



A Monthly Report on the Activities of the Dallas Radio Control Club AMA Charter # 609

## FEBRUARY 2014

(OUR 57<sup>TH</sup> YEAR)

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 7:30pm**  
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### January 2014 Meeting Minutes

The January meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Jimmy Davidson.

The treasurer's report and the minutes of the December meeting were approved.

#### Old Business

A short discussion was held regarding the repairs needed to one of the shade structures. We need to replace several main pieces of the framing and support poles.

Jimmy will gather up the materials and we will do the work as soon as we get some decent weather

#### New Business

Dean Young pointed out that we need to plan some events for this year. We could not get enough interest last year to justify the effort. Events suggested were 3D, HELICOPTER and BIG BIRD.

The February issue of Model Aviation has an ad on page 3 that suggests some easy fun fly events such as BALLOON BURST, SPOT LANDING, HELI-GRAPPLE and a LIMBO. The AMA website mentions a proposed paintball event.

Dean also pointed out that we should sanction some events so that they will appear in the AMA magazine event directory.

An important consideration when planning AMA sanctioned events is whether we have Licensed Contest Directors available.

The requirements and application forms to become a CD are on the AMA site: [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org). Click on "AMA Documents". There is a quiz included which means you will have to read the AMA rules to be able to answer the questions.

By properly supporting and running a few events, we can actually make some money for the club treasury during the year at the same time we are having fun.

This is the time of year to be talking about event planning. We can't do everything, but we need to keep our members interested by generating some activity this year!

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Our new Webmaster, Terence Slemmons, has been working on the club site. He has completed several of the sections and is still putting the rest together.  
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The new website is up and can be accessed using the old address:

[www.dallasrcclub.org](http://www.dallasrcclub.org)

Under the "JOIN" tab at the top of the home page, is a link to the NEW MEMBER application form. As before, there is the application and a list of the FIELD SAFETY RULES.

These two documents need to be printed out, completed and delivered to our Treasurer by mail or at a club meeting together with payment of the initiation fee.

As before, there is a list of emergency contacts. We suggest that you print a copy of the safety rules and the emergency contacts and keep them with you at the field.

A new addition at the end of this section is a short form to be printed out and used when paying your annual dues.

This form will allow you to update personal information and should be given to our Treasurer along with your dues.

**REMINDER.....**

**Dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. You need to pay your 2014 dues and get your DRCC sticker that allows you to use the field.**

Also under the "JOIN" tab is a link to just the FIELD SAFETY RULES. The list of emergency contacts is also available so that you can print both documents and keep them with you at the field.

You will continue to receive the newsletters and other notices by email. Terence is creating a newsletter archive on the web site for reference to back issues.

Those who are interested in seeing what was going on with the club for the past 56 years will be able to actually read the old newsletters from 1957 forward.

There are a few missing due to lost hard copies over the years. However, it is remarkable that there was almost a continuous set available from several sources. Luckily, these hard copies only occupy one file drawer and 4 CD disks!

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Come on out to the meeting and join in the conversation about what we want to be doing this year.

It's time to dust off those models, check the batteries and get ready to head out to the field as soon as weather permits.

Just remember that we have access to some of the best weather AND one of the best fields for flying.

Do we really feel sorry for those poor folks hip-deep in snow until May?