

# THE **RCRC** NEWSLETTER



... an AMA Award of Excellence Club!

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

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December 16, 2018

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## President's Message

Merry Christmas!!!

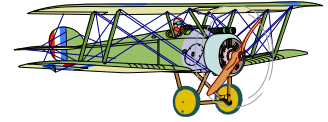
I hope all of you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday season!

The Toys for Tots event was a HUGE success. Many members mentioned to myself and Al Blair that it was the best event the club has seen in some time. We had many inquisitive spectators and supporters participate. We put on a great show for the visitors and the active flying proved to bring in a good crowd from those just driving by and noticing one or more of us up in the air having fun. Thank you to everyone that contributed to making this event such a great time and big success!

The election of Board of Directors for 2019 was held at the November 20, club meeting. Please join me in welcoming new Board of Directors members Jonathan Wimsatt (Secretary) and Gene Hauck (Treasurer). They will be valuable additions to the team that keeps the club running smoothly. Al Blair and I would also like to thank you for another year of serving the club.

**The next club meeting is Tuesday December 18 at 6pm.**

**Fly well, fly safe!!  
Bob Templeton  
President - RCRC**



## Club Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2018

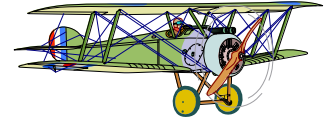
Meeting called to order at 1800. Quorum was present

### Old Business

- Treasurer's report was given by John Tubb. Passed.
- Safety report was given by Al Blair. One electric prop incident discussed. Was not a serious injury. Passed.
- Toys for Tots even briefing. \$580 in cash donations, more than a full box of toys. Picture of donation below.
- 2019 Board of Directors election was completed. 13 paper ballots and 7 online votes with all votes going to candidates running. No write-in candidates.
  - Results:
    - President – Bob Templeton
    - Vice President – Al Blair
    - Secretary – Jonathan Wimsatt
    - Treasurer – Gene Hauck

### New Business

- AMA Leader member program (John P.) Proliferation of FAA rule information Sec 349. FAA reauthorization of 2018 was discussed. The club will stay aware of the impacts and changes and ensure any policy changes are passed-on to all.
- Taxi Rule discussed: Everyone present at the field is responsible for helping each other remember this important safety rule. Rule: When returning to the pits from flying, all vehicle motors/engines must be stopped prior to reaching the gate at the pilot stations. Signs will be placed on the flight stations.
- General discussion:
  - Jonathan W. suggested "Crash Raffle". Rather throwing away aircraft part/airframes after crashes, raffle them with proceeds going to the club.
  - Clarence Hauck – The Toys for Tots was the best event we've ever seen. Spectator participation, pilot participation, everything....top-notch and active all day.
  - Schools- partnership (STEM) to increase interest in the club. Magazines at waiting room, etc. It's a wonderful idea, but the BoD does not current have the resources to reach out. Anyone that would like to work on the possibility of this relationship should contact the BoD.
- Meeting Adjourned 18:55



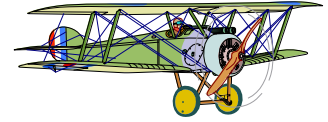
## A Board of Directors meeting was not held for December 2018

### RCRC - Toys for Tots 2018:

Rocket City RC of Huntsville Al. VP Al Blair presented Sgt. Santos of the U.S. Marine Reserve (Toys for Tots) a large box of toys and a check for \$580.00. Rocket City RC held its annual Toys for Tots fun fly on November 17th. A landing fee of \$20.00 and/or a new toy was requested. Spectators were welcome and they also contributed. Thirty-two pilots were registered and put on a great flying show. Our turbine aircraft stole the show when they flew. We had a great turnout and fun was had by all. See you next year.

Al Blair, any questions please give me a call. 269-277-0879





## **For your info.**

### **How long does fuel last?**

How long does fuel last? If you do a couple of things it will last indefinitely.

1<sup>st</sup>. When you get finished using your fuel for the day, replace and tighten the cap. This keeps the air that we all breathe from going in and out of the bottle as the barometric pressure changes. Why is this important? Fuel is mostly alcohol, and alcohol has an attraction for moisture (water). The more water in fuel the poorer it performs. Note: A lot of the pilots that use glow fuel leave their fueling cap on the bottle and never seal the bottle. This is ok if you fly a lot and all the time. But if you don't fly over the winter months, you may find that in the spring, when going to the field that your engine may not run at all, or may run poorly. This is probably because of water in the fuel. If replacing the fuel with a new bottle and the engine runs great then the reason was water in the fuel.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Keep the fuel out of the direct sun light when you are storing it. This keeps the fuel from breaking down.

3<sup>rd</sup>. If you hold the fuel up to the sun and look through it and see clots floating in it, get rid of the fuel.

P.S. Number 2&3 only pertain to plastic jugs or bottles, not metal cans.

Why am I sure that this works? I have just finished using a gallon of fuel that I bought 30 years ago. I used a couple of tanks of fuel out of it about five years ago and put it back in storage. The remainder of the gallon ran fine this summer.

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