

THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



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March 2013

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March is upon us. Maybe it won't be too windy and we can get some flying in during this start of spring.

Jordan Townsend has taken a new job out of town and has resigned as field chairman. If you would like to volunteer to be field chairman or know someone who would be good for the job, please let anyone on the board know.

Recently we were notified by a person from SWDA that someone had erected a tent in the edge of the woods on the west side of our site. After obtaining the gate combination, the SWDA person was going to request the individual(s) to leave the site and not return. No further action of the club was required at that time. However, please be aware that this may not be the end of the problem. All of us will need to be on the lookout in the future for any such incidents. Any member's position is not to confront but to observe and report to any board member. We will let the authorities do the confrontation. If anyone has just finished a winter airplane project, let the board know and you can do a show and tell. If you have any ideas for a program or would like some specific topic presented, let the board know.

Fly safe and stay in the zone.

Jim

February 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM. All Board members were present.

A quorum was present.

The minutes of the January membership meeting were approved as printed in the February newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Newsletter Editor reported that Bob Sorrels has mocked up an online payment method for RCRC membership renewal which shows promise. Work will continue to develop the proposal to the stage for review by the Board, Membership and hopefully final adoption as an alternative to paper renewal.

Publicity and Safety had nothing to report.

The Field Chairman was present and made aware that a section of the shed roof is sagging and needs attention when weather conditions permit.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing from the floor.

The President commented on the proposed change to the Field Regulations and a motion was made and seconded to bring the proposal to a vote. Discussion followed. The VP commented on the sequence of steps made to review Fred's proposal leading up to the Board's requirement to bring it to a vote at this time. Fred was not present to comment. The vote was made and the proposed change was unanimously voted down by those present. Several members in the discussion suggested that some changes to the rules were needed and it was generally agreed that these could be included when the changes anticipated to come from the FAA proposed rules governing use of UAV's are made final.

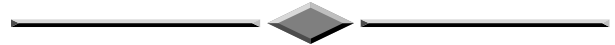
NEW BUSINESS

Rick Grim, Associate Vice President for our District, commented from the floor that there were recent large scale changes to the FAA Board which may result in further delays to finalizing the proposed rules regarding use of UAV's in the public airspace.

He also reminded us that the increasing concerns reported in the news regarding invasion of privacy from aerial video recording should make one cautious of experimenting with this technology. He also commented on the safety issues concerning FPV flying and the AMA Document 550 and 560 regarding this subject.

The business concluded at 7:35 PM and was followed by a Bill Mitchell's presentation of his recently completed portable field charging box which is capable of charging all his batteries of various types, and the door prize drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.



March 2013 RCRC BOD Meeting Minutes

The March 5, 2013 meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM with all Board members present.

The meeting opened with some general discussion regarding the method for revising the Field Regulations at some point in the future.

The President reported that the IRS had acknowledged receipt of our mailed package dealing with our tax exempt status. We await their response.

The inventory will be done by the President and Treasurer this month.

The Club was contacted by SWADA to obtain entry to the site to deal with some unauthorized trespassers who they had observed near the SW corner of the property. We should be aware of this and report any future occurrences which members become aware of.

Jordan Townsend has moved out of state to accept a job opportunity leaving the Field Chair position open. If anyone is interested in filling this position let the President know.

Development of the on-line member application/renewal site continues.

Tom Sutherland has moved out of state and we will need to replace him as Web Editor.

We have had no response from the City regarding the policy and maintenance items we have pending.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM



At The Field

It's time to get those winter projects finished up and get ready to do some flying.

I will be acting as Field Chairman until we find a permanent replacement for Jordan Townsend. Let me know if you see anything that needs attention at the field.

The overhang on the north end of the pits on the parking lot side is detached from the main structure. We will be working to get it repaired in the next few weeks.

If anyone has a portable arch welder and wants to help repair the gate please let me know. The job should take no more than 30 minutes to fix.

NARCA is hosting an RC swap meet on March 23 from 8:30am to Noon. Vendor setup starts at 7:30am. An auction will be held from Noon to 1:00pm.

The swap meet will be held at the Pineview Baptist Church

5614 Highway 53, Harvest, AL 35749.

Contact Ernie Duffey (Event Director), 256-714-3176 for more information.



2013 Events

- Club Day** May 18, 2013: Basil Cooper
- Big Bird** June 7-8, 2013
- War Bird** July 27-28, 2013
- BPA Pattern** Aug 17-18, 2013: Gary Courtney
- AMA Pattern** Sept 20-22, 2013: Jon Lowe
- Toys for Tots** Nov 1-2, 2013: Bob Walls



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2012 RCRC EVENTS

19 March	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Bill Mitchell	(256) 975-5687
2 April	7:00 PM	RCRC BOD Meeting	Bill Mitchell	(256) 975-5687

RCRC Event Schedule

2013 Schedule will be in December's Newsletter

- * Field closed to non-participants during this event.
- *** Field closed Fri before event at noon .