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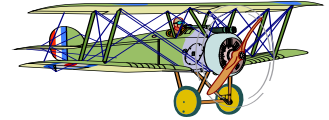
Good news! Huntsville Department of Public Works will begin our new runway construction on Monday August 21. The work is expected to be completed by Friday September 1 at the latest. We have been told work is expected to be completed sooner. We will keep everyone up-to-date via email and our Facebook page/group.

Bad news! With the exception of the Quad area/racetrack, the field will be closed to all flight operations while runway work/construction is in progress.

This Saturday (Aug 12) is National Model Aviation Day. There are no pilot fees for this event, so please come out and share your love of this hobby with your fellow members and the public. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Saturday September 2 is the RCRC AMA Pattern Contest. Jon Lowe and Gary Courtney are co-CDs for the event. Contact them for registration and event details. Check out the precision that these pilots exhibit!

RCRC is hosting an autonomous aircraft demonstration for AMCOM's PEO Aviation and Infinite Dimensions Integration on Thursday August 17. The field will be closed for flight operations during this demo from noon to 4pm. You are welcome to come spectate if you're interested. Infinite Dimensions Integration



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The logo for Rocket City Radio Controllers, Inc. (RCRC) features a stylized biplane flying over a large, bold 'RCRC' acronym. Above the acronym, it reads 'ROCKET CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC.' and below it, 'HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA'.

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personnel including their CEO and Chief of Operations will be attending our club meeting on Tuesday August 15 to brief members on their efforts and address any questions.

Our agreement with Avion Solutions Inc. is up for renewal. We will vote on it at the next meeting. A copy of the Letter of Agreement is on the following page in its entirety. The only changes from the current agreement are the dates and flying permit prices.

Field regulations state that all pilots must sign the flight log and put their flying permits on the board prior to any flight operations. Please ensure that you do so when you get to the field for flying. All members should help their fellow pilots to remember to comply with these well-established rules.

Please remember to use the Huntsville Utilities lock as the last link in our gate chain when you secure the field. It is very difficult for them to access otherwise.

While not directly RC flight related, Monday August 21 is also the date of the first cross-country total solar eclipse in nearly 100 years. In Huntsville, 96.8% of the sun will be obscured at the peak so it should be a good show here as well. Make sure you have the appropriate ISO-certified eclipse eye protection when viewing the historic event. Here is a great video from local engineer and YouTube celebrity Destin Sandlin that demonstrates what to expect.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qc7MfcKF1-s>

Fly well, fly safe,
Bob Templeton
President - RCRC



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Avion Solutions Inc. and Rocket City Radio Controllers
Letter of Agreement

Effective 30 August 2017

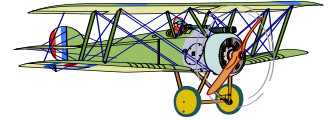
SUBJECT: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations and Flight Training conducted within the confines of the Rocket City Radio Controllers (RCRC) Airfield.

