



NOTAM'S

We are missing two "Buddy Boxes" at the field. They are painted yellow on the back. Please double check your cars and trucks for these guys and return them as soon as you can. Thanks

RCRC is going to start an **IMAA** Chapter at our club. The IMAA is the International Miniature Aircraft Association, and caters to large-scale aircraft of 80" or larger wingspan. We need six active IMAA members to charter the club. Membership in the IMAA is only \$20.00 per year and includes a really nice quarterly magazine. Anyone interested please contact Bill Fluke.

Visit the Website if you can. Lots of info there...Swap Shop, Events Calendar, Pictures etc. www.RCCKY.com

We would like to have some additional Fun Fly's this year as time permits. Anyone with ideas for a Fun Fly is encouraged to contact anyone on the Board so that we can get it scheduled if possible.

We have a new Park Ranger at Tom Sawyer. His name is David Waters. Keep an eye out for David and shake his hand if you get a chance. He is there to help protect our field and us.

Anyone that is not currently an instructor and is interested in being a **Flight Instructor**, please contact Doug Bailey. Doug is going to try and coordinate the list of instructors and their availability for training. We also need ground instructors to check out the aircraft prior to being flown so that the Flight instructor's time is spent flying with the student. So if you're interested please contact Doug.

There is a new Email service that Tim Gladney has placed on our web page. Go to www.RCCKY.com Members section and check it out.

Please send in any pictures, news articles, tips, or information on events you have attended, so we can include it in the next newsletter. For now, send them to RCRC c/o Bill Fluke, 8006 Shadow Creek Rd., Crestwood, KY 40014-8933 or preferably email to flukester@aol.com.

CALENDAR

Not much to post here as of yet, but hopefully we will begin to fill this section up.

Club Meetings: Wed Feb 2, 2005, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club
Wed Mar 2, 2005, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club

Board Meetings: Wed Jan 26, 2005, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park
Wed Feb 23, 2005, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park

Crusade "Wings for Kids": Saturday and Sunday June 4 & 5, 2005 at
RCRC airfield 10:00 AM til 5:00 PM both days

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday February 2nd, 2005. It will be at the Aero Club located at Bowman Field Airport at **7:30 PM**. **There will be a 50/50 drawing and a \$50.00 gift certificate to Scale Reproductions given away that evening.** IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THERE, CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR DIRECTIONS. We would really like to see you there!

Thanks to Tim Gladney our webmaster and Scott Kimball, our Secretary, we have started to post the minutes of each Board meetings and General Club meetings on the website. Also, Tim has updated many of the site's different areas and upgraded the access and downloads for members. We are hoping this site will be an invaluable source of information for the members and plan to use it for communication more in the future.

With that in mind, we are trying to re-start our newsletter as well. Not only for the web users, but also for those that may not have access to a computer or the Internet. Our plan is to **email** as many of the newsletters as possible to our members. This will save the club a great deal of money on postage and stationery. For the members who do not have an email address or access to the Internet a hard copy of the newsletter will be mailed to you. So it is **VERY IMPORTANT to update your email** address and your USPS mailing address to the Secretary so that our roster is kept current. Tim Gladney has made this super easy to do on the website. Just go to www.RCCKY.com, click on "Members Only". Enter your A.M.A. Number and the Gate Pass (1936) click "Logon". At the "Members" page you will see a Menu to the left and at the bottom of this menu you will see "Logged on As:" Your Name. Below that will be listed your current email that we have listed on the roster. If this has changed or is incorrect, then click on (Update Email) and follow the instructions to update your email. If you do not have email, then please call or mail Scott Kimball to notify him of any changes.

Using email is an invaluable way for the Board to communicate with the membership. It's efficient, inexpensive, and fast. Communication really is the key to having a successful club and this will help us to accomplish this difficult task.

With that being said, the purpose of this newsletter is to inform as much of the membership as possible of what's been going on and what we have to look forward to in the upcoming months. I apologize for the format.... it's boring. I'm not very computer savvy and I'm following in some footsteps that were legendary as newsletters go. You may remember our last newsletter editors as Jim Rippy and then Bill Allison. Their newsletters were nothing short of phenomenal.... colorful, interesting, and chock full of information. I would like to talk to Jim and Bill someday and get some advice on the matter if they would be so kind. Stu Posante expressed some interest in possibly doing the newsletter formatting but we haven't had a chance to hook up. So for now, you're stuck with me. Anyone else interested??? A newsletter is a **HUGE** undertaking, if not an impossible task without the help and contributions of the membership. I sure Mr. Allison and Mr. Rippy will attest to that statement. So I'm hoping (praying) that the members will send in some articles, tips, pictures, letters, event schedules...anything that may be of interest to the rest of the members so that we can keep this baby comin'. **THIS IS YOUR CLUB**...let us hear from you. You can send the info to me, Bill Fluke, for now via email or by mail to 8006 Shadow Creek Rd, Crestwood, KY 40014.

The NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY was a success....I think. It was warm but a very rainy, soggy day. But that didn't keep almost 50 Nuts...er I mean Pilots from coming out and challenging the weather. There were actually several flights in spite of the rain. Take a look at the photos. They pretty much speak for themselves. Thanks to John Glauber who always lures us to these events with the promise of Hot Dogs, Chili, and other great food. We were not disappointed John. We had some chili, fun, and a few door prizes...and I hope nobody got the Flu. Thanks to all who helped make this event happen. And kudos to Ron Bethany who must have stirred that chili for 2 straight hours!!

CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN "WINGS FOR KIDS" 2005

For those of you that didn't get to attend last years Crusade for Children event "Wings for Kids" that your club held in June, you missed a great event. River City Radio Controllers contributed more that \$7000.00 to the Crusade in 2004!

Planning is already underway for the 2005 event. This year it will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 4th & 5th. Mike Ulmer is once again chairing the Crusade Committee that will be made up of several sub-committees.

WE NEED HELP!! Below is a list of the sub-committees. PLEASE consider helping on at least one of these committees. Bring family and friends. It is a great way to get involved in not only the club but to do something good for our community as well. This is not a revenue generator for RCRC, but besides being gratifying it serves as great public relations for our club.

The more volunteers we have the easier it is on everyone involved in the event. Sooo.....**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** try and sign up for even the smallest task!!!! Here are the committees:

- Pilot Recruiting
- Food
- Promotion/Advertising
- Gate/Money Collection
- Transmitter Impound
- Mall Show
- Raffle
- Site Development
- Flight Control (Airboss)

You can contact Mike Ulmer at 593-3078 or airplanemike@bellsouth.net. You can also contact anyone on our Board of Directors by email or phone to sign up or get additional information about the committees.. We have some volunteers already, but we are WAY short of what we need to pull this off again this year. **There will be a \$100.00 raffle just for those volunteers who participate.**

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Notes from the "Pres".

Welcome to 2005!

As President Elect I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to another year of great flying and fellowship at the field this year. I hope that will have many many chances to come out and enjoy the weather, fly some airplanes, or just do some serious BS'ing by the shelter! We have some great guys and gals that belong to our club and even if you don't fly (Heaven forbid!) its enjoyable to just sit and jabber. Plus I've found it to be an endless source of information on your next project.... Airplanes or not!!