



NEWSLETTER



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December 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! December brings us to the end of another successful year for RCRC. We've had some great events and membership levels continue to maintain without decline. With our continued work and the membership's continued involvement, 2020 will hopefully be another great year for RCRC and the hobby in general.

During the coming year, we are likely to see changes in our beloved hobby. Potential issues and concerns include: FAA regulation and oversight, the continued ineffectiveness of AMA as a community-based organization (CBO) and lobbying body, and the entrance of a new FAA-recognized CBO named the Professional Modelers of America or "PMA" for short. While it is still way too early to gauge how all of these factors interacting with each other will impact RC flight, I am optimistic that there are enough passionate and smart people working towards the continued well-being of the hobby. Yes, changes are likely in some form, but we shouldn't let this prevent our enjoyment of the hobby. So far, there has been very little impact on RCRC and its members and I will do everything I can to ensure this continues.

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 December 17 at 6pm.

Fly well, fly safe!!
Bob Templeton
President – RCRC





Minutes for RCRC monthly club meeting: 19 November 2019 Meeting: 18:10-18:39

Note: A quorum was not present, therefore all voted items (exception: BoD election) will be voted on again at the December 17 meeting.

Attendance:

- 2 board members
- 7 voting members
- 9 Total

Meeting Opened:

- Expense Report: Passed (2nd vote pending)
- Safety Report: Passed (2nd vote pending)
- Previous Meeting Minutes & Newsletter Content: Passed (2nd vote pending)

Old business:

- Toys for Tots report. We wound up with an overflowing box of toys and nearly \$400 in cash donations.
- City Road Repair Status. City Administrator John Hamilton came out to assess the condition and stated: *"Our annual road resurfacing program is executed in a series of contracts throughout the fiscal year. Groups of streets are pulled together in a batch and contracted as a package. This street will be included in one of those batches. I don't have a timeline for this specific street yet."*
- City-RCRC Agreement Renewal. Dr. Jeanie Robinson and John Hamilton have both been contacted about beginning the renewal process. They were also provided with a copy of our current contract. The contract expires December 31, 2020. The contract renewal tasks have been given to the city's legal department. This is currently slated for a late spring-early summer action.
- FAA Status: No changes since last discussion at October club meeting.
- Club reminder of Avion Private event tomorrow (20-November).
- 2020 Board of Directors Election. Three online votes, six paper ballots. No write-ins. As a result, all RCRC Board of Directors are hereby re-elected for the 2020 term.

New Business:

- EarthScope and Huntsville City Schools will be making periodic drive-by teaching sessions about the landfill from the club's parking lot. These visits typically last five minutes or less and all teaching occurs on the bus. Nobody will be exiting the bus during these brief visits. A schedule is included below.
- Discussion of gravel being used as a temporary road fix was made. Clint Bestor and Al Blair were instructed to proceed with this effort in December.

Closing remarks: None

Adjourned: 18:39

***Board of Directors meeting was not held for December 2019.**





EarthScope/Huntsville City Schools Trash Trip and Animal Services- Humane Education Schedule

December

- 12 Dawson (2)
- 18 AAA (3)
- 19 Montview (2)

January

- 16 Whitesburg (3)
- 17 MLK, Jr (3)
- 21 Goldsmith (2)
- 22 Goldsmith (2)
- 23 Goldsmith (2)
- 29 Hampton Cove (2)
- 30 Hampton Cove (2)
- 31 Monte Sano (1)

February

- 6 Chapman (1)
- 7 Mt Gap (2)
- 12 Weatherly (2)
- 13 Weatherly (2)
- 14 ASFL (3)
- 20 Farley (3)
- 21 McDonnell (3)
- 25 Sonnie Hereford (2)
- 26 Sonnie Hereford (2)
- 27 Providence(2)
- 28 Providence (2)

*EARTHSCOPE will be at Animal Services from 10:00 – 11:00 am and 11:00am – 12:00 pm.
Please call me if you have any questions. Kim Huskey 256-656-2648





Important Links:

RCRC Website:

<https://rocketcityrc.com>

Direct link to the current weather conditions at the field:

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

FAA Registration:

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov>

FAA Recreational Flyer Information, Guidelines, and Policies:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/

RCRC YouTube:

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

Academy of Model Aeronautics:

<https://modelaircraft.org>

