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*Proudly serving the Huntsville
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Wilbourn Model Airplane Field.*

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Hope everyone had a great holiday season and had some quality time with your families. Everyone must have gotten some great RC presents, because every time I went to the hobby shop in December they were covered up.

I would like to thank everyone on the great turnout at the December meeting. I feel the club is coming together again with the support and attendance of the members.

With that said we have another great meeting in January. We have invited Rick the owner of R C Hobbies to give us a presentation on all the aspects on electric airplanes, battery section, proper charging and other related topics. So I hope everyone can attend electrics 101. We will continue to have pizza at 5:30 so come early.

We will be discussing the upcoming swap meet at the next meeting and setting a date for it, we will need a lot of member participation to make it a success so come and help us get started.

The board has contacted SWDA about the proposed rule changes, but they have not responded as of this date. The city also hasn't given me a decision on cutting the grass, but as we all know the government works at its own pace.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting and fly safe when the weather permits.

Dan Baldwin
President, RCRC



Club Meeting Minutes December 16, 2014

The club meeting was conducted on December 16th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was started with Bill reviewing the prior months meeting minutes. These meeting minutes will need to be voted on the following month.

The treasures report was given to the club.

General Discussion Summary:

Club Tax Status discussion. Discussed the feasibility of our club attaining a 501(c) (3) exemption status [Religious, Charitable, Fosters National or International Amateur Sports Competition, etc.,] versus our current status as 501(c) (7) [Social and Recreational Clubs]. After some discussion, the group voted not to pursue this action.

Proposed resolution to lift restrictions on the use of the property. Current restrictions prohibit cooking (open flame), impose limitations on commercial business activities, and runway maintenance (paving). We were advised by the city of Huntsville that this would be fine with them, provided we obtain approval from SWDA.

The board has contacted SWDA about the proposed rule changes, but we have not heard back from them on the matter. Additionally:

- Grass cutting. A contractor has been selected to cut the grass during the 2015 season, pending a decision from SWDA.

- Runway repaving. Cost to repave is approximately \$30,000. The plan is to get this accomplished in the November 2015 timeframe, pending a response from SWDA.

Swap Meet! Still looking for a Contest Director (CD) for 2015. Current proposed date for the swap meet is April 15th. We'll need to renew our business license, and the cost is \$250. A location is yet to be

determined. The Jaycee Community Building was mentioned as a possible location. Prices are: \$175 for setup, plus \$350 per day. This price includes concessions, tables (120-130 tables available), and admission. We also discussed holding a swap meet on club property.

Flying (e.g., including float equipped planes) at Brahan Spring Park Lake. We were advised that flying RC planes was not permitted, unless it was part of an AMA Sanctioned Event. Apparently, flying RC planes is not permitted in any city park.

Hats/shirts with club logo were proposed and approved during the meeting. The cost and other details are covered in the BOD meeting minutes below.



No New Members for December



January 2015 RCRC BOD

BOD Meeting Minutes:

The January Board Meeting of RCRC was called to order by the president, Dan Baldwin on the evening of January 6th at 6 pm. Other officers present were the vice-president John Pieczynski, Treasurer Jan Pieczynski, and newsletter author Tom Wimsatt.

Board of Directors Meeting Summary:

- 1) Resolution Proposal (Field Restrictions). The board has contacted SWDA about the proposed rule changes but they had not responded as of this meeting.
- 2) The feasibility of a sanctioned, float-fly event, at Brahan Spring Park Lake will be researched and discussed further at upcoming meetings.
- 3) And, to help us all dispose of pending surplus tax return \$\$\$s, the board agreed to hold the swap meet at the flying field, with a tentative date of April 15th (Friday afternoon and all day Saturday).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Safety is defined in the American Heritage Dictionary as the condition of being safe, freedom from danger, risk, or injury. This is easy or it is hard, depending on the individual. According to some studies, women exhibit relatively more risk aversion (in financial decision making) than men. If so, does it mean that men are luckier than women?

Regardless, people who sustain injuries or experience RC equipment damage/loss often don't think of what

can happen during a given activity until something does.

We are in the building season meaning many of us are either building a new plane or repairing a plane for the coming season. Some of us will be modifying planes so that they will perform better than before. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to make changes that will better suit your flying style. It does however require judgment/common sense. If you are rewiring, make sure that you haven't accidentally created a short that will "smoke" a battery upon power up. If you are not sure about how to go about doing something, ask for help. As an added precaution when testing modified electronics or other changes involving energy sources, take the plane outdoors just in case something unexpected happens.

Before your first flight of a modified plane, be sure to perform a range check with your radio. Also, make sure all surfaces move in the proper direction in response to stick inputs (this is something you should do prior to every flight). If applicable (example: Futaba) be sure the radio is set on the correct model. Mishaps caused by erroneous model selection occurred several times last year.

Above all, relax, don't rush things, think of what you want to do on the maiden flight(s), and if the model doesn't behave as you believe it should, bring it down for checkout. Maybe, just maybe, there isn't anything wrong, or maybe your modifications won't do what you want them to do. There is nothing wrong with that – it's part of the fun. At least you've learned something.

Fly safely and HAVE FUN! John

Found:

An Eflite Apprentice, FPV plane. Contact Stephan Moran, (256) 655-3926, for more information.

BOD Meeting Attachment

Club T-Shirts, Jackets, and Caps are now available. Purchases can be made at the meeting. Be sure to bring money. Prices are as follows:

Short-Sleeved Shirts: Chestnut Hill, 100% Cotton Pocket – Royal Blue with embroidery of RCRC logo

S-XL \$32.70

XXL \$33.79

XXXL \$34.88

Jackets: Harriton Coach's Jacket Nylon Royal Blue with embroidery of the RCRC logo

S-XL \$32.70

XXL \$33.79

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Caps: Otto – This cap is like the caps the club has bought in the past, Royal Blue with embroidery of RCRC logo

Adjustable \$23.98



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TO:

2014 RCRC EVENTS

	January 20th	6:00 PM	RCRC Membership Meeting	Bill Mitchell	256-975-5687
	February 3rd	6:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Bill Mitchell	256-975-5687

Order Form

Description	Sizes Available	Size	Quantity
Short Sleeved Shirt Chestnut Hill, 100% Cotton Pocket – Royal Blue with embroidery of RCRC logo	S-XL \$32.70 XXL \$33.79 XXXL \$34.88		
Jacket Harrington Coach's Jacket Nylon Royal Blue with embroidery of the RCRC logo	S-XL \$32.70 XXL \$33.79 XXXL \$34.88		
Cap	Adjustable \$23.98		

FOR SALE:

Estate Sale, three lots:

1) Ripmax Zephyr plane. Includes one brushed and one brushless motor.





Lot 2: Miscellaneous electronics:



Lot 3: Covering materials (some pretty old):



Lot 4: Plane

