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# RAMMPAGE

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For those who have not been to the club web site lately, you are in for a real treat. Many thanks to Earl for the redesign. The new site has a lot of great information.

Come join us for great outdoor fun at one of the finest fields in the south ! Get directions @ [www.RammRCClub.com](http://www.RammRCClub.com)

Guests are Welcome!!



Our flying site encompasses approximately 10 acres situated 5 miles south of Montgomery. We have been told we have one of the best sites in the Southeast. Our runway is approximately 800' long by 100' wide, planted with Bermuda grass cut to 1" so it looks like a golf course. We have a covered pavilion with AMA rules, frequency pins, tables, chairs and first aid kits.

**Happy New Year**

**2011**

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

It got cooler, then freezing. Someday it may get warm again. If the tree tops are swaying it is probably windy. Be careful.

### Program for January

**More of  
What you need to know  
About RC radios  
with  
Electronic Wizard  
Dan Pope**

Tuesday, January 4, 7PM

Crump Center

### **Current Officers:**

President – Jack Dismukes 334-288-1198

Vice President – George DeMuth

Treasurer – Jim Windham 334-567-6937

Secretary – Bill Stuart

Safety Officer - SooperDave Carlton

*Next meeting is Tuesday January 4th at 7:00pm.*

*Please support the club by attending !!  
Guests are welcome to attend.*

Stay behind the orange barrier. Protect yourself from poorly guided missiles. I may be flying.

Stay out of cold wind.

Keep your fingers out of moving propellers

**Fly Safe & Be Safe !**

# Starting 2011

Here we are at a brand new year. Like many, I am disappointed that we did not have a Christmas party in 2010. I have always looked forward to it; in fact I have come to experience it as one of the high points of the Christmas season. I will go further and say that I was angry as well that only a handful of people saw fit to include the party in their plans. Of course, for some there were valid reasons for not attending. For others it seemed clear, at least to me, that the fellowship of our club was put low on their event totem. I can only hope that in the coming year we are able to boost enthusiasm to reach a level of participation and involvement as existed in the past. I thank our president, Jack Dismukes for making a similar statement in his last epistle.

I worked long and hard on the December newsletter, focusing on the party and the Christmas spirit. It was depressing to ship it to the recycle bin, but it was hardly appropriate to send it out.

It is not easy to write an entire newsletter, hoping that its content will be of interest to club members. It would be great if people would send me articles, letters to the editor, pictures, complaints, lists of items to buy or sell, gossip, pictures of the family dog or cat wearing antlers, tuxedos, bat wings, airplane wings or *anything*. I would be grateful if people would send me topics to research and write up.

It is also helpful to receive suggestions for programs. It is great when people volunteer to do programs. Some of our best programs have been presented by those who have stepped up and offered their expertise. Most recently, Dan Pope's radio show and George's wing flap have been outstanding.

Good programs and the informal discussion that attends them make for good fellowship as well as good learning. I am begging that you all will continue to help me keep our meetings interesting.

# Bits and Pieces

I have been looking over my March, 2021 Model Airplane News. I am aware that not everyone subscribes to this magazine, so it seems it might be of interest to review parts of it.

One lead article reviews an updated version of Aerofly. Some of its features include: 4D Virtual-Elements-Technology, New unique 4D graphics, high resolution photo sceneries, flight physics engine, new training modules, and many others. I have never used any simulator other than Real Flight, so I cannot compare the two. I would like to invest in the Aerofly 5, but the price tag is \$299. However, the printed reproductions of aircraft and scenery look fantastic, so if you have \$300. to blow, this might be a good way to blow it.

Gerry Yarrish reviewed the new JR 11X System. The bottom line is that this JR version is billed as, "a true pro-class radio at a fraction of the price. Let me say at the outset that the fraction comes out to be \$750. It has a 30 model memory, all kinds of ergonomic, handy stuff, 9 channels, four programmable wing types and so on. I'm neither smart enough or experienced enough to fully comprehend all its features, but in the feature department it is loaded.

There was an article billed, "Energize your engine. Fuel system secrets." I am always suspicious of writing that purports to provide what sounds like information just released by the CIA, FBI or Wikileaks. One secret revealed read, "Just like the family car, the fuel tank contains the engine's fuel supply." Thanks for the hot tip. This write up seems to be aimed at the novice. Some good points that a newcomer might not think of is that malfunction can result from inadequate protection from foaming, pin pricks or other slow leaks, making the tank easily removable for pressure checks, avoiding clogging with a filter and making sure the clunk clunks. Particularly after a hard landing. If you happen to be one of the very few who has difficult arrivals. Myself, I never do. Occasionally I will settle softly into a tall tree, on purpose of course, but that's a topic for another day.

# Editorial Page

There seem to be no editorials this month. Please, please somebody send in something of substance, even if it's controversial. Especially if it's controversial. If no particular subject comes to mind then write something about Sarah Palin. Or momma grizzlies in general.

Since there are no editorials I will go on with bits and pieces. There is an on line item listed as AR Parrot Drone. It can be seen at [modelairplanenews.com](http://modelairplanenews.com). I have not checked it out yet, but I will. It can be controlled by an iPhone or iPad. It's a quadricopter. According to contributor Greg Gimlick it will appeal to your inner geek. It can carry a camera and more. Whatever more means. I'll try to find out. I don't know if it's for sale. Has everyone seen the video of the hexacopter. It was sent to everyone some months ago. I was blown away. It can be sent away and programmed to return. It will hover in one spot as long as it has power. There were some other amazing features that I can't remember.

Let me take this occasion to ask people to bring projects to meetings. Even if the projects aren't that interesting. It is always possible to explain what you did, which may be interesting to others. Your project may inspire others to embark on their own construction. I am working on a Prairie Bird at the moment and have been thinking of bringing it in. I would be happy to get some tips on how I might have done it better.