

THE ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC. NEWSLETTER



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It is now September and temperatures should be getting milder and flying conditions better.

My thanks to Jon Lowe for his efforts with the BPA pattern event and the AMA pattern event of this month. And while we are on the subject, Bob Walls has a couple of volunteers for his Toys for Tots event in November but could use some more. And we still don't have a certified CD for the 2013 Big Bird event.

At the September meeting the nominating committee is to present the slate of officers for 2013. At that time other nominations from the floor can be presented. The board needs your attendance for this, and besides, we haven't had a quorum in several months.

There is an interesting article in September's AMA Model Aviation magazine on page 85. Along with other safety topics there was one concerning the accidental and unintentional spinning of the prop on an electric motor. Evidently, if your electrical system is all connected, the motor is capable of spinning a prop regardless of throttle position.

There will be a program and door prizes at the September meeting so please attend.

Fly in the zone and fly safe.

Jim

August 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Vice President who conducted the meeting in the absence of the President.

All other Board members were present. Again, a quorum was not present.

Daniel Landers, a new member, introduced himself and we welcome him and look forward to seeing him at the field.

The June minutes were approved without comment. The July minutes were approved by those present and will be voted on again in September.

The Field Committee reported that the field windsock was replaced and that some other maintenance items were accomplished during the month.

The Treasurer gave his report which in summary showed receipts exceeding expenses by some \$800 for the month. He also reported that income has exceeded expenses year-to-date but that will probably reverse as the year goes on and member dues income drops while expenses such as grass cutting, utilities and etc continue. The report was approved and will carry over to the September meeting for final vote. The June report was approved.

The Safety Committee report focused on the transporting LiPo batteries on public transportation.

Old Business:

The proposed event schedule presented at the July meeting was approved by those present. There are still CD vacancies which need to be filled to complete the event schedule.

The appeal for someone to assist Bob Walls with the Toys for Tots event in November has not been answered. (A couple of people have now volunteered, but more help is still needed.)

Jon Lowe reported the results of the recent Ballistic Pattern Event which returned a net \$377.53 to the

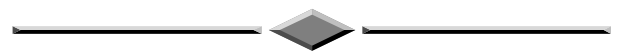
Club. Jon assumed the CD responsibility as a result of Gary's illness and encouraged the members to volunteer to CD the open events on the schedule. He pointed out that his event, with only 14 pilots participating, had a nice return to the Club and an event such as Big Bird, with historically more entries, could be very beneficial financially and contribute positively to the well-being of the Club.

New Business:

The Vice President referred to the Guest Editorial in the newsletter and some discussion followed. It was pointed out that the editorial encouraged more member participation as well as the dues increase issue. As pointed out by Jon Lowe, Club income can result from more events as well as from dues increase. The Vice President advised the members that any action taken on the content of the editorial, such as dues increase, will require further guidance from the membership.

The Vice President asked for a volunteer to serve as Nominating Committee Chairman and after some discussion, Peter Wick agreed to serve. Peter will assemble his Committee and report findings at the September General Membership Meeting.

The Program Chairman showed a video on the subject of 2.4 transmitter operation and held the door prize drawing to conclude the meeting and we adjourned at 7:50 PM.



September 2012 BOD Meeting Minutes

The September 4, 2012 RCRC Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM.

All Board members were present.

Bob Walls attended to update the status of the November Toys for Tots event. He reported that three members had responded to assist him and that

the Sanction application and notices to nearby clubs will proceed at once. Additional volunteers will be welcome; contact Bob if you can assist.

Peter Wick attended to report the progress of the Nominating Committee.

Don Peck's proposal for additional Club support for the Pylon events was, after discussion, not approved by the Board.

The President and Treasurer will conduct the required biannual inventory of the fuel, due in October, this month before the membership meeting.

The required report to the IRS to secure the tax exemption will be submitted in the fall.

