



THE **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** **RCRC** **NEWSLETTER**
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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October 2015

President's Message

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Welcome:

The weather is starting to turn. Cooler weather is upon us. With this, there are more flyers at the field.

The pattern contest has come and gone. We only had six registered pilots. What is happening with the people who normally compete? We did have two new pilots that entered. Is it that we are having wrong type of contests or is it that members are losing interest in competing?

As winter sets in so does the building season. I guess that there aren't as many builders as in the past. But I still believe that there are dreamers. What is your dream plane for next year? Start dreaming, spring will be here before you know it.

Bob Templeton is looking for officers to run the club next year. If you are interested please get in touch with Bob at 256-880-2028, or bob@dbltree.com.

Don't forget to vote on bylaw changes. You can do it online at the club website, mail in the ballot, or come to the October meeting, whichever way is most convenient.

See you at the field.

John Pieczynski
President

Minutes of the September meeting 9-15-15

The meeting was called to order by the president. A quorum was not present. All officers were present except the vice-president. One new member was present. The minutes were tentatively approved. The treasurer reported income of \$256.72 and expenses of \$353.28. The general fund has a balance of \$1415.02, the money market account has \$7683.19 and the Mike Wingo fund has \$892.31. The treasurer's report was tentatively approved.

The safety report was given by the president. One member had a back injury while retrieving an airplane from a tree. The president reminded the members to know their equipment especially their radio and to try things out. There was discussion of the use of a fail-safe but it is not mandatory.

The field report was given by Paul Webb. The levels in the batteries in the golf cart will be checked.

In other business, there has been no further contact with UAH. Civil Air Patrol cadets are meeting monthly but it was suggested that individual instruction be set up as well. The pattern event with Jon Lowe as CD will be this weekend (September 19 and 20). The field will be closed Friday afternoon through Sunday until the event is over. Alan Berard will be the CD for the Toys for Tots event on November 14 for which he needs volunteers. Members were reminded that the vote on the bylaws will be at the October meeting.

Member Richard McCann succumbed to cardiovascular disease on September 10. It was voted to put a plaque on the wall in his honor.

The meeting was adjourned. There was no program.

**Board of Directors Meeting
(Omitted from previous newsletter)**

September 1, 2015

Board members present were John Pieczynski, president; Al Blair, vice-president; Susan Seaford, secretary; and Jan Pieczynski, treasurer.

1. The president reminded us of the AMA Membership Manual 2015 that is online.
2. Another person representing UAH met with John Pieczynski to discuss their flying with RCRC. There is still not a response to the MOU presented to them.
3. The vote on the new bylaws will be at the October meeting.
4. The new Field Regulations have been posted having been passed by a quorum.
5. The president appreciates those who volunteered their radio programming skills. Any other help, especially with other brands, is needed.
6. Two events remain for this calendar year: Pattern and Toys for Tots.
7. An unidentified plane was found on RCRC property. Call the president to claim. The information will be put on Facebook also.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

October 6, 2015

All officers were present. It was reported that the slate of new officers was almost filled.

The bylaws will be voted on at the next meeting. One can vote on line if desired but a code is needed. That can be obtained by emailing the webmaster. No quorum will be needed at the meeting since this is the second vote. Election of officers will be in November. The names will be presented at the next meeting and will be on internet.

The pattern event was held in September. There were 6 registered pilots.

The new field rules are in effect. The president noted that the members make the rules and it is the members' responsibility that they are enforced.

Toys for Tots is scheduled for November 14th. It was emphasized that this event is for everybody. Gifts should be new but not giftwrapped. A \$20 or more donation would be an alternative.



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.



RCRC 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
Yes _____ memberships for family members residing in the same
No _____ 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
Yes _____ their annual AMA membership renewal. There will be no
No _____ proration of dues. This also pertains to non member passes. Dues and City permit fees are non-refundable.

RCRC Bylaw changes (Cont.)

Proposed Addition

Article Three

Membership

Section 3(e) Membership cards will be blue. The issue and expiration dates will **Yes** _____ be clearly visible on the card. The red Radio Control Operators **No** _____ 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 **Yes** _____ current members will be notified of the new combination. If for **No** _____ 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 **Yes** _____ designated as the annual meeting. The Newsletter Editor shall **No** _____ 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, vote on the website, or mailed in before the meeting.

**Article Eleven
Amendment**

Section 2: Once the changes have been approved, they are published in the newsletter in ballot form, and mailed to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting where the final vote is taken. The changes must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at that meeting or who voted by mailing in the ballots in the newsletter. A ballot returned by mail before the meeting is counted as if the member were present. The newsletter editor will provide a list of eligible voters and ballots for that meeting.

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Yes _____
No _____

**Article One
Section 4
Organization**

Original by-law

The Corporation and its limits are defined in the corporation documents registered in the County of Madison, State of Alabama.

**Article One
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Proposed change

The Corporation and its Non Profit (NP) organization limits are
Yes _____ Defined in the corporation documents registered April 30, 1971, in the County of Madison, State of Alabama. The Corporation, in
No _____ 2013, has been recognized by the Federal Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt organization in accordance with Section 501(c), (7), Social Club.

Article Seven

Section 9

Officers

Original Bylaw

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for such monies and Securities. He/she shall make deposits in a regular bank or trust company in a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00, for maintenance of a checking account. The balance of funds of the organization shall be deposited to an interest bearing account, except that the Board of Directors may cause such funds to be invested in such investments As shall be approved by the laws of the State of Alabama governing this organization. The treasurer shall maintain a minimum un-leveraged balance of \$2,000 (two thousand) dollars for the purpose of providing an emergency replacement fund for facilities lost at the Trey Wilburn Field, in the event of vandalism, arson, or natural disaster. He/she Shall render, at the monthly membership meeting, a written account of The finances of the organization, to include all expenditures and receipts since the last regular meeting. The monthly report shall include the field maintenance and improvement expenditures to date. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign checks issued upon it, and only those officers designated by the Board of Directors sign checks or drafts of the organization with the concurrence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be required to post bond, the cost thereof to be paid from the funds of the organization. The Treasurer shall perform all other duties incident to that office. The Treasurer shall require all monies received to be properly annotated on the RCRC Sales Report and turned into him/her at each membership meeting. He/she will verify the President's inventory (as required by Article 7, Section 6) by comparing the current inventory against last inventory, plus items received minus items sold, to insure proper accounting. A report to the general membership of inventory quantities, and the results of the review of the inventory , will be provided at the April and October meetings, and the December meeting upon a change in the office of President. Any shortages found as a result of this review are the responsibility of the President of RCRC. The RCRC fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

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TO:

2015 RCRC EVENTS

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	October 20 th	6:00 PM	Club Meeting	
	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.