



NEWSLETTER



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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Club Day was held last weekend on May 18. As usual Al Blair ensured this was a great event. We had a great turnout of both pilots and spectators. There were several unexpected donations and we are very thankful for that. Every cent helps cover our operating costs so we can stay in the black.

I appreciate Jon Wimsatt's time as Club Secretary, but unfortunately his busy schedule does not allow him to carry on with the position. Therefore, we need a new Club Secretary. We also still need to fill the Newsletter Editor position. Being mid-term, the board can appoint members to these positions without an election. Please consider helping us keep the club running smoothly. Contact me to discuss the positions if you're interested.

We can't fix it if we don't know about it. If you see something at the field that needs the board's attention, please let us know! We would like to know about any concerns no matter if they are member/rules compliance issues or something at the needs repair or upgrading with our facilities. You are our eyes and ears and need your help in maintaining awareness of things that we need to address.

Remember to sign-in the pilot's log book and place your card on the frequency board prior to flying.

The next club meeting is Tuesday May 21 at 6pm.

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





Club Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1802. Quorum was present

Old Business

- Treasurer's report was given by Gene Hauck. Passed.
- Safety report was given by Al Blair. Passed.
- Previous meeting minutes and newsletter content. Passed

New Business

- AMA Leader member program (John P.)
 - New FAA guidelines.
 - AMA has not ordered any deviation from current operation procedures at this time.
- 72Mhz Band safety concerns. Fred Hermann requested that the board investigate the subject and report back to the club. Report back at September meeting.
- John P. suggested a crash log book to establish patterns and histories in
- Battery disposal box. Will be delivered periodically to recycle.
- Weather station remote access problems discussed. There were no problems with the station itself. Weather Underground changed their URLs, so existing links and bookmarks no-longer worked. The RCRC website will be kept up-to-date with any changes. The newsletter will also have the current links for the important related sites.

Meeting Adjourned: 1840

A Board of Directors meeting was not held for May 2019





For Your Info: Why do we have laws and Rules?

First of all, I am not a law enforcement person. I am only looking at this from a logical point of view.

Law, according to the dictionary: A rule established by authority, society, or custom. The body or system of such rules. Rule according to the dictionary: Governing power or its possession or use; authority. These are short definitions.

As the population in an area grows so do the offences to others. This means that the more people in a small area, the more laws will exist. Without laws there would be chaos. We would not have a civilization. It would be like the wild west; the fastest draw would rule.

As far as the RCRC club goes, we have rules that are guidelines of the club's existence and safety. Without these rules, the club would not exist. We as fliers are guided by these rules. We go to the field to have fun. We don't want to offend others and by far we don't want to endanger others. When a person is corrected, their pride is bruised. Some are very defensive. There is no reason for a person to be upset over being corrected, and there is no reason to embarrass a person in front of their friends. When someone is being corrected, it should be in private. When one has been told that they are breaking a rule, they should not continue the action. If this continues, then some form of discipline will be levied. I have been told by some that the rules don't apply when no one else is at the field. The problem is that, at times, someone drives up unnoticed and watches the person break the rule. This new arrival then believes that it is ok to break that rule. It's not! Why is it so important to break the rule in the first place? Is this the way you live your life? Does this make you better than the next guy?

I am interested in the people's views that break the law and rules. I am interested why they don't have to follow the rules. Why? I guess the way I see it, if you don't like the rules, then go somewhere else to fly. The rules we have may not be agreeable with everyone that flies at the field, but they were put there for a reason. If you want them changed, go to a meeting and bring it up and change them. After all, the rules at this club were passed by the members. The city looks to the club to police this field. If we can't, then maybe it is time for another soccer field.

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Important Links:

RCRC Website:

<https://rocketcityrc.com>

Direct link to the current weather conditions at the field:

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KALHUNTS256>

Academy of Model Aeronautics:

<https://modelaircraft.org>

RCRC YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBPcz2UzsCDMR-oAO-PaA4g>

FAA Registration:

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov>

