or continue as they are but institute procedures monthly to insure that there are no gaps in AMA insurance coverage. The position of the Board of Directors was that it would be best to follow the AMA. This will necessitate changes in the bylaws, field regulations, membership cards, website and data base, and field check-in procedures. The wording of those changes will be initiated (*refer to Attachment II*).
5. Other changes to the bylaws and flying field rules could be changed at the same time. Paragraph 8c of the field regulations should be written so it is more guest and family friendly. Paragraph 19 of the field regulations no longer applies since we can now have vendors and could be eliminated.
6. The ways Facebook could be used for advancing RCRC were discussed. Bob Templeton will get us a better presence in social media.
7. The president would like to prepare a list of individuals who have expertise in programming particular brands of radios and a list of people that have expertise in certain types of repairs whether giving advice or actually helping.
8. The AMA has an attractive publication, Newcomers' Guide, which we are trying to get more copies to put in our New Member packets. Copies were available for the CAP trainees when they attended their event and it was well received.

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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.

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Commentary by John Pieczynski.

Radio Programmers

Our hobby is changing at an unbelievable pace. Most of us can't keep up with the changes. I have had a number of members come to me at the field asking for help in programming their radios. Most I can help but some I cannot. I am only familiar with a few of the radio manufacturers and how they program their radios. The rest I can only guess at. In some cases, guessing is ok if it is correct; if not, there can be trouble. What I propose is that the club set up a list of members that are proficient with programming radios. In this list of members, they will list the brands of radios that they know and are willing to help with. List their name, phone number, and email address, so there is more than one way to get in touch with them. This list will be like the instructors list so that we, as members, can get more out of our hobby. After all, we are the experts on RC, or at least that is what the rest of the world thinks.

John W. Pieczynski
President.



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TO:

2015 RCRC EVENTS

	August 15 th	All Day	National Model Aviation Day	CD: Bob Templeton	
	September 19 th and 20 th	All Day	AMA Pattern	CD: Jon Lowe	
	November 14 th	All Day	Toys for Tots	CD: Alan Berard	

Proposed 2016 RCRC EVENTS

	April 15, 16, 2016	All Day	Swap Meet	CD: Alan Berard	
	May 21, 2016	All Day	Club Day	ED: Vice President	
	June 17, 2016	All Day	Big Bird	CD: Paul Webb	
	July 16, 2016	All Day	Pylon Races	CD: Alan Berard	
	August 19, 20, 2016	All Day	War Bird	CD: TBD	
	September 16, 17, 2016	All Day	AMA Pattern	CD: Jon Lowe	
	November 19, 2016	All Day	Toys for Tots	CD: Alan Berard	

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.

On September 15, 2015, the new dues structure will become effective. Open membership will increase to \$75 and Senior membership will be \$10 less at \$65. However, you can opt to renew your membership for 2016 at the current rate of \$58/\$48 until September 14, 2015. You can save even more and purchase a two-year membership for \$113/\$93. For more information, visit www.modelaircraft.org/membershipfaqs.aspx.

Another change for next year will be going to a year-to-date membership structure. For members who renew before December 31, 2015, when their current license expires, their card will be valid through December 31, 2016. For new or previously expired members, the month of enrollment becomes the month of expiration the following year. If a person joins on September 15, 2015, his or her license will be good through September 30, 2016. This should make the membership process much simpler. To help charter club officials maintain a current membership listing, several club officers will be emailed monthly rosters. I hope this new structure will be more equitable for all members. The length of membership and missing magazines should no longer be a problem.

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Bylaw Changes

Original Bylaw

Article Three Membership

Section 3(a) Annual membership dues are \$50.00. Additional immediate family membership for each member will be assessed at the rate of ½ (one half) times the normal annual dues if the address is the same as the initial member's. For renewals that apply to the 2010 calendar year, yearly dues are due no later than the December, 2009 general membership meeting. Renewals after that date shall be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. However, for the 2011 and later calendar years as well as for memberships taken during during December of 2010, there is no penalty; the fee is always \$50.00.

Proposed Change

Article Three Membership

Section 3(a) Annual membership dues are \$50.00. Additional club memberships for family members residing in the same household as the primary club member are \$25.00 each.

Original Bylaw

Article Three Membership

Section 3(c) Dues will be prorated on July 1 to ½ (one half) the normal rate for new members, and lapsed members who were not RCRC members the previous calendar year. Proration does not apply to family membership. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which shall be determined by the membership on a case-by-case basis.

Proposed Change

Article Three Membership

Section 3(c) Each club member's dues will synchronize with and be due upon their annual AMA membership renewal. There will be no proration of dues. This also pertains to non member passes. Dues and City permit fees are non-refundable.

Proposed Addition

Article Three

Membership

Section 3(e) Membership cards will be blue. The issue and expiration dates will be clearly visible on the card. The red Radio Control Operators Permit (non-member cards) and the white Radio Control Operators Permit (visitors flying card) will have the issue and expiration dates clearly marked on the card as well. No permits will be issued for longer than a one year period. The membership card expiration date will be determined by the expiration date of the club member's AMA membership.

Proposed Addition

Article Three

Membership

Section 3(f) The gate combination will be changed at the first of the year. All current members will be notified of the new combination. If for some reason, the combination must be changed during the year, the membership will be notified as soon as possible. All new members will be given the combination with their membership card. The new combination will be the decision of the current president.

Original Bylaw

Article Four

Meetings

Section 6: The regular meeting for the month of November shall be designated as the annual meeting and all membership assessments are due and payable at this time. The Newsletter Editor shall cause to be mailed to every member in good standing a notice of this meeting.

Proposed Change

Article Four

Meetings

Section 6: The regular meeting for the month of November shall be designated as the annual meeting. The Newsletter Editor shall cause to be mailed or e-mailed, to every member in good standing, for the month of November, a notice of this meeting with a list of candidates for office, in the form of a ballot that can be brought to the meeting, voted on via our website, or mailed in before the meeting.

Flying Field Regulations Change

Original Regulation

8. Flight Operations

- c. For safety purposes, unescorted spectators are to remain on the parking lot side of the spectator fence. Spectators will be allowed in the pit area under the supervision of a member for purposes of a short conducted tour. When the tour is over, the spectator(s) must return to the spectator area. Members may have one guest at a time in the pit area but no guest under The age of 12, who is not an AMA member, may remain in the pit are. Any damage done to aircraft or equipment of any personnel injury that Occurs is the responsibility of the member who conducts the tour, or has a Guest in the pit area.

Proposed Regulation

8 Flight Operations

- c. For safety purposes, unescorted spectators are to remain on the parking lot side of the spectator fence. Spectators will be allowed in the pit area under the supervision of a member for a visit to promote the RCRC club and aeromodelling in general. These guests remain the responsibility of that member as long as they are in the pit area. Any damage done to aircraft or equipment or any personal injury that occurs is the responsibility of the member who escorts the visitors.

Original Regulation

- 19. City Resolution 95-112 prohibits vendors of any type from being allowed at the flying site at any time. This includes booths or any organized display of products.

Proposed Regulation

- 19. To help enforce membership currency, the sign-in procedure for members or visitors flying at the field will be: (1) putting their RCRC membership card or their Radio Control Operators Permit, in either a frequency or empty slot on the frequency control board. (2) signing the logbook.