



THE **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** NEWSLETTER  
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September 2013

# President's Message

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At our August membership meeting, Peter Wick was selected to chair the officer nominating committee. If you are willing to serve as an officer or know somebody who is willing, please notify Peter or anyone on the board. The committee's nominations for officers will be presented at our September membership meeting. At that time the board will accept any other nominations from the floor.

The bidding for the recent donated items auction will close at our September membership meeting. Time is running out. Come to the clubhouse, view the items and make a bid. Results of the current bidding will continue to be published from time to time via email.

As a reminder: the lock protocol for opening our entrance gate is to close the combination lock back on the chain making a closed loop in the chain and spinning the combination wheels off the combination. When I came to our board meeting last Tuesday evening the lock was hanging on the chain, unlocked, with the wheels still set on the combination.

We need to have a quorum at our meetings, so please attend.

Fly safe and stay in the zone.

Jim

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## August 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Vice President, the President being absent. 15 members were present – no quorum.

One visitor was present, Andy Ruddick, who later joined the Club. We welcome him and look forward to seeing him at the flying field. Alan Berard, who recently rejoined, was present- welcome back.

The 2014 Calendar of Events, approved last meeting with the absence of a quorum, was revoted and approved. The June Minutes were revoted also for the same reason and approved.

The Treasurer made his report and it was approved.

There were no reports from the Field Chair or Safety Chair.

### Old Business

The results of the recent War Bird Event were reported as being successful with \$220 being raised for a contribution to the Wounded Warriors via the AMA. The VP reported that 180 other Clubs participated and will likely make similar contributions. Our Club received a letter of support from AMA which included several three month trial memberships which are available to interested persons and other promotional materials.

A list of donated items to be bid on by members has been distributed by email and postings in the Pilot's Shed and Clubhouse. Bidding instructions are included. Bids are due by close of the September Meeting.

### New Business

The Meeting Chairman appointed Peter Wick Nominating Committee Chairman in accordance with the Bylaws. Peter will name his committee which will be trying to fill vacancies for Secretary, Vice President and Newsletter Editor. Interested members should contact Peter.

There was some discussion regarding finding banned items on site apparently left by trespassers. Comments from the floor included reminding everyone of "tent people" camping along the West side of the property. This incident was originally pointed out by SWADA which evicted the offenders. Our City contact will be made aware of the recent findings.

There was also some discussion regarding Members using the golf cart and not plugging in the charger resulting at least two cases of finding the cart unusable due to dead batteries. Members are reminded to plug the charging cord in after parking the cart.

The business of the meeting conclude at 7:30 PM followed by a program consisting of several videos downloaded from the AMA website regarding the making of the model airplanes used in the movie THE AVIATOR and a door prize drawing, all of which concluded at 8:00 PM.

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## September 2013 RCRC BOD Meeting Minutes

The President opened the meeting at 7:00PM. The Secretary was absent.

The Board discussed possible candidates for RCRC office for 2014.

The Vice President spoke with the city and they advised talking to SWADA about the trash left by the unauthorized transients.

The Board discussed the auction for the donated items. Bidding will close for the auction at the end of the September membership meeting.

The TransAmerica Tour 2014 was discussed and more information will be gathered by the Vice President on the AMA's position on the event.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.

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## 2013 Events

<b>Club Day</b>	May 18, 2013: Basil Cooper
<b>Big Bird</b>	June 8, 2013: Basil Cooper
<b>War Bird</b>	July 27, 2013: Basil Cooper
<b>BPA Pattern</b>	Aug 9-11, 2013: Gary Courtney
<b>AMA Pattern</b>	Sept 13-15, 2013: Jon Lowe
<b>Toys for Tots</b>	Nov 1-2, 2013: Bob Walls



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**2013 RCRC EVENTS**

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	17 Sept	7:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting		
	1 Oct	7:00 PM	RCRC BOD Meeting		
* ***	13 – 15 Sept	12:00PM	AMA Pattern Contest	Jon Lowe	

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