The Board continued to consider action needed to improve cooperation of some members to follow the Club rules, such as properly locking the entry gate and completing the logbook sign-in/out requirement.

The meeting was concluded at 8:05 PM.



At the Field

As previously indicated, this "At the Field" column will address general observations and anything else that comes to mind. If you have any ideas for a topic, notify any officer and they will pass it along to the newsletter editor.

Last month's unsolicited editorial by a current member urging increased member participation in the club and recommending an increase in dues seems to have gotten several members' attention. From most of the comments it appears that the overwhelming sentiment is against raising dues; while none of the comments mentioned increasing participation in club activities. I hope most of you can see the problem.

There has also been some discussion at the field about the Newsletter's on-going review of the Flying Field Regulations. From some of the comments that have been made it seems that the majority of our members have never really read them, or at least not recently. Copies are available in the flight shed at the field, or can be accessed through the RCRC web site (Club Info tab, then the Flying Field Rules tab).



Flying Field Regulations

Review continues with:

7. Pilot flight stations will be utilized during all flight operations. There are five stations that limit operation to five aircraft and provide clearance between pilots to counteract transmitter inter-modulation. Under no circumstances will there be more than five aircraft in the air at one time.

For the most part this is pretty straight forward. The field has five pilot stations, numbered one through five consecutively. While flying, pilots must be at one of the flight stations.

There will be a maximum of five aircraft in the air at any one time, one operated from each of the pilot stations. While not specifically mentioned in the regulations, it seems that an exception to this would be if helicopter(s) are using the north hover area for hover practice only. The intent of the regulation is that there will be a maximum of five aircraft in the pattern and/or using the runway.

This rule has been interpreted to mean that pilots will remain on the paved surface between the two lines defining the "pilot box". If you step forward of the line while flying (toward the runway) you are creating a safety hazard. Just remember, not everyone is as good a pilot as you are; some of us have been known to hit the fence during take-offs and landings from time to time.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



TOYS FOR TOTS FLY - IN

November 2nd - 3rd, 2012

Friday Noon till 5:00pm, Saturday 9:00 am till 5:00 pm

Site: Captain Trey WILBOURN

Model Airplane Park (Club Field)

Located: Airport Road and Leeman Ferry Road, Huntsville, Al.

FLY WHAT YOU BRING, AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO FLY

(The confines of the field do not permit gas turbine powered aircraft, (fixed wing or rotary)

Bring a *NEW unwrapped Toy (\$20 value)*, or donate \$20 towards your landing fee for the Toys For Tots Foundation.

(Sorry No Checks, we cannot pass along to the Marines for processing)

***All toys and landing fees will go the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve,
Toys for Tots Foundation.***

RV's are Welcome, sorry no hookups.

Sorry *NO* Vender Setup or Sales permitted at the field

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Here is an easy and inexpensive way to update an airplane you may already have. Are you tired of seeing the same old Parkzone T-28 and you can't stand your airplane being just like everyone else's. You could make it look like one of these full scale T-28s. These are examples, and there are many more if you use your search engine and enter T-28-Images. Since the airplane is electric, you don't have to worry about the paint being ruined by fuel, so you can use the dollar paint in the hobby section of Wal Mart.





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September 2012

2012 RCRC EVENTS

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	18 Sep	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Jim Fowler	(256) 882-1784
	2 Oct	7:00 PM	RCRC BOD Meeting	Jim Fowler	(256) 882-1784
RCRC Event Schedule					
*	14-16 Sept	All Day Sat	AMA Pattern	Jon Lowe	(256) 464-0802
***		All Day Sun			
*	2-3 Nov	Fri. Noon Till 5pm.	Toys for Tots	Bob Walls	(256)-830-2352
		Sat. 9am. Till 5pm.			
*	17 Nov	All Day Sat	Pylon Race	Don Peck	(256) 539-5217

* Field closed to non-participants during this event.

*** Field closed Fri before event at noon .