



THE **ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.** **RCRC** **NEWSLETTER**
HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA



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Proudly serving the Huntsville community at the Captain Trey Wilbourn Model Airplane Field.

P.O. Box 2163

Huntsville, AL 35804

April 2015

President's Message

Welcome:

Here we are again flying and event's season is here. With that in mind we need all the members who can help work with the CD and make these events successful.

The last two meetings were very disappointing by the number of members who attended. Therefore I am calling for an all hands meeting this month because we have a lot on money invested and we need member participation to make these events successful.

I would like to again all those who worked on Drone Day. National Drone Day was the largest event to date in the history of RCRC with over 500 spectators and 11 exhibitors. We need to make all our events this successful.

It is now official - SWDA is amending an existing resolution, which will now allow us to have limited commercial activity. Doc Holiday will not allow us to have an open flame and he is insistent on this. But he agreed to relieve commercial restrictions. The minutes of this meeting with SWDA are included in this newsletter.

There is a lot coming up so please attend the next meeting:
Apr. 21, 2015 @5:30 pm

Fly Safe and Enjoy:
Dan Baldwin
President

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March Meeting of RCRC March 17, 2015

The March 2015 meeting of RCRC was held on March 17, 2015 at 6pm. A quorum was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed all officers present except the vice-president. Three new members were present. It was noted the minutes of the last meeting were in the newsletter. The treasurer reported that the checking account balance was \$4399.44, the money market account balance was \$7677.39, and the Mike Wingo scholarship account balance was \$891.20.

The golf cart was discussed but final decisions tabled until the next club meeting. Drone Day was well attended, around 500, with a net income in excess of \$440. The next event is the Swap Meet, Saturday May 2. Volunteers are needed. Club Day is the following weekend, May 9. The need for publicity was discussed. Monty's Lawn Center will mow the inner grass. Suggestions for signage the day of events were requested. The meeting was adjourned.

A talk on an in-progress kit build, an IM Products Laser 200-45, was given by Tom Wimsatt.



Meeting April 1st, 2015, with Parks and Recreation and John Holladay from SWDA

At this meeting, Dan Baldwin reviewed the concerns that were discussed at the previous club meeting (SWDA reps were not present at that club meeting). He explained the special events that RCRC would have, noting that commercial activities would include only those vendors with products associated with RC. He explained the need for a soda machine and portable toilet service. The road problems at the entrance were also mentioned.

Mr. Holladay mentioned that Household Hazardous waste collection is the 1st Saturday of each month, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, and that no flying should be done during that time. He said that there would always be a "no open flame" policy. He would like to exchange event schedules with RCRC. And lastly, he will review the city's policies for activities on its other properties and get back with us with details.

Meeting attendees: Dan Baldwin, president and Susan Seaford, secretary representing RCRC. Steve Ivey, Eric Enchelmayer, and David Delisser attended, representing Parks and Recreation, and John Holladay from SWDA.



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting April 7, 2015

All officers were present. The treasurer investigated other means to collect money besides PayPal, such as Visa and MasterCard, but she has been able to find any means less expensive than what is currently being done.

SWDA has verbally agreed to bring our operating rules in-line with the city's rules for other organizations. They are preparing the documentation. Also the city has agreed to mow the inner area prior to special events.

Online banking was discussed. This can help in the retention of club financial records, and in accessing them when needed. A debit card, held by the president and treasurer, will be included in the changes.

The possibility of having a drop-box for current and archived documents was reviewed. They would be stored on a “cloud” server. The website editor will discuss this topic in more detail at the next club meeting.

The plans for the swap meet were reviewed. Cakes Etc. will do the catering. Advance table sales have been slow up to this point.

The golf cart has a bad battery in its bank of 6. It is recommended that all be replaced at the same time. A quote of \$700 to rewire the cart and supply new batteries was obtained. The other option discussed was to buy a refurbished cart for \$1200. Regardless of the option, it is recommended the cart be professionally maintained in the future. This topic will be presented at the next club meeting.

