



THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



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

P.O. Box 2163

Huntsville, AL 35804

December 2017

President's Message

Merry Christmas Pilots!

Thank you to Wade Sims and Tom Durgin for volunteering to help keep the club's business running smoothly. Wade is taking on the club secretary duties and Tom is taking over newsletter duties.

FAA registration is back. Congress and the President have reinstated the requirement for FAA UAS registration for any aircraft over 8oz. in weight. As before, this is a private matter between pilots/operators and the FAA. The AMA and RCRC will NOT be policing or enforcing FAA UAS registration.

I have had several people come to me asking about turbine aircraft. Use of turbine aircraft is allowed at RCRC. There is an additional requirement by AMA that you must possess an AMA Turbine Waiver to allow you to operate a turbine at any AMA-sanctioned field.

I hope everyone and their families have a great holiday season and look forward to seeing you all at the field flying your latest Christmas presents.

Fly well, fly safe,
Bob Templeton
President - RCRC

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Proposed field regulation changes to allow use of Hi-Start/Winches as discussed during the Nov 2017 meeting.

Original:

8) Flight Operations

d) Pilots of powered Gliders shall launch their aircraft from the flight boxes. Gliders may utilize the grass area east of the runway for landing. Winches or Hi-Starts shall not be used since they are a safety hazard to other aircraft.

Proposed:

8) Flight Operations

d) Gliders pilots shall utilize flight boxes for the duration of flight. Winches and Hi-Starts may be used with the following provisions:

- They shall not interfere with, and give right-of-way to, all other flight operations.
- Launch equipment shall utilize the area to the east of the runway.
- Use must be coordinated with all other pilots operating aircraft.

Peter Wick's estate still has some items available. Please contact Jim Fowler if you are interested. 256-882-1784 jefowler@comcast.net





**Minutes of the November 21, 2017
RCRC Club Meeting**

- Meeting called to order 6 pm
- Quorum was present
- Reported soda machine wasn't working.
- 16 new members
- Treasurer's report passed
- Safety report: Reminder – use Pilot's station when flying fixed wing aircraft
- Meeting minutes passed
- Toys for Tots: \$625 plus box of toys were donated. 34 participants
- Peter Wick's planes are being sold, with proceeds going towards his grandchildren's College Education
- Jack passed along the POC for possible indoor flying at the old Grissom High School on Bailey Cove Rd. Board will follow-up.
- Al reminded Club members that if they borrow materials from the Club, to please return them.
- A discussion about allowing Hi-Start/winch launching of gliders. Board will propose field regulation change for the December 2017 club meeting for vote. The general consensus is to allow these launching mechanisms as long as their use does not interfere with, and gives full right-of-way to, powered aircraft.
- 6:42 meeting adjourned.

No December Board of Directors Meeting.



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TO:

<u>20XX RCRC EVENTS</u>		

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.