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monthly Newsletter of The New Hampshire Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Send all correspondence to: The New Hampshire Flying Tigers Radio Control Club P. O. Box 99 Derry, NH 03038-0099  
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**This Months meeting will be on Wednesday February 25th, 7:00 PM  
 at the Derry West Side Community Center**

## What's Happening

The January club meeting was called to order at 7:08pm, Wed, January 26th with 22 members & guests present at the West Side Community Center in Derry, NH.

### Old Business;

Treasurer's Report was read & accepted as read.

1998 Operating Budget was reviewed, amended and voted on with all in favor, none opposed.

### New Business;

**June 7th Annual Fly-In & Airshow** update was presented by John Lavery. The members that put this event together each year decided for a number of reasons to change the format of the event this year and most likely into the future. The main difference will be lack of promotion to, and invitation for the public to attend.

This decision was made for both safety and legal reasons. The event has had two accidents take place during the last two years. Last year there were injuries sustained by two adult spectators. In addition, a baby in a stroller came too close to being injured or worse. We will still hold our annual Fly-In on June 7th but will only invite pilots and modelers to attend. This was not an easy decision, but after reviewing all of our options and the risks involved we felt it was the only option we could all live with. Any questions regarding the new format should be addressed to the club officers.

**Derry Feast** In addition, we are looking into attending the Derry Feast event held each year to promote the club and raise some money for both the United Way and our club. More information on this will be made available as work on it progresses.

**Club Auction** The idea of holding an annual auction was also brought up for discussion and is being considered at this point.

**Fathers Day** Sunday, June 21st there will be a get together at the field. Bring your flight gear and some food, a grill to cook on will be provided.

**Annual Club Picnic** John Clark is looking for one or more volunteer(s) to take over the coordination of the Annual Club Picnic event.

**Field Marshal** position is still open for a volunteer. If nobody volunteers we plan to just keep a clip board with the mower for members to schedule mowing time and keep a log of both who mowed when and any maintenance issues with regard to the tractor.

**Door Prizes** were discussed and everyone at the meeting agreed to discontinue this practice when our current supply runs out.

**April Spring Projects meeting** is fast approaching and all members were reminded to be ready with there projects for the April meeting which is also our last indoor meeting of the winter/spring season.

Business Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. Maurice Theriault gave a great presentation on the many miniature R/C airplanes he designs and builds with Darryl Wagner. A lot of great ideas and information were presented.

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## The President's Column

Flying season is just around the corner. Now is a good time to check out you airplanes and field equipment and make sure everything is in working order. Can you imagine arriving at the field with dead batteries or a surface that doesn't respond because of a broken clevis you forgot to check. A good preseason once over is a great way to find those items you promised yourself you would repair over