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The monthly Newsletter of The New Hampshire Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Send all correspondence to:

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This Months meeting will be on Wednesday December 30th, 7:00 PM at the Derry West Side Community Center

What's Happening

The November club meeting was called to order at 7:07pm, Wednesday, November 25th with 33 members & guests present at the Derry West Side Community Center.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report was read & accepted as read.

Minutes of the October Meeting were read.

Officer Elections, After much discussion on whether to allow Absentee or Proxy votes, a vote of members present was taken and it was decided by a vote of 8 to 15 not to allow them. The following officers were elected at the November meeting by a paper ballot of those members present:

President: Ed Burie

Vice President: John Clark

Secretary: John Marien

Treasurer: Dan Wilder

They will officially take office at the January Meeting.

Membership Dues change proposal by Ed Burie, first year members pay no field maintenance fee, no other changes to existing dues. This proposal was passed by a 28 to 1 vote.

Membership Dues change proposal by John Marien, to Wave dues for instructors was not passed.

Membership Dues change proposal by John Marien, to discontinue, Effective January 1st, 1999, the existing rule where by the officer's membership dues are waived by popular vote was passed.

New Business

A Committee to study changes to the Constitution and By Laws was proposed by Roger Gagnon as a result of the discussion about whether to allow Absentee or Proxy votes. The following members volunteered to meet and come up with recommendations at the January meeting; Roger Gagnon, Dave Annicelli, John Marien, Charlie Barbeau, and Ed Burie.

If you have any ideas about clarification of the Constitution and By Laws notify one of the members of the committee.

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Christmas Party December 30, This year at the Christmas party we will be doing a Yankee Swap. Everyone attending the Christmas party is asked to bring a new gift, valued no less than \$5 and no more than \$20, Wrapped in newspaper.

How it Works:

- 1. Gifts are counted.**
- 2. Numbers (totaling the number of gifts) are drawn by all present.**
- 3. The person who gets #1 chooses a gift of his choice and opens it.**
- 4. The person who gets #2 chooses a gift of his**

choice and opens it, and has the option of swapping his gift with person #1.

5. The person who gets #3 chooses a gift of his choice and opens it, and has the option of swapping his gift with any opened gifts.

6. This continues until all gifts are opened, then #1 gets to choose any gift he/she wants.

We will also have Pizza, soda and videos.

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Upcoming Area Events

December 30th, The NH Flying Tigers Annual club Christmas Party, 7:00 PM at the Derry West Side Community Center. Food will be supplied by the club, Be there. This year's gift giving will be a little more dynamic!!

January 27th meeting, Heavy Bombers of the late 60's - Mark Natola, Historian and news letter editor of the B47 Association will be talking about these amazing aircraft and showing us some never before seen pictures and slides. This is a presentation you don't want to miss!

February 26, 27 and 28th - WRAM Show. White Plains, NY. Check out: <http://www.wram.org/wramshow.htm> for details. If you are interested in attending check with other club members to see if anyone is car pooling.

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COLOR SCHEMES FOR BETTER VISIBILITY

Color schemes and patterns are very personal. However, there are a few fundamentals that should be considered when designing your color layout for your airplane. You want to make your model as visible as possible considering adverse visibility conditions.

Before you design your layout, look at what others are flying to determine if you can see the airplane attitude under a wide range of visibility conditions. You have to be able to see it to be able to control it! The following are some characteristics that have been proven.

- (1) There should be a large pattern contrast between wing top to bottom. For example 2 or 3 large spanwise bars or strips on the top contrasted by a big check (4-6 boxes per wing panel) will do the job. Small patterns will fade into a blur at the distance we fly.
- (2) Large white or yellow wing tips on the top-side show up really well making the top of the wing

highly visible. It almost looks like a neon sign flashing in a turn/roll at the end of the field.

(3) White or yellow wing and stab leading edge's show up much better on approach to landing and make it much easier to judge attitude on approach to landing.

(4) A white or yellow band (about 3") down the side of the fuselage helps in determining attitude when flying wing-level, making it much easier to determine whether the airplane is climbing or diving..

(5) Colors should be sharply contrasting such as white or yellow against insignia blue, missile red, or dark green. Most airplanes use either white or yellow as their light color. Look to see which is most visible to you.

Also, remember that under many lighting conditions colors change to monochrome or dark vs light. At large distances and under low light conditions the eye can no longer distinguish colors. Two colors that really look neat together at 20 paces may turn into a stealth airplane at flying distances. Small patterns with non-contrasting colors may cause you to be unable to tell up from down under poor visibility conditions.

Finally do it your way but remember, if you can't see it you certainly can't fly it and may be headed for premature re-kitting.

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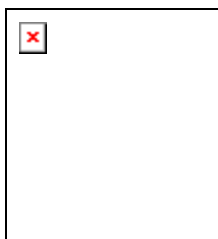
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Meeting Material

I am looking for more meeting material. If you have any ideas for guest speakers and meeting presentations please let me or one of the other club officers know. In your club, tell me what you want to hear!

Thanks, *John Clark*.

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From The Editor

Any comments or suggestions will be greatly appreciated, and if anyone has anything to contribute please mail to me at: Keith Spaulding 13 Higgins Ave, Sandown, NH 03873. or (Email KeithSP@bit-net.com)
