

The Trickle Charge Gazette

River City Radio Controllers NEWSLETTER

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Notes from the "Pres".

Well it's officially Spring but you'd never know it by the weather! Still, there have been a few days that were more than bearable and guess what?.....there were airplanes and helicopters buzzing at Steve Henry field. Hopefully the weather will break and warm up some. I have a tough enough time working those transmitter sticks without my teeth chattering. Come to think of it, that's how I fly all the time!!

Lots of new planes showing up at the field. You guys have been busy this winter. I hope everyone can come out soon and show off their winter project, or enjoy checkin' out someone else's work....before it's too late if you know what I mean!! ☺

Well this is the first newsletter that will be going out via email, except for those that don't have email in which case we still mail them. Tim has done a great job on the web site. The newsletter will also be posted there. Remember to keep your information up to date. Also, we will not send the newsletter to you unless your 2005 dues are paid.

UPDATE

CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN "WINGS FOR KIDS" 2005

Saturday and Sunday June 4th & 5th.

The Crusade Committee meeting was held Monday March 7th at the Aero Club and went very well. Almost everyone that was at the general meeting showed up and even some extra guys. We went through all the sub-committees' assignments.

We decided on a budget of \$2500 maximum based on previous years' expenditures and an estimate of expenses for this year. The Board must approve any additional monies.

Hotel rooms are \$45.00 at Hampton Inn. We have reserved 20 rooms but probably only need 10 or so max, and most pilots will probably pay for their own room. We are not going to pay for the pilot's dinner on Saturday but we are going to make arrangements for dinner and escort them.

Scott Kimball, Mike Ulmer, Gary McLeod, and Doug Trent are doing the pilot recruiting. I believe Tim Gladney is helping as well. Committed so far we have Billy Shaw, Jeff Williams, Jerry Smith, Bob Sadler "Mouth of the South", John Boyco, Frank Noll Jr., Jason Noll, Wayne Geffon, and Blaine Austin, pending any conflicts that may arise of course. Several RCRC club pilots would fly if we need to fill space. Invited but no response yet: Mike Barbee, John Leyland, Team JR.,

Doug Trent inviting a top 3-D helicopter guy from Indy. His name is Mark Fadley and he finished 4th in the XFC!! He is coming to fly.

John Glauber is once again handling the food. Again, volunteers are welcome. We're probably going to add hamburgers to the menu as suggested by Gary McLeod...everyone agreed. All agreed also to get more food donated so we don't run out on Sunday. There will be an early breakfast on Saturday around 8:00 AM for the volunteers and any pilots that may be there. Any members that can get food or drinks donated please contact John Glauber as soon as you can.

Jim Schroder and Norm Crabtree are organizing the parking. Doug Bailey and Bill Fluke are going to do the site plan for tents etc. Tim Hardin is taking care of the money. It was decided we need about 24 volunteers for parking and gates. Encourage all to recruit friends and family.

Bill and Jeff Donovan are running the Impound and can use some additional help in this area.

Advertising and promotion- Don Goodlett and Travis Collard are working on signage. We (Travis) are having 50 signs made to place at busy intersections, 20"x 24" cost about \$65.00. Doug Bailey is contacting Phil Blair about the posters so we can get them a little sooner. We are contacting the Courier Journal, several Church newspapers, Oldham Era, etc to get costs on adds and using our poster as an insert. All agreed that printing flyers and putting them in mail/paper boxes around the neighborhoods would be very cost effective and all volunteered to distribute some to their prospective communities. As a note, the \$500 for the mall show was voted down at the regular meeting.

I had seven additional people contact me via email to volunteer even though they couldn't make the meeting.

After some lengthy discussion regarding the Air Boss position, no one bellied up to the bar right away. But after some encouragement Scott Kimball did volunteer. He really did.... I didn't volunteer him :) Chris La Selva (new member), Bill Fluke, and Doug Blakeman are going to help Scott. The schedule we come up with will be more formalized and adhered to the best we can.

We had some really good discussion and ideas come out of this part of the meeting. Everyone wants a warbird segment, but separated from the "All Fly" time for club members. Everyone wants to have the spectators be able to view the airplanes more and have more access to the pilots. We have a plan but too lengthy to put in this newsletter.

I'm sure I've overlooked some things but hope this gives you a thumbnail of what's going on.

