



THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER
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HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



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Please mark your calendars for Club Day, May 18. Flying will start at 9:00am and pizza will be served at noon. Bring your family and any friends that you think might be interested. This is the day that the club sets aside for us to relax and enjoy our hobby with our family and friends. Bring your favorite models or that hanger queen that you've been meaning to fly but never got around to flying.

At our next membership meeting, Clarence Hauck of the CAP will update the club on the progress toward an RCRC-CAP partnership. The CAP is proposing a partnership in which RCRC members will mentor younger members of the CAP so that they may learn how to build and fly model airplanes. They are looking more in the direction of smaller electric models; but I am sure that larger models will become more popular as the CAP members learn more about our hobby. Club members will want to attend in order to hear first-hand what the board and Clarence have to say.

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, the club is in the process of revising the field regulations. The board has taken its cut at the revisions and we're now asking for volunteers to serve on the field regulations committee. You may have noticed that there are two new signs posted at the field and some old ones removed. This is part of the club's effort to make the field more inviting to newcomers.

Just a reminder that we still need a field chairman. If you are interested, please let the board know.

Lastly, the NACA club has made available to us about a dozen free vintage RC plans. The plans are of particular interest to scratch builders and those who want them for nostalgia reasons. If you are interested in one or more of these plans, please attend the next club meeting for more information.

April 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President. All Board members were present.

A quorum was present.

One guest was present, Clarence Hauck, who runs an aerospace education program in Pensacola, Fla. and attended to make a presentation concerning a partnership with the local CAP unit.

The minutes of the March meeting were found to have an error. The last two paragraphs of the minutes were inadvertently omitted from the Newsletter. These read as follows:

“Another motion followed to amend the original motion to increase the donation to \$150. Both motions passed, making the vote for a \$150 contribution. Additional donations from the membership are welcome.

Since attendance at the meeting was so low, the program and door prize drawing were skipped to postpone until a later meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.”

The Treasurer’s report was given and approved as read. The President reported that he talked to Eric Enchelmayer about our runway condition. Eric noted our concern and will look into what the City can do to improve things and report back to us.

The VP advised the group that Aug 17 has been named National Aviation Day. The organizers have asked for some sort of fly-in on that day to raise money for the Wounded Warrior fund. Unfortunately this date conflicts with our event schedule. However the CD will take the opportunity of our War Bird event on July 27 to request voluntary contributions for this purpose.

The VP also commented at length regarding the growing number of States initiating legislation to control of UAVs and the potential adverse impact on our hobby. The AMA effort which is reported regularly in Model Aviation is a growing drain on AMA finances and results in less money available for other needs. An example was given where an incident at the University of Virginia resulted in the pilot of an RC controlled aircraft who acted in a blatantly irresponsible manner was fined \$10,000. Other examples of unfavorable publicity were given from Canada, Australia and other US locations.

The Members were advised that the VP is working on a draft of revised flying field regulations which has been

reviewed by the President and will soon be sent to the full Board for comment before being sent to an ad hoc committee of members for broader review and comment.

The Field Chair reported that an AnyLink transmitter adapter had been purchased to expand the instructors’ capability. He also reported that the shed roof repairs were completed.

The Treasurer reported that the new windsocks have been received and will be installed soon.

A request was made from the floor to correct the list of flight instructors in the Newsletter

Peter Wick commented on the complaint from the SWDA on the first Saturday, which is the regular day each month for the public to drop off hazardous waste at the land fill entrance, that flyers were too close and were causing anxiety from some. Whether or not real, the perception of some that we were threatening their safety is what counts. All members should exercise caution on the first Saturday of each month until noon to avoid flying toward the SE corner of our flying site.

Bob Sorrells briefed the group on progress towards completing the on-line renewal/application capability and other Webmaster news.

OLD BUSINESS

A revote on the Club contribution of \$150 for the USA RC Aerobatics Team passed unanimously.

Jon Lowe’s AMA Pattern contest proposal was accepted.

The President reviewed event schedule changes to be published in the May Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Clarence Hauck made a presentation concerning establishing a partnership with the local CAP unit’s aerospace education program. He left a package of material describing the proposal for review by the Club. Interested members are invited to a meeting with the CAP unit on April 22 at 407 Clinton Avenue E from 6-8 PM. Clarence will plan to attend our May meeting to see what our interest is.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



May 2013 RCRC BOD Meeting Minutes

May 07, 2013 RCRC BOD Meeting Notes

The President was absent and the Vice President conducted the meeting which was called to order at 7:00 PM. All other Board members were present.

Bob Walls attended to brief the Board on plans for the November Toys for Tots Event for which he is the CD.

The subject of a partnership with the CAP was discussed. The Board will support the CAP initiative provided that sufficient interest is shown by the membership at the next membership meeting May 21. The CAP's Clarence Hauck will be at the meeting to answer questions about the proposal.

The VP will present the proposed revised field regulations at the next meeting and ask for interested members to serve on an ad hoc committee for a broader review and approval.

The Board intends to remove some of the existing signage and replace with fewer more positively worded ones which may be less intimidating to visitors and potential new members. This will be an item for discussion with the membership next meeting.

The Field Chairman vacancy remains and will be an item for the next membership meeting.

The Publicity Chairman with support of several other Club officers will contact local news to increase the public's awareness of our July 27 War Bird event which will support the Wounded Warriors through voluntary contributions from participants and spectators.



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

	21 May	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Bill Mitchell	(256) 975-5687
	4 June	7:00 PM	RCRC BOD Meeting	Bill Mitchell	(256) 975-5687

*** Field closed to non-participants during this event.**

***** Field closed Fri before event at noon .**