



# THE **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA NEWSLETTER



... an AMA Award of Excellence Club!

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

**P. O. Box 2163**

**Huntsville, AL**

**May, 2009**

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# Prez Sez

Greetings to everyone in this rainy and soggy month of May! I have been traveling quite a bit for work, so I haven't been at the field as much as I would have liked. Our annual events are coming up soon so get them on your schedule and attend. Do your spring preflight on hoses planes and have them ready. The entires membership needs to support this club at its events throughout the year. These events are what helps fund the club and maintain the field.

The Board has a few recommend bylaw changes in this newsletter, so please read them carefully. We are going to discuss them at the May general membership meeting, so plan to attend.

*Tony*

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**Rocket City Radio Controllers, Inc.**  
**April 2009 Membership Meeting**  
**Minutes**

The Meeting was called to order on April 21, 2009 at 1900. A quorum of the membership was not present.

**Board members present:**

President, Vice-president Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.

**New members present:** None

**Guests:** None

**Board Announcements:**

The drink vending machine had a large quantity of out of date Pepsi products. The out of date product has been removed and discarded. New product, in smaller quantities, has been purchased and put into the machine.

The Electric Fun Fly is this weekend and will include a night fling session. (Don't come after reading this; it has already happened.)

Club Day is scheduled May 9.

**Field Committee Report:**

The field chair reported that there are several cracks in the runway that need to be repaired. The best method to repair them is being evaluated.

**Safety Report:**

The Safety chair stated that the use of engines that do not meet the AMA noise standards will be monitored and if violations of the standard occur the offending parties will be asked to cease operation until their planes are modified and meet the AMA standards.

There have also been cases reported where non-members and non-AMA members have been flying at the field. The safety chair has not personally seen this nor has anybody identified as doing this to any board member. We will continue to monitor this situation.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income for March	\$1907.00
Expense for March	\$4976.00
Roof Replacement	\$2877.00
Fuel	\$1908.00
Misc. (utilities, sanitation, etc.)	\$91.00

Checking account balance       \$892.87

Savings account balance       \$9631.88

The treasurer's report was submitted for approval. The vote was for approval. This was a non quorum vote.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

A discussion was led by the president concerning the aging infrastructure cracked runway, roof on the clubhouse etc. There was no action taken or motions. This was just an information statement. He also mentioned the possibility of a due structure change. He also mentioned that he would look into a roof replacement by the insurance company due to hail damage. This was a information only no proposal was presented.

The motion to install internet at the field was presented to the membership. The addition of internet was to support a potential weather station at the field along with a landline phone for emergency use. Additional benefits would be cable television at the clubhouse and internet availability at the field. After much discussion the consensus was that it would be nice but the cost ~ \$90.00 per month was not feasible. The motion was put to a vote (no quorum present) and it failed.

The program for the meeting was presented by Jon Lowe and it was a introduction to servos. He discussed the various types and how to rig them for their various applications. He also discussed the strength and weaknesses of the various types.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00

**Come to the big bird fly-in on May  
16<sup>th</sup>**

You may either watch or fly, but come! (If you want to fly, bring your AMA card.)

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## Minutes for the May 2009 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order on May 6, 2009, at 6:30 pm

**Board Members present:** President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Letter Editor

**Guests:** Bob Walls

**Old business:** None

### New business:

Mr. Bob Walls presented a proposal for "The Toys for Tots Fly In". His proposal is as follows:

CD: Bob Walls

Marine Corps Toys for Tots Fly-in Presented by RCRC

Date: 11/6/09 12:00am-6:00pm & 11/07/09 8:00AM -6:00PM

Entry Fee: \$20 or new unwrapped toy worth \$20.00

Expenses: \$ 395.00

### Discussion of potential changes to the sections of the bylaws pertaining to membership dues.

Mr. Low presented the following and after review it was decided it to present it to the membership at the next meeting. The proposed changes to the bylaws follow.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm

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## Proposed Bylaw Changes

### Section 3:

**Current:** (a) Annual membership dues are \$50.00. Additional immediate family membership will be assessed at the rate of 1/2 (one half) times the normal annual dues if the address is the same as the initial member's.

