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Official Newsletter of Birmingham R/C Association



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Check out our new club website!

Next Club Meeting:

January 21, 2012
9:00 am

Town Market Café

Birmingham RC Officers

Vice President: Tom Calamusa

Secretary: Jim Georgeson

Treasurer: Jim Stewart

Safety Officer: John McGowan

Happy New Year 2012!

Greetings fellow fliers, as we reflect back on 2011, we regretfully have to mention the un-timely passing of our good friend and club president Frank Comer. His loss left the club without a compass for the remainder of the year. Now, looking forward to 2012, we must carry on as I am sure Frank would have wanted us to do. So with that said, let us all come together to show our full support to the hobby that we love, and to the best RC club around. We have a 40' conex box that needs leveling, and wiring, etc. We want to tear out the old shed, and put in another pilot station/table there. We have two riding mowers to lock up in our conex, and we are on the lookout for a third. That way, we can keep up our own grounds, and leave some money in the club coffers for other improvements. We need to run a full events calendar in 2012, such as King of the Hill combat, club 40 pylon, and a fun fly or two. And of course some burger burns, and perhaps a family day, with swap meet. If any of you guys have and other suggestions, please let us hear from you. Let's make 2012 a great year for Birmingham RC!!

Happy New Year!
Tom Calamusa

AMA Renewal

It is that time of year again! If you are a current member of the club and haven't renewed your AMA insurance yet, you won't be allowed to fly at the Birmingham RC Association field until you do so. You can click on the link below to take you to the AMA website or you can also search for the link on the home page of our club website.

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>



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Birmingham RC Club can now be found on facebook.

[http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/111570492243130/](http://www.facebook.com#!/groups/111570492243130/)

December Christmas Party

The 2011 December Christmas party was held at Pizza Hut in Gardendale. There was a huge turnout which made the party a real success. The members and the families who came all had a wonderful time at this event. Lots of pizza was served, stories were told and door prizes were given away.

Website Update

Our club website has been updated and Nick Leo is now the webmaster again. He has done an excellent job so far getting the new site up and going again. The address of the new site has changed back from a ".com" to a ".org" address. Please go check it out at the following address and let him know what you think:

www.birminghamrcclub.org

BRCA Event News

It is the beginning of a new year and now is your opportunity to make it a fun and exciting one. We all know how much fun our previous club events have been, but they don't come without work. If we didn't have those members in our club who volunteer their time and effort, none of these events would have been made possible. During our first few meetings of the year, we will need to further discuss which events our club would like to run for the rest of 2012. Keep in mind for every event we plan, we will need someone or even a group of people who would be willing to step forward and become a contest director.

