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# CROSSWIND

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## ARCA MONTHLY MEETING

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### NOTE NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Our regular quarterly meetings will be held at the ARCA pavilion at our Limestone Park Flying Field unless otherwise noted.

**The next meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup>-10:00 AM at the field.**

**There will be no December meeting.**

The flying field is Alabaster RC at Limestone Park located in Limestone Park on highway 31 near Saginaw.

### 2018 Saturday Meeting Schedule:

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018



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**President’s Corner**

I hope everyone's summer is going well. I know people have had vacations, enjoying the children being out of school. It has definitely been hot out at the field. There has been some great flying if you are willing to battle the heat. Earlier on this summer, we had the kids that continue to do school activities out at our field. They had a great time. We had several trainer airplanes out there. Every kid was able to get to fly a trainer. We also had demonstration flights by several people. We appreciate everyone's help with the event. It was a huge success and the school thanked us for hosting it.

We also had a cookout that went well. We had some good food and good fellowship.

Unfortunately the events didn't happen since the host of the event, aka your President, forgot to put times in the email. It was still a good day and great fellowship.

Finally, please be on the lookout for Family Fun Day! I know Bob is working diligently to find a date where both teams either play away or play easy opponents. We will keep you in the loop on that.

Please remember, if you are paying every 6 months that dues were due July 1. If you haven't paid, please give Charlie your dues.

Well, keep the wheel side down and I hope your summer flying has been enjoyable.

Jim Andrews, President

**ARCA Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>. 2018**

**Meeting held at ARCA Field**

ARCA Meeting convened on May 5, 2018

**Members Present:** 26

**Wings Awarded:** None

**Visitors:** Jim asked if there were any visitors. Two were present; Rick Davis and Alea Buckley.

**President’s Report: (Jim Andrews)**

Jim talked about upcoming club activities. Jim mentioned we would not attend City Fest this year due to a transportation issue. Jim talked briefly about 2019 officers.

**Vice President’s Report: (Randy Sellers)**

No report

**Secretary Report: (Gary Lucas)**

Gary read minutes from previous meeting. Jim asked for motioned to approve. It was seconded and accepted by members.

**Treasurer’s Report: (Charles Atwater)**  
read financials for the 3 months since the last meeting Jim asked for approval of the minutes. It was motioned, seconded, and approved.

**Safety Officer: (Richard O’Neal)**  
Safety issues were discussed in general which included proper flight positions while flying aircraft and safety concerns when retrieving downed aircraft in swamp areas. Everyone was reminded to take extra caution when walking into swamp due to nature of soft ground, water and vines and roots that present a tripping hazard.

**City Liaison: (Leslie Harrison)**  
No report

**Senior Members Liaison**  
No report

**Old Business:**  
On Saturday, we will have a fun fly with food provided by the club. Jim talked about different activities to have on Fun Day. Jim said he will send email with more details about the event. Jim discussed our new trash policy since we do not have trash pick-up any longer.

**New Business:**  
Jim thanked our team who went to a recent school visit at Meadowview Elementary. Karolyn Abbott from the school thanked us for the visit and made a request to bring their summer school program kids to our flying field for a flying demonstration. Jim advised her we would be happy to host demo flights along with providing trainer pilots so the kids can experience RC flying. We discussed details about having the event on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

There was a request on how many paying members we presently have which is 54. It was discussed about our reduction of membership. Jim said there are several

reasons why we are losing members. One is the proliferation of drones which can be flown in their back yards and they do not have the need to come to a flying field as in the past. We discussed possible ways to attract new members. It was mentioned AMA has published member retention programs. It was mentioned that social media is a great way to recruit new members. Jim mentioned we should revise our Facebook page. A member volunteered to update our Facebook page.

We discussed working with Oak Mountain Hobby Shop to attract new members. Jim asked if Oak Mountain would be interested in using our field for flight-testing. It was mentioned it would be great exposure to hobby shop customers to see the type of aircraft we fly at our field which would generate interest in joining ARCA.

Jim ask Bob Anderson if he would consider being City Liaison to Alabaster and he accepted.

Several RC aircraft were auctioned and proceeds went to club.

**Drawing for Prizes:** Conducted

**Meeting adjourned:**  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:55am

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## Attention

**For those members who pay dues on a twice a year basis, the July dues are past due. You may pay at the meeting or mail to the treasurer using the address listed in the club officials section.**

# Upcoming Events

Refer to August 2018 Model Aviation-sanctioned event calendar for details.

8/4-5/2018--SPA East-West Shootout –  
Toone, TN

9/15/2018 - Weiss Lake Float Fly- Leesburg,  
AL

9/21-22/2018 – Warbirds over Alabama –  
Clanton, AL

10/4-7/2018 – Aerotow 2018 – Harvest- AL

10/13/2018 – Annual Fall Scale & Open Fly  
In – Fort Rucker, AL

\*Non-Flying\* 10/20/2018 – Fall Swap Meet  
– Decatur, AL

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## With Special Thanks to:

### The City of Alabaster

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<http://www.homewoodtoy-hobby.com/>

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