1. Purpose: This agreement between Avion Solutions Inc. and the Rocket City Radio Controllers (RCRC) prescribes procedures and applies only for operation of Avion Solutions Inc. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operations within the confines of the Cpt. Trey Wilbourn Airfield for UAS Operations and Flight Training Purposes.
2. Cancellation: This letter is valid 30 August 2017 through 30 August 2018.
3. Responsibilities:
 - a. UAS Training will be conducted in a professional manner, and will at no time interfere with Club members, their aircraft operations, or enjoyment of the airfield for recreational purposes.
 - b. The Operating area is defined as the Cpt. Trey Wilbourn Airfield, located on Leeman Ferry Road, on the South West corner of the intersection of Airport Road, in South Huntsville, Alabama.
 - c. All trainees will be escorted during all times by an authorized Avion Employee.
 - d. Trainees will be mindful of the RCRC Policies and Procedures and will act in a professional manner towards all club members, the Airfield, and club facilities.
 - e. Primary training operations will be conducted on the South West region of the airfield, but is not restricted to that area alone. Operations will be conducted in accordance with current club policies.
 - f. Avion may place obstacles including but not limited to vehicles, cones, landing pads and doorways within the Southwest flight area. Obstacle will be removed before vacating the airfield each training day.
 - g. When training events require the placement of obstacles in the flight area, UAS Operators will be properly briefed to attain highest level of safety during the flight in order to minimize any associated risks.
 - h. Avion may erect temporary shade structures (tents) for trainees on the Southwest flight area, and will be removed before vacating the airfield each training day.
 - i. Trainees will be required to obtain full AMA membership prior to any flight operations that occur at RCRC facilities.
 - j. Trainees will be required to wear a lanyard with RCRC club identification for Avion trainees/visitors only.
 - k. Avion will purchase eight (8) of these ID's for \$60.00 per, or \$480.00 for a total of eight (8). ID's will be good for the duration of this contract (August 30, 2017 to August 30, 2018)
 - l. When possible, Avion will offer support to the club, its facilities and events, as is reasonable.

Miscellaneous: Deviations from the procedures contained in this agreement shall be made only after coordination has been accomplished which completely defines responsibility in each case.

Bob Templeton
RCRC President

Kim Taylor
Director of Contracts
Avion Solutions Inc.



**Minutes of the July 18th, 2017
RCRC Club Meeting**

Meeting Called to order at 1803. A quorum was present.

Old Business

1. June 2017 newsletter was approved as written.
2. Showoff Competition Results:
 - a. Expenses = \$277.86
 - b. Income = \$232.50
 - c. Net (loss) = \$43.36
3. Quad Qualifier Results:
 - a. Entry Fees = \$440.00
 - b. Concession Income = \$130.00
 - c. Concession Expense = \$115.30
 - d. Trophy Cost = \$150.00
 - e. Net (income) = \$304.70No Treasurer report was provided.
4. Safety Report – No incidents. It was noted that a First Aid Kit was needed for the Quad Area.
5. We're getting positive feedback on our facilities!

New Business

1. Current club rules require proposals for next year's activities to be presented at the July club meeting. No events for next year were presented at the July club meeting, and we will approve events as they are proposed by quorum vote (as has been done already).
2. The field will be closed on August 17th, from noon until 4:00 pm, for a demonstration for PEO Aviation and the Air Force Research Lab. The demonstration will involve a Carbon Cub 15cc, scale airplane with a 90-inch span, wood constructed model with electric power.
3. Other Discussions:
 - a. Smoking in the pit area
 - b. Bypassing the City Lock at the front gate
 - c. Quad events, Prize Money versus Trophies/hardware. All proceeds from Quad Events classified as Formal Events/Sanctioned by AMA will go to the club. The Quad Racers holding ad-hoc races / competitions can charge/do whatever they want with regard to entry fees and prizes.



August 2nd 2017, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1800. All board members were present.

Old Business:

Runway repair still is in the plan. They will mill, level, and repave the runway. Expect the runway to be closed for 3 days.

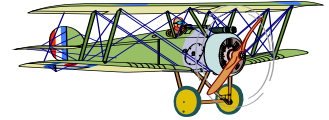
New Business:

Due to a family medical emergency, Alan Berard has resigned as Club Secretary as of August 2nd, and also withdraws as CD for the Toys for Tots event. Many thanks to Al for his time and efforts as Secretary and our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

We discussed club field closure and related demonstration on August 17th.

Regards,

Alan Berard



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TO:

<u>2017 RCRC EVENTS</u>		
12 August 2017	National Model Aviation Day	John Tubb, CD
17 August 2017	PEO Aviation and the Air Force Research Lab Demonstration	N/A (Bob Templeton, Al Blair will be present)
2-3 September 2017	Pattern Competition	Jon Lowe, CD
18 November 2017	Toys for Tots	Al Blair, CD

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.