



NEWSLETTER



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Huntsville, AL

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Prez Sez



Flowers from 2008.



Minutes for the August 2009 RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on August 18, 2009. A quorum of the membership was not present.

Board members present:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Guests: None

New members: Jim Marconette

Board Notices:

Treasurers Report:

INCOME

Fuel Sales	1,054.00
Membership Dues	100.00
War Bird	1,256.00

Total Income
2,410.00

EXPENSE

Advertising	186.17
Field Maintenance	224.42
Sanitation Service	270.00
Total Expense	680.59

Net Income 1,729.41

Savings Balance 7,631.88

Checking Account Balance
2,043.44

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made seconded and a non-binding vote of approval was made. Due to a lack of quorum the motion will be reintroduced at the next meeting.

Safety report: Mike Norton is the latest causality from sticking their hand into a moving prop.

Be careful when around moving props electric, glow fuel, and gas.

Old Business:

It was noted that the weather station was on order. Delivery status was still unknown at this time.

The city has still not approved the drawings for the handicap ramp

New Business:

A motion was made to approve the July General Membership Meeting Minutes as published in the news letter. The motion was approved but will have to be resubmitted due to a lack of a quorum.

Mr. Art Azlin, who has been appointed chair of the election committee, requested that members consider the possibility of running for office in 2010. He emphasized the need for new officers.

The proposal for 2010 Big Bird Fly-in was presented

Date: May 28th and 29th of 2010

Time: 12:00 on May 28th & 8:00 on the 29th

Contest Director: Mike Norton

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Proposed Budget: \$765.00

A motion to approve the proposal was made and seconded. After some discussion the motion was voted on and approved; however, it will have to be re-submitted because of the lack of a quorum.

Gary Courtney, the CD for the BPA event submitted the results of his event

Entrants	19
Total income (entry fee & food sales)	553.40
Expenses	247.30
Profit	306.10

Tony Coberly reported on a meeting with the city about RCRC contract with the city. It resulted in a list of what we could and could not do. He also reviewed the list. The list is published in this news letter for your review.

Several members requested that the board review the bylaws to assure that we are in compliance with the way the city interprets the contract.

The board agreed to the action and said that they would report back to the membership on any changes that need to be made.

The evening program was presented by Gary Courtney. The subject was a slide show tour of the naval museum in Pensacola.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved at 8:15pm.



Minutes for the September 2009 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

By Mike Norton for John Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on September 1st. A quorum of the board was present.

Board members present:

President, Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

Topics

No official decisions were made by the board. The board considers the fuel sales to be the most important rule for our members. Tony is looking into another club that sells fuel on a landfill that is part of an Army base. If they have resolved the problems with methane gas, we may be able to use whatever they did for our fuel sales. We make no money on fuel sales, so the current rule is due to SWDA.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



AMA Embraces the Online Future

By Dave Mathewson AMA President

AMA launched its Members Only online forum early in June in a notice to our Leader Members. Our intent was to start slowly to try to identify any bugs in the system that may have been overlooked during the internal testing phase. The launch went almost flawlessly and we're now beginning to promote the forum and encourage member participation.

I've written in the past that communication is the key to success in any membership organization and AMA is no different. Our new forum will give us the ability to communicate in a quick and cost effective way with our members, and vice versa.

This forum is not intended to compete with the other popular, more traditional model aviation related forums. These forums play an important role in the modeling community and are a good resource for model aviation-related information. Our AMA forum will be dedicated to an exchange of AMA-related information. If you haven't had a chance to visit yet you can get to the forum from a link on AMA's Web site at www.modelaircraft.org. Over the next several months new topics and sections will be added based

on member input. Posting is limited to members but the ability to read posts is open to all.

AMA plans to take greater advantage of the Internet and the resources and opportunities it provides. By the time this issue of the AMA Insider reaches you, AMA should be accepting PayPal as a method of payment to join or renew a membership. As we get farther into the year, this option will also be made available for purchases from our Plans Department and Merchandising.

Club charter renewals and applying for event sanctions are areas that take significant time and effort for club officers and contest directors to manage. Beginning in 2010 our plans are to have in place the option to process both club charters and sanction applications online. There are several advantages in doing this. First, of course, the ability to submit an electronic charter online will eliminate the tedious task of entering all of this information manually. For club charters, officers will have the ability not only to submit their initial yearly charter online but they will also be able to manage club rosters and other club information throughout the year.

