

# THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



... an AMA Award of Excellence Club!

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

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September 2016

## President's Message

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National Model Aviation Day 2016 was a great success! Thank you everyone for your help and participation. Unfortunately, the AMA Pattern Event scheduled for this weekend (September 16-18) has been canceled due to lack of interest. There were very few preregistered participants and most of them ended-up cancelling. Thank you to John Lowe for running this event and his time and effort. Hopefully, we'll have better luck next year. The Warbird & Big Bird event will be held on October 22. John Tubb is the CD for this event. The definition of what constitutes a warbird will be broad and flexible to encourage more participation.

The life of this club depends on its membership. I would like to remind all members that each and every one of you is an ambassador of this club and the RC hobby. Please make every attempt to greet and acknowledge visitors and new members in a friendly and positive way. First impressions are everything! It is completely permissible to invite them into the pits to show them around, talk about your setups or have them watch you fly. Being good ambassadors will go a long way to helping this club thrive for years to come. AMA has a great article if you haven't read it yet. Fostering an Active Flying Club in the Modern Era: <http://modelaviation.com/fostering-active-clubs>

After a lengthy financial discussion at the last meeting, a bylaw amendment to raise annual club dues to \$70 was proposed and approved. The ballot for this amendment is located in this newsletter. You may use this ballot to vote any time before the club meeting on October 18th, 2016. Please return completed ballots to any board member or to the club's PO Box. Online voting at our website is also available for your convenience.

Fly well, fly safe!!  
 Bob Templeton  
 President - RCRC



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**Minutes of the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**RCRC Club Meeting**

Meeting called to order 1807. A quorum is present. No new members or visitors present.

Meeting Minutes for July 2016 - Approved by vote.

Safety Officer - Keep clear of props. Remember to stay hydrated.

Treasurer Report:

Income = \$963.00

Expenses = \$1124.89

Checking Account Balance = \$3069.81

Money Market Balance = \$7693.76

Motion to accept, vote passed.

Model Aviation Day Report - Pilot Donation = \$105 (18 pilots). A few people also included donations with their entry fee. Concessions = \$96.00. 50/50 Draw = \$50. The winner of draw donated the winnings back to the club. Thank you Mr. Stricker, from Jackson, MO. Sum total to the Club for this event = \$255

Up Coming Events, please support! : War Bird/Big Bird Event 16 October 22, 2016.

New Business

Gene Porter Bridwell passed this past month. Plan to place his photo on Memorial Board. Passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion of Avion Letter that was included in the July 2016 Newsletter.

- There will be no interference with daily activities.
- They will be required to follow all club regulations, rules and By Laws.
- Discussion on their roles and instruction provided.
- Avion agreement will be valid for 1 year

Motion to Pass. Vote passed.



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Budget Forecast Discussion- Forecast and Projections.

- Discussed decline of club finances (checking account, Money Market balances, etc.) and membership over past few years
- Expenses have been controlled this past year but cash balances are expected to continue to decrease.
- Raising Dues was discussed
- Many ideas discussed as well as a need to bring in more new/younger members.
- Proposed increase of dues to \$70.00.

Bob Templeton will write up a proposal to change Bylaws for the next meeting

Bill Courtney donated a War Bird AT-6 Texan which will be auctioned off at the Big Bird/War Bird Event. Additional information to be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 1855.

Alan Berard



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**Board of Directors Meeting:**

Meeting call to order at 1815

Present: Bob Templeton, John Tubb, Al Blair and Alan Berard.

Discussion:

1. The need for a Big Bird/War Bird Flyer for advertisement, and upload to RCRC Web Site.
2. AT-6 Texan may be auctioned at Big Bird/War Bird Event. Plane was donated by Bill Courtney.

Meeting adjourned at 1825

Alan Berard



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## Bylaw Amendment Ballot - Membership Dues Increase

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

RCRC Members. The proposed bylaw changes below have been approved by a quorum at the club meeting held on August 16, 2016. The final vote on these changes will take place at the October 18, 2016 club meeting. Online voting is available on the RCRC website or you may deliver this completed ballot in person to the October 18 meeting or by mail to the RCRC mailing address (Rocket City RC, P.O. Box 2163, Huntsville, AL 35804)

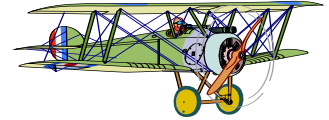
### **ARTICLE THREE: (MEMBERSHIP)**

#### **Original Bylaw:**

**Section 3A:** 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.

#### **Proposed Change:**

- Yes** **Section 3A:** Annual membership dues are \$70.00. Additional club memberships for family members residing in the same household as the primary club member are \$35.00 each. Non-member permits are available for a \$60.00.
- No** **Section 3A:** 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.



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**TO:**

<b><u>2016 RCRC EVENTS</u></b>				
October 22, 2016	All Day	Big Bird & War Bird	CD: John Tubb	
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.