RRCC NEWSLETTER

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Hi everybody!

We (the Reno Radio Control Club) have one of the nicest flying site in Northern Nevada. It only exists because of the hard work and financial support of the membership. You know it is a good place to fly, so please renew your RRCC membership for 2027. (Also, don't forget to keep your AMA membership up to date.)

Unfortunately, the online PayPal is still not functioning. Never-the-less, there are three methods of payment that do work:

Mail: Send your check to Reno Radio Control Club, P O Box 21115, Reno, NV, 89515

At the field or around town: Give your check or cash directly to one of the Club Officers.

At the December meeting: Use check, cash, or credit card (see Cameron).

Dues rates:
Standard one-year member renewal: $100
Full year for members who didn't renew in 2026: $125
Full year for first time member: $125
Renewal for members who present membership I.D. from another area club: $75
First time applicants who present membership I.D. from another area club: $100

MEETING MINUTES, 4 Nov 2026

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

   Members present: 15 (83/4 = 20.75 15 < 20.75 quorum not present)

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Voted in favor to accept as published in the Oct 2026 newsletter.

3. No guests or new members.

4. Board Member Reports.

   A. Vice President (Josh Tatu). Not present.

   B. Treasurer (Duane Nelson). Duane reported that the Club had $640 of income, $900 of expenses (a good portion of which went to the Christmas Party arrangements), and the investment account was up $875. To see the complete report, please ask Duane.

   C. Secretary (Randy Connors). Not present.

   D. Newsletter and Instruction Pilot (Dan Mitchell). Dan announced that the RSIC Open House, scheduled for Saturday 7 Nov 26, was cancelled. Tribal tradition requires that no events take place on a day when there is an important funeral. Just such a funeral was planned for the 7th. The field is available on that Saturday for open flying. Logan Miller (RSIC representative) indicated that we can plan to have the 2027 RSIC Open House during the Summer.

   E. Safety Officer (Robert Piper). Piper said that there were no safety issues to report.

5. Event Committee Information.

   A. We had two race days during October. The 11 Oct. race went well, though it was a cold day. The 31 Oct. race had a little bit of wind and there was no AeroScout class.

   B. Ideas being discussed for the 2027 race season:

      1) Make a set schedule for race days. For example, always the second Saturday or Sunday of every month. Maybe have the races on Saturday for the months of January through June. Then have the races on Sunday for the months of July through December.

      2) Race pilots could collect points through the race seasons. There would be trophies and/or prizes at the end of each season/year.

6. Old Business.

   A. We need nominations (at least one) for the position of Vice President. Thankfully, all the Club Members presently in Officer positions have volunteered to remain in their duties for 2027. The V.P. job is often more nominal than anything else. The most obvious duty for the V.P. is to run the monthly Club meeting in the event the President is not available. Special projects might be taken up by the V.P. For example, Tom White worked on Club outreach by setting up STEM presentations at local area schools. If you want to have more of a say about the direction the Club takes, consider getting involved in the Club staff. The V.P. position is a nice entry level place to start.

   B. Cameron presented the big new sign that lists the current “Field Rules + Turbine Operation Rules”. It will replace the old Field Rules sign that is presently mounted on the “Radio Impound/Frequency Board”. The only change in the Field Rules is the deletion of the “Turbine Exclusion”.

   C. The AMA gave the Club some Glider Starter Kits. We have to show the AMA that we did use the kits to introduce youth to aviation (this year). The RSIC Open House was going to be the venue.

With the Open House cancelled, a different event is needed. Something will be arranged for kids to use the models in the next two months.

7. New Business.

   A. A detailed discussion was held regarding execution of the Holiday Party. There is a lot of interest. 15 members were at the meeting, and they represented at least 22 people who would attend the party. There is not much time for putting this event together, and there was no quorum at the meeting. So, Cameron (next day, 5 Nov 26) sent a R.S.V.P. email to the membership to get a rough figure on how many people to plan for, and to get a majority "vote" on a $5,000 Christmas Party budget.

      1) In a choice between potluck or catering, the meeting attendees chose catering. Catering costs can be between $2,000 and $5,000. We can expect the cost per plate for members to be $15 to $20.

      2) There will be a free raffle for gifts to significant others. Prizes will be in the form of a few big items (e.g. massage, bath/beauty) and the rest in gift cards.

      3) There will be a raffle for the pilot members. The tickets for the raffle can be purchased by the attendees. $1,500 of prizes—a couple big airplanes, maybe an AeroScout, and gift cards.

      4) The party is to be held in the Legion Hall. There is a lot of echo in that building, so it was felt that the Jazz Band ($300) might not work.

8. Open to Floor.

   A. Rod Case talked about adding a spot on the Club website for links to some of our "Community Partners" (e.g. RSIC, UNR College of Engineering, UNR Design Build & Fly, and the Nevada Assistive Technology Resource). It would also be nice if the Community Partners sites had links to the RRCC website. His "screen shot" example also has the "About Us" information in a more prominent spot.

   B. Skip Baltar described his intent to put on a Turbine Jet Rally at the Stead Airfield. This would be an AMA sanctioned event. Skip is in contact with the Airport Manager and is getting good feedback there. Even though this Rally would be a "Fun Fly" format, there is a need for several volunteers. The three days that are being considered are 1st, 2nd, & 3rd of April, 2027. That's Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Help might also be needed on the proceeding Monday through Thursday; and the following Monday. An event like this is really good for promoting the hobby and the local flying clubs. Please consider lending a hand (contact Skip).

9. Show and Tell. None.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RENO RE-KITS & NEAR MISSES—Relatively true R/C airplane stories.
(Warning: these stories may contain references to glow fuel, wood construction, and 72 MHz radios.)

Sorry! I didn't dedicate time to writing a story for this month. Maybe next month. If you have any fun and/or informative flying/model stories that you would like to share, please contact me (Dan Mitchell, Newsletter Editor).