The time needed to process a sanction application today includes a significant amount of time when the paperwork is "in transit." Applications are first sent to the district contest coordinator then, if approved, forwarded onto AMA Headquarters for processing and then mailed back to the CD.

Being able to submit an application online will virtually eliminate nearly all of the transit time. Contest coordinators will still authorize and approve sanction requests but will do so electronically. The "system" will take the information provided in the sanction application and automatically process it once the contest coordinator gives his or her okay.

Finally, the option will be available to return the processed sanction certificate to the CD in electronic form instead of sending hard copies though the mail. What now takes several weeks to accomplish could realistically be done in a matter of days. Supporting paperwork would still be sent through the postal system.

These are just a couple of the new electronic options that we hope to be implementing in the next year or so. However, for those who wish to handle these tasks as we have in the past, that option will still be available as well.

**RCRC Rules Clarification via Lou Hovatter, Cissy Cates of the city attorneys' office,
Steve Ivey, and Gloria from the Health department on 8-11-2009**

1. RCRC CAN put up banners at our events of sponsors/door prize donors. Banner listing the vendors by name with a "Thank You to our Sponsors" at the top of the banner can be put up at the field.
2. RCRC CAN sell pre-packaged, pre-cooked (microwavable) food at our special events, PROVIDED we have a temporary health permit (CAT 2). We would need a portable cleaning station that meets health code requirements. RCRC CAN sell pre-packaged, stable food products (chips, crackers, etc.) without a health department permit.
3. RCRC CAN cook raw food items for our events, PROVIDED we have a temporary CAT 3 health permit, in accordance with the brochure we were given by the health department. However, we CANNOT grill the food with open flames (see below for more details).
4. RCRC CANNOT have an outside, for profit, vendor sell food at our events. We CAN have pizza, sandwiches, individual dinners, etc. delivered to the field, or we can carry out the same. We CAN have food catered , PROVIDED that it is a fixed cost (i. e., the Club pays them for a certain number of people, AND the vendor has a health department permit). The vendor cannot serve and collect money for catered food on an individual basis.
5. RCRC CANNOT install permanent or use portable grills at our field. There cannot be an open flame at the RCRC field. This is NOT a city or health department issue. It is a concern of SWDA because of methane gas from the landfill.
6. RCRC CAN continue to use the "coke" machine on our premises, in the way we currently do it, for the use of our members and guests. We CAN also install and stock a snack machine that we maintain ourselves.
7. RCRC CANNOT store fuel at the field. RCRC CANNOT sell fuel at the site. Participants may bring enough fuel to use for that day.
8. RCRC CAN sell RCRC T-shirts, hats, decals etc. to club members at the field, in conjunction with an event. RCRC will need a business license to do so. Questions concerning the license can be answered by calling the City Clerk Treasurer's Office, at 427-5093.
9. At this time, RCRC should NOT expect the city to repair/replace the runway/roadway.. Economic downturn means that Recreation Services will get no maintenance money in 2010. This may change in the future. The city currently has no equipment to repair the cracks in the runway.
10. RCRC cannot allow vendors at our events, PERIOD. This would require a fundamental change in the RCRC/SWDA/City relationship; additionally, because the property is located on a landfill, use of it is also restricted by guidelines from the EPA. FYI: The quarter-midget race trac, behind us that had vendors is on COUNTY land, not city. It falls under a completely different set of rules than we do.

The clarification if items in our contract is not a change in our contract. These are the rules that RCRC must follow. Any past interpretation that is contrary to the items listed above is simply incorrect.

Tony Coberly
President
Rocket City Radio Controllers, Inc. 2009
8/18/2009



41st Annual Rocket City Pattern Contest



Huntsville, Alabama
September 12-13, 2009
Practice flying Friday at 12
Noon



AMA Sanctioned

600' paved Runway
Covered Pilot shed
Electricity onsite
RV's welcome (No Hookups)

Entry Fee \$30.00

Pre-Register www.rocketcityrc.com
Contest Registration 8am-9am Saturday
Concession Stand, Air-conditioned Club house

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<u>2009 RCRC Event Schedule</u>					
September RCRC membership meeting – September 15th , 2009					
October board meeting - October 6th , 2009					
‡‡	Sept. 12 th and 13 th	All Saturday and Sunday	RCRC AMA Pattern event	Bryan Kennedy	(770)335-2228
‡‡	November 7 th	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 on the Friday before the event					