



# NEWSLETTER



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

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to give a huge shout-out to John Pieczynski. John is a long-standing RCRC member and has been an enthusiastic ambassador of this hobby and this club for as long as I have been a member. He cares about our club and helps behind the scenes with numerous items from signing up new members, to recruiting new members, to contributing to the newsletter content. I greatly appreciate his contributions and assistance with club activities. THANK YOU, JOHN!

I wish to clarify the signs that have been added to the pilot stations. These rules are not newly-created rules. They have been present in the field regulations for many years. These rules apply to EVERYONE and EVERY TYPE OF AIRCRAFT...no exceptions. This is strictly for safety of person and property and I expect all members to help police this. If you see someone that needs a reminder, please give them one. If someone reminds you, please don't take it personally. We are all here to enjoy and support this hobby in a safe manner and we all need to ensure that while we're having fun that safety remains the primary focus.

I'm continuing to receive reports of crazy ads, popups, and suspicious content when users are attempting to access our website. Again, I want to assure everyone that is not our website that is presenting these sites. This problem exists when someone clicks a link that's given to them when they try to find the site via a Google search. I have added an "Important Links" section on the last page of the newsletter. Hopefully that will help people find what they need using the safest and most-direct route.

**The next club meeting is Tuesday March 19 at 6pm.**

**Fly well, fly safe!!**

**Bob Templeton  
President - RCRC**





### **Club Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 1800. Quorum was NOT present

#### **Old Business**

- Treasurer's report was given by Gene Hauck. Passed. (Must be voted again)
- Safety report was given by Bob Templeton. Passed. (Must be voted again)
- Previous meeting minutes and newsletter content. Passed (Must be voted again)

#### **New Business**

- Discussion on new FAA labeling requirements. RCRC will not require, verify, or police the presence of FAA registrations numbers. All thing FAA are a private matter between the pilot/operator and the FAA.

Meeting Adjourned: 1822

**A Board of Directors meeting was not held for March 2019**





## For Your Info

### Modeling Resume and RC History

It all started when I was 8 years old. I bought my first .049 engine. I had trouble starting it, when one of the neighbor kids came over and told me that the neighbor across the street heard that I had a model airplane engine and told the neighbor kid to have me bring it over and that he would give me a hand. It didn't take him long to get it going and the sound of that engine running, and the smell of the exhaust changed the future of my life. Even though I never did put that engine into a plane, I have been hooked on modeling since then. My first plane was a Cox line control. I flew that for many years, in all types of weather. I grew up in Iowa, so I flew through all 4 seasons. Yes, even in the snow and freezing temperature.

I have flown line control, free flight (motor, rubber, hand launched), and Radio Control. Over the years I have belonged to many clubs, held the office of president and vice president in several. I have been a flight instructor for many years in different clubs. I was on a special committee when I belonged to the Palomar RC club in San Marcos, California. It was a committee for the county of San Diego RC clubs. We did a number of things, but most of all we looked for flying fields, and ways to keep the ones we had. I also did research on model airplane noise and how to reduce it.

I have owned a hobby shop that sold RC planes, boats, cars, and equipment and accessories, and I was also a Kraft Radio dealer, as well as selling other hobbies. I have competed in contests, and am presently a contest director, and Leader Member. I have belonged to AMA for over fifty years. My one goal since the very first engine run is to help and encourage others in the hobby. I do not believe in charging others for my knowledge, I believe in paying forward. This is a hobby, not a business, and I try to have others see it that way. I believe that this hobby is to be enjoyed by all that are in it and by those that sit in the bleachers and watch and dream.

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## Important Links:

RCRC Website:

<https://rocketcityrc.com>

Direct link to the current weather conditions at the field:

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KALHUNTS256>

Academy of Model Aeronautics:

<https://modelaircraft.org>

RCRC YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBPcz2UzsCDMR-oAO-PaA4g>

FAA Registration:

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov>