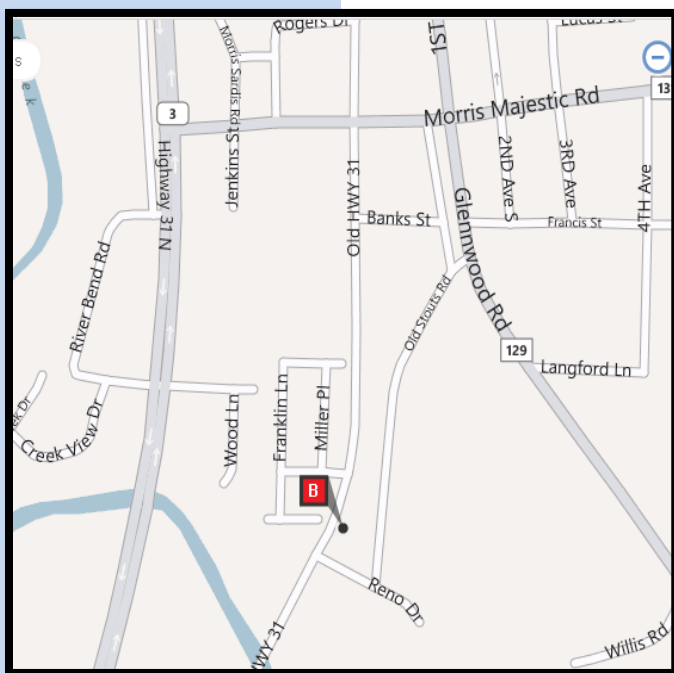


Congratulations to both Randy Bosworth and John McGowan for bringing home awards from the last RCRC pylon race in November. Randy finished in first place in the "A" Main and also set the fastest race time of the day at 1:26:67. John McGowan also finished in the "A" Main and brought home the 4th place award.

Club Meetings

Our club meetings are held every third Saturday of the month and they begin at 9:00 am. During these colder months, we will be conducting our club meeting at the Town Market Café/ Marathon station located in Morris. You can come early and order breakfast before the meeting starts if you wish to do so. Below is the address and a map to the restaurant.

8113 Old Highway 31,
Morris Alabama



Popular Events for 2012

March:

Southeastern Model Show – March 2 and 3

“World's Largest RC Swap Meet” held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry Georgia

May:

Joe Nall Week – May 12 through May 19

This will be the 30th year of hosting Joe Nall week. It is one of the largest fly-ins with five separate flight lines to accommodate all the pilots. This event is held at the Triple Tree field located at 330 Mary Hanna Road Woodruff, SC 29388

June:

Pylon Race – June 23

(RCRC) Rocket City Radio Controllers will be hosting a Club 40 Pylon Race at their field in Huntsville

November:

Pylon Race/ Chili cook off – November 17

(RCRC) Rocket City Radio Controllers will be hosting a Pylon Race with a chili cook off at their field in Huntsville

News Letter

One of the many things I have missed after the passing of Frank has been his newsletters. I always enjoyed reading all the latest information and keeping up to date with everything going on in our club. I have been considering picking back up the newsletters and publishing them on a monthly basis again. I will be including a lot of the important information that comes up during our club meetings and throughout each month. I also would like to try and include some extra content from the club members. If you have come across any neat R/C related articles, stories, tips and tricks or pictures of yourself or someone else, feel free to send them to me. They will get approved and possibly be published in one of the upcoming newsletters.

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– David Georgeson

Summary of November 2011 Minutes

Date: November 19, 2011

Location: Town Market Café

Members Present: 7

Visitors: None

Called to Order:

Acting President Tom Calamusa called to order the regular meeting of the Birmingham R/C Association at 9 am.

Secretaries Report:

The minutes from the last meeting (In August) were read by Jim Georgeson and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was read by Jim Stewart and approved.

Old Business:

Tom Calamusa brought up the topic about making sure we continue to plan and follow through with hosting our usual combat and pylon events. A discussion was held about creating a "Frank Comer" memorial fly-in. It was agreed upon that this memorial fly-in should be open to all flyers and not include any type of competition.

Old business continued

Nick stated that we needed an event coordinator for the upcoming year. The idea behind this position is to have someone coordinate more social fly-in events at our club. We want to try and boost the participation of members who come to both the meetings and flying events.

A discussion was brought up about updating the website. Nick Leo mentioned he might try to run it again. The club needs the website to get information to the members about meetings, events, and work days. Nick stated he would look into it and may have it up and running by the first of the year.

New Business:

Jim Stewart reminded everyone about the upcoming December Christmas Party. A discussion was brought up about having the club pay for everyone's meal at Pizza Hut. This was made into a motion and it passed.

A discussion was brought up about looking into paying someone to bush hog the lower end of the field. It was agreed upon that this was something that needed to be done again. A motion was made to have the club pay someone to cut the lower end which was then passed.

A discussion was brought up about electing new officers for the 2012 year. The positions that are open and need to be filled include the president and safety officer. We also would like to create and fill a new position for an event coordinator.

Close of Meeting:

Tom Calamusa asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and passed. Meeting adjourned.

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