WE CAN STILL USE MORE HELP!! Below is a list of the sub-committees. PLEASE consider helping on at least one of these.

The more volunteers we have the easier it is on everyone involved in the event.

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

THANKS to those who have volunteered so far. I have received many emails and phone calls from people who could not make the meeting, but who want to help in some way to make this event happen.

You can contact Mike Ulmer at 593-3078 or airplanemike@bellsouth.net. You can also contact any of our Board of Directors by email or phone to sign up or get additional information about the committees. All of our contact information is located on the first page of this newsletter and on the club web site WWW.RCRCKY.COM.

REMEMBER...There will be a \$100.00 raffle just for those volunteers who participate.

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NOTAM'S

Doug Trent brought his new radio, the infamous Futaba 14MZ, to the general meeting in February. It is one sexy piece of equipment. Doug's 24-hour smile has been a little embarrassing at work, but he's coping with it. This baby brings a whole new meaning to the words "TOUCH Screen"...it's more like "Fondle Screen" I think. We're just jealous Doug.

There will be four additional flight tables constructed for the helicopter area this Spring. We will need some volunteers to help with the work detail. We will let you know when the building will take place. In the meantime, contact the Board if you are interested in helping.

We submitted our application for an **IMAA Chapter** for RCRC in February and received our Chapter status. We are Chapter #751. Anyone interested in the IMAA membership may contact Bill Fluke at 241-0344 or visit the IMAA web site at www.fly-ima.org.

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

Doug Whitlock is still interested in having a **Piper CUB Fun Fly** event. He is still working on a date for the fly in so as not to interfere with any other activities in the area. Doug needs your help putting this together. If you're interested in having this event, give Doug a call. Doug's contact information: wdcwhitlock3@aol.com or 243-1520.

SWAP MEET: We have decided on a date for the swap meet for our club. It will be on **Saturday, October 22, 2005** at Tom Sawyer Park Pavilion. Cost of the swap meet is being investigated and we will keep you posted. This has been a good revenue generator for the club in the past. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping re-establish this successful meet, please contact Bill Fluke, Doug Bailey or the Board.

This is YOUR CLUB. Please, we need you to get involved.

I NEED YOUR STUFF!! Please send in any pictures, news articles, tips, or information on events you have attended, so that we can include them 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. Remember, the deadline for "stuff" is by the third week each month. Thanks for your help.

CALENDAR

Club Meetings: Wed Apr 6, 2005, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club at Bowman Field Airport
Wed May 4, 2005, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club at Bowman Field Airport

Board Meetings: Wed Mar 30, 2005, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park Office
Wed Apr 27, 2005, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park Office

Toledo Expo: Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 1,2,and 3, 2005 at the Seagate Center, Toledo, Ohio

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

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday April 6th, 2005. It will be at the Aero Club located at Bowman Field Airport at **7:30 PM**.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THERE, CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR DIRECTIONS.

There will be a \$50.00 gift certificate to Scale Reproductions given away again that evening along with other door prizes.

Chris Ward will be doing a covering seminar at the April meeting
We would really like to see you there!

Bill Donovan and Doug Bailey won fuel pumps donated by Scale Reproductions and Don Goodlett won the \$50 gift certificate at the February meeting. Congratulations Bill, Doug and Don!!!

You can't win if you're not there!!!

REMINDER ATTENTION MEMBERS RCRC LOGO CONTEST

**Win a FREE CLUB MEMBERSHIP for 2 years, a minimum \$100.00 value!!
Or, Choose a \$50.00 gift certificate to Scale Reproductions**

The Board of Directors announces a contest for a **New Logo for the River City Radio Controllers**. Any member in good standing (2005 Dues Paid) may submit one or more entries. All entries must be in the Presidents hands **not later than Tuesday April 26, 2005**. The Logo must be suitable to be sized for stationary, T-shirts, jackets etc. It must be a maximum of 5 colors including Black. Preferably it should be submitted in electronic/digital format but hard copies will be accepted. Digital entries should be emailed to flukester@aol.com. The entries will be submitted to the Board on Wednesday April 27, 2005 and the final entries will be selected to be anonymously presented at the Club meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. The entries will also be posted on the web site and in the newsletter. Voting by the membership for the best entry will be conducted at the May 5, 2005 Club meeting and possibly by electronic proxy voting via the web site. Watch your Email! A winner will be selected at the May 5 Club meeting. Please contact any Board member if you have any questions.