



THE **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** **RCRC** **NEWSLETTER**
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April 2013

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April showers bring May flowers. Do you know what May flowers bring? For the answer, read on.

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. Right now Bill Mitchell is acting chair. He could use some help in repairing the roof overhang at the pits and some other jobs. Contact Bill if you would like to volunteer.

We still don't have authorized CDs for the big bird and war bird events and time is running out for sanctioning. The board may plan on having these events but without sanctioning and for club members only. Our 2013 event schedule will have been discussed at the April board meeting and the results will be discussed at the April membership meeting.

Also at the April meeting we will vote again, (no quorum at the March meeting), on the club's \$150 donation to the National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics to aid in the costs for this year's national team event in South Africa. Our Jon Lowe is the current president of the society and our member Don Szezur's son is the junior member of the team. The board gives thanks to Don Peck for his additional donation for the event. If anyone would like to make an additional donation, let the board know.

Additionally, Cliff Hiatt, the team manager for the 2013 USA F3C Model Helicopter World Championships team has sent me a request for donations to help fund the team's participation at the 2013 world championship to be held in Poland. If anyone would like to send a donation you can learn more at the team's web site; www.teamusaf3c.com.

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, pilgrims.

Jim

March 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by the President. All Board members were present.

A quorum was not present.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The President reported that the recent Inventory was one gallon short and \$13 over in the cash box.

The president reported that Eric Enchelmayer, the City contact, was given a gate combination for use by the City's grass mowing crew. The gate was repaired today but the fence and runway repairs which we requested remain to be done.

The President reported that Bob Sorrells has accepted appointment to fill the vacant Webmaster position and continues to work on development of the on-line renewal capability.

The USPS has rejected our request for bulk mail rate because, among other things, social and hobby clubs such as ours are not eligible.

The VP, at AMA request to all clubs, briefed the Membership regarding the recent incident involving a quadcopter into airspace in the NY City area and reported on the national news and the potential adverse impact on our hobby. A number of States are preparing legislation regarding use of drones which pose a threat to our hobby. All members are asked to stay in touch with developments on this subject.

Bill Mitchell continues as temporary Field Chairman and a volunteer is needed to fill the position.

There were no reports from Publicity and Safety.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

The President reported that AMA Competitions had emailed requesting support for the USA RC Aerobatics Team going to South Africa to compete in the 2013 World Championships. One of our member's son is the Junior Member on the team and Jon Lowe is the President of the NSRCA. With this announcement, a motion was made and seconded for a \$100

contribution.

April 2013 RCRC BOD Meeting Minutes

The April 2, 2013 meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM with all Board members present except Paul Webb.

New windsocks have been ordered and should be here soon. Some discussion was had regarding the method of securing them to the posts in the field and on top of the shed.

The request for donations to the USA RC Helicopter team was discussed. The Board agreed that the club will not donate but individual members can make a donation if they wish.

The President and Vice President are working on a draft version of the flying field regulations. A committee will be formed to evaluate the draft version before it is brought before the membership for voting.

The Vice President will CD the Big Bird fly-in on June 8 and the War Bird fly-in on July 27. Both events will be non-sanctioned and will be for club members only. The field will be open to all members who want to fly on the days of the events. During the War Bird event we will be accepting donations for the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

The Board discussed the current condition of the runway and the President will email Eric Enchelmayer what it would take to get the runway re-established/resurfaced and can the city do it.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 PM

2013 Events

Club Day	May 18, 2013: Basil Cooper
Big Bird	June 8, 2013: Basil Cooper
War Bird	July 27, 2013: Basil Cooper
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

	16 April	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Bill Mitchell	(256) 975-5687
	7 May	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 .