This year’s fuel order has arrived from Morgan Fuels. The total was \$632 for 44 bottles of fuel. This an approximate 12% increase in cost compared to last year.

It was reported that we have a volunteer to do publicity.

And lastly, a plan to select a candidate for the Wingo Fund, to attend the AMA Aeromodeling Camp was discussed.



Safety

Safety! Will when you think of it everyone has their own out-look about safety, and some are therefore safer than others. Can you be overly safe? I know that you can be unsafe. I believe it is up to each individual to come up with their own safety guidelines. If they are insufficient, then we’ll have to hope for the best.

People have their own, often firmly held beliefs regarding what constitutes a safe activity. Many of these beliefs or habits, whether immediately dangerous or not, are difficult to comprehend and change without first-hand experience.

Just don’t get out of the habit of thinking about what you are doing in this hobby. That is all any one of us can ask for.

John Pieczynski



April 21 Club Meeting Agenda.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll call of officers and establishment of quorum/nonquorum
- III. Welcome visitors, guests and new members
- IV. Reading of minutes and approval
- V. Treasurer's report
- VI. Minutes of Board of Directors
- VII. Old Business
 - a. City resolution amendment
 - b. Swap Meet
 - c. Motion to fund Club Day (There was no quorum the last time it was brought up..It may have changed depending on how the CD wants to handle concessions.)
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Bub's proposal to use a drop box, features and advantages
 - b. Golf cart funding and repair
 - c. Joel Bufford's proposal for catering events
 - d. Big Bird events Don Apostiello presentation of his experience in big bird events
 - e. New banking procedures
- IX. Field and Safety report
- X. Adjournment



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TO:

2015 RCRC EVENTS

| <u>2015 RCRC EVENTS</u> | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | May 2 nd | All Day | Swap Meet | CD: John Pieczynski | 256-651-6487 |
| | May 9 th | 9 am – 3 pm | Club Day | CD: John Pieczynski | 256-651-6487 |
| | June 13 th | All Day | Big Bird | To be determined | |
| | July 11 th | All Day | War Bird | CD: John Pieczynski | 256-651-6487 |
| | August 8 th | All Day | BPA Pattern | To be determined | |
| | September 19 th and 20 th | All Day | AMA Pattern | To be determined | |
| | November 14 th | All Day | Toys for Tots | To be determined | |

The field will be closed to members on Friday at noon before all field events, except Club Day and Toys for Tots. The field will be released back to the club by CD when the event is finished.

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**North Alabama
SWAP MEET
and AUCTION**

**2 May, 2015
9AM to 3PM
Jaycee Building
Huntsville, AL**
*Auction
at 2:30PM*

For more information Contact:

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**COME JOIN THE FUN!
Look and buy
BEING SOMETHING
TO SWAP, OR SELL!**

**Refreshments
Available**

**Dealers with Sale Items
Start 1 May, 2015
10AM to 4PM**

**\$5.00 Admission
\$20.00 All tables
Call, E-mail, go to RCRC
Web page to
Reserve Tables**





NORTH ALABAMA REGIONAL SWAP MEET

DECATUR MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB
DECATUR ALABAMA
April 18th, 2015



AT THE DECATUR SHRINE CLUB 1117 LENWOOD DR SE 35603

**This is a nice indoor facility located just off the HWY 31 S. RAFFLE: VQ P51D VooDoo GP/EP ARF 58.2" 46 size - Door prizes. Admission \$5.00 per person, under 12 free. Tables/floor space \$8.00 per table PREPAID or \$10.00 per table at the door; Contact: Jim Ray (256) 353-1323 to reserve your table. All RC - Planes, Boats, Cars ,Glow and electric models and modelers welcome.
Door prizes, etc.**

Sponsor: DECATUR MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB.

******April 18th, 2015 9 AM TO 12:30 PM OUT BY 1PM****
OPEN TO ALL RC EQUIPMENT**

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