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Prez Sez

My computer had a serious event this last month and it was in the 'CRU' for about a week but it is back now. Seems to be working fine except I lost a boat-load of files. The weather is starting to warm up some 'cept it is quite chilly outside at the present time. Time for the flying to start anew. The vice president tells me that we will have a program at the next meeting and there will be door PRIZES , ya'll come. Jim said that there were only six or seven people at the last meeting.

If any members have a topic that they would like to see presented at one of our meetings please see James Fowler (program chairman) and we will attempt to get it done. If you would like to volunteer for a program I think it would make Jim smile and make him really happy . Please let us know.

Peter



Minutes for the February RCRC General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 Ppm. A quorum was not present. The board members present were VicePresident, Secretary and Treasurer.

Guests present : none

Minutes to be approved from newsletter: No quorum, but approved

Treasure report: Motion to approve: Approved with no quorum.

Program committee:

Field committee:

VP will accept any and all program ideas. Nothing to report.

Safety Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary

AMA sanction paperwork received and to be mailed tomorrow.

Old Business:

Bids for PTS Mustang: Bid from Skip little for PTS Mustang: \$146.56

Old business from floor: none.

New Business: none.

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Motion to adjourn was made at 7:12PM.



Minutes for the March 2011 RCRC Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Called to order at 6:05pm, March 1, 2011. Bod members present: President, Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Treasurer

Guests present: None

AMA renewal paperwork has been mailed off.

RCRC Portion of ramp has been paid for: \$1825.00

The following events in 2011 still need a contest director: War Bird and Big Bird

The meeting adjourned 6:48pm



Survivors of the Last Flight

By Dan Griffin

From the AMA Insider

I stood in my RC workshop the other day wondering what was going to happen to all my RC gear. Then it dawned on me—I will not have to deal with any of this stuff when I slip the surly bonds. Even though I plan to be around for a while longer, my family and friends will be left with the task. Not knowing when that last flight may take place, we owe them some guidance.

I have had the opportunity to assist many individuals in the disposal of their worldly possessions. There are always some sobering considerations for them. Who gets what? How much is this or that item worth? How is it all going to be distributed? When can it be distributed?

Your survivors will be grateful if such questions are answered for them prior to your last flight. Make a List. The first task you need to address is making a list of your treasures. In fact, make several lists: one list for your ready-to-fly craft, another list of your unfinished projects and kits, another of your electronics, and a general items list with all your parts pieces and building materials. You don't need to list every nut, bolt, screw, and hinge. The goal of these

lists is for a person unfamiliar with the RC hobby to take the list, go into your work shop, and identify each item on the list.

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Update Your Lists

Every six months or so, sit down and review your letter of intent, lists, and valuations. Things change, friendships end or fade, and new priorities arise and need to be addressed.

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How Much is it Worth?

As you make the list, also give each item an estimated fair value you would use at your favorite swap meet. Be realistic. Don't give what you think is the fair market value, or the imagined future value, or ascribe any additional value to the item just because it has sentimental value to you. Your family will be very grateful that you have done this. They most likely will

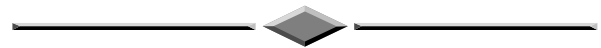
not have any idea what your stuff is worth or what to ask for it when the time comes to sell it. Contemplate the inevitable, but a little PPP (proper prior preparation) will help your family and friends make the necessary closure. Contact one or two of your RC buddies. Be considerate and ask them if they would be willing to assist your family when the time comes. Talk through your wishes. Most importantly, talk to your significant other about your plan and where to locate the letter of intent and your lists.

Dan Griffin, AMA #590996, has been involved in the legal profession as a practicing attorney and adjunct professor for more than 22 years. Now retired from active law practice, he is a member of District VIII's Boerne Area Model Society.

I found the article somewhat depressing. (I also figures that a lawyer thought it up.) However, I believe that some members may find the article useful. I don't know.

If you have an opinion, send it to:

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This is a model of a biplane I built a few years ago. It is one of the niftier airplanes I ever owned.





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2011 RCRC Event Schedule

RCRC membership meeting February 15th at 7:00 PM
Board meeting - March 1st 2011 at 6:00 PM

†	May 21 st , 2011	All day	Club day Fly whenever you want, eat when invited	Jim Fowler	256.882.1784
†‡	June 11 th & 12 th	All day	War bird	TBD	
†	June 25 th	All day	Pylon race, spring picnic	Alan Berard	256.776.9509
†‡	July 15 th	All day	BPA Pattern	Gary Courtney	256.881.7009
†‡	August 5 th & 6 th	All day	Big Bird	TBD	
†‡	Sept 9 th thru 11 th	All day	AMA Pattern	Tony Coberly	256.882.7193
†	November 5 th & 6 th	All day	Toys for tots	Bob walls	256.830.2352
†	November 19 th	All day	Pylon race, Chili cookoff	Alan Berard	256.776.9509

Events held at Wilbourn Field unless noted otherwise
 † Field closed to non-participants during this event
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