**Proposed:** (a) Annual membership dues are \$50.00. Additional immediate family membership for each member will be assessed at the rate of 1/2 (one half) times the normal annual dues if

the address is the same as the initial member's. To encourage early yearly renewals, yearly dues are due no later than the December general membership meeting. Renewals after that date shall be assessed a \$10 late fee.

**Current :** (b) Any pilot of miniature aircraft with an active membership in the AMA who is 65-69 years old, and either applies for membership or currently holds membership with RCRC, shall be granted Senior Pilot Status and have their dues to RCRC discounted fifty (50) percent. Applicant must file a membership application with proof of claim.

**Proposed :** (b) (Deleted)

**Current** (c) For Pilots of miniature aircraft 70 years old or greater, who currently hold an active membership with AMA and is either a current member, or is applying for membership with RCRC, shall be granted Super Senior Pilot Status and have their dues waived. Applicant must file a membership application with proof of claim.

**Proposed** (c) (Deleted)

**Current:** (d) Persons showing an interest in miniature radio controlled model aviation and of an age less than sixteen (16) years and current member of AMA will be granted a no dues Junior Membership. Applicant must file a membership application with proof of claim.

**Proposed:** (d) (No change)

**Current:** (e) Dues will be prorated on July 1 to 1/2 (one half) the normal rate. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary circumstances, which shall be determined by the membership on a case-by-case basis.

**Proposed:** (e) Dues will be prorated on July 1 to 1/2 (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.



# 2009 RCRC Big Bird Fly In



**AMA Sanctioned**  
**Sponsored by RC Hobbies**

80 inch wingspan monoplanes, 60 inch wingspan biplanes, or true quarter scale.  
No jets, helicopters or 3-D flyers.

RCRC Trey Wilbourn Field, Huntsville,  
Alabama.

GPS: 34 41.192N, 86 35.725 W.

Entry fee: \$20.00.

Practice on May 15<sup>th</sup> starting at noon,  
Demonstration flying is from 8:00AM  
to 5 PM on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Pilots meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

Vendors are not allowed!

For more information, see website below,  
contact Mike Norton by email at  
newsletter@rocketcityrc.com or call Mr. Norton  
at 256.653.6632

*www.rocketcityrc.com*

# 2009 RCRC Youth Membership Drive



*AMA Sanctioned*

*RC Hobbies* PROVIDED DOOR PRIZES FOR REGISTERED PILOTS

RCRC TIREY WILBURN FIELD

HUNTSVILLE, AL

GPS 34 41.192 N

86 35.725 W

13 JUNE 2009

ENTRY FEE: FREE

8AM-5PM

INSTRUCTOR PILOTS

MEETING 0730 JUNE 13



LIMITED TO THE FIRST 150  
AGES 10-15 TO SIGN UP  
AMA AND CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP WILL BE  
PROVIDED

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2009 RCRC Event Schedule

**May RCRC membership meeting – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**June board meeting - June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

†‡	May 16 <sup>th</sup> (Rain day, 17 <sup>th</sup> )	8am to 8 pm	RCRC Big bird event	Mike Norton	653-6632
	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Fun-fly and Pylon	9:30 register, 10:30 race	At the NARCA flying field	See narca.net website	
†	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 4 pm	RCRC Youth membership drive fly-in	Doug Burfitt	722-8589
†‡	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	All Saturday and Sun	RCRC Warbird event	Alan Berard	776-9509
†‡	Aug. 8th and 9 <sup>th</sup>	All Saturday and Sunday	RCRC Ballistic pattern event	Gary Courtney	881-7009
†‡	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	All Saturday and Sunday	RCRC AMA Pattern event	Bryan Kennedy	(770)335-2228
†	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Toys for Tots fly-in	Bob Walls	830-2352

Events held at Wilbourn Field unless noted otherwise

† Field closed to non-participants during this event

‡ Field closed to non-participants from noon onward the day before the event