



# NEWSLETTER



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

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RCRC will be hosting an AMA District V Fun Fly April 17-19, 2020. This three-day event will bring all the District V clubs together for fun, friendship, and flying. There will be general open flying, contests, demonstrations and more. Planning is beginning soon, so please let your event ideas and suggestions be made known. Al Blair and I will be CDs for this event.

We had a nice impromptu cookout event Saturday Labor Day weekend. The turnout was great and a fun time was had by all as we flew, ate, and fought the heat. We hope to have these more often in the months to come. If you'd like to set one up, don't be shy and just do it. The grill and other facilities are there to be used and enjoyed. Al and I are always to help out (time permitting). Just let me know and I'll help get the word out to members as well.

Reminder: **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 September 17 at 6pm.**

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





## Minutes for RCRC monthly club meeting: 20 August 19 Meeting begin: 18:03

### Attendance:

- 3 board members:
- 10 voting members:
- 13 Total in Attendance:

### Old business:

Opened: 18:04

- Expense report: 18:04 thru 18:06 Pass
- Safety: 18:06 Thru 18:19 one injury non-reportable, small nick in skin from motor turning on while handling aircraft. Reinforce the use of throttle cut switches ‘
- Have Airspace courtesy and call your intentions in the air, takeoff and landing.
- LiPo battery safety, don't charge batteries unattended, recommend using safety charge bags.
- safety vote; Approved
- Discussion of dirt being brought in to improve level ground for grass runway
- NMAD: Successful event. Use of new signs and Social media was a great success.
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Closed: 18:34

### New Business:

Opened: 18:34

- Police were called during the NMAD event please be cautioned to keep Aircraft with in the RCRC perimeter and avoid the Tennis courts.
- RCRC will Host AMA District V fly-in in April 2020 this will be a 3-day event! Preparations will be starting soon.
- TOYS for TOTS will be hosted on 16 November 19. There is be a 20\$ landing fee or bring a new Toy of equal or greater value
- Requesting sanctioned event to host Jets over Huntsville Date TBD
- Roads and grounds is aware of our road and we are on the list. Please be patient
- RCRC needs Contest Directors looking for Volunteers.
- Sam the Dog passed this past month and has been given honors on the RCRC wall in the club house.
- Member Leader Program: LOA's for clubs are still pending for FAA.

Closed: 18:40

Closing remarks: none

Adjourned: 18:42

**A Board of Directors meeting was not held for September.**





## For Your Info

### What I learned flying Model Airplanes

Start out slow and simple. Don't buy a warbird just because it looks cool. Starting with a simple plane gives you an opportunity to learn a number of things about building (repair), flight, control, and maintenance. Before buying your first plane, look around. What do you want to get into; free flight, rubber, line control, radio control? Do you want to build your own model or buy one ready to fly? Talk to people about their opinions. Don't give advice unless asked for. Give help if you believe that you can help. Some people don't want help. Above all if you need help, ask. This will make the hobby easier, more enjoyable, and you will start new friendships.

Talking at the field isn't all about models. You would be surprised about what subjects come up. Just remember that your opinion is just that, yours. Don't get upset if the other person doesn't agree with you, not all people will, and maybe you are wrong.

There is always someone that is better than you. Watch and ask, and you will learn. There are few people that aren't willing to help, for what reason I don't know. Remember this is a hobby and it is to be enjoyed. Everyone gets something different from the hobby. There are builders, these are people that love to build more than fly. There are flyers, these are people that love to fly more than build. Then there are gadget people, these are people that love to use every new gadget that comes on the market. Their aircraft are so complex that the average modeler couldn't fly their planes. These are the people that you go to for advanced advice.

Above all, follow the rules. Every field has different rules, learn them and obey them. They came about for a reason. If you get sighted for breaking a rule, don't get upset. If you don't understand the rule, ask about it. That will make obeying it a lot easier. Also, if you see someone else breaking a rule, take them aside and talk to them about it. Don't embarrass them in front of the other flyers.

If you have a medical problem, let the other pilots know so that they can keep an eye on you. This does make a difference. I once flew with a gentleman that would never take off or land his plane. But he flew just fine once in the air. One evening he was flying and all of a sudden, he passed out and fell to the ground. The pilot standing next to him grabbed his transmitter and landed his plane safely. The pilot that was helping him knew that he had a heart problem and that when he got excited his heart would flutter and he would pass out. After a few minutes he would come to and be all right. He loved to fly but wasn't capable of flying by himself. I didn't know that he had the problem, and if I would have been helping him, I would have never saved the plane, I would have concentrated on him.

**Remember when at the field, have a good time and be safe.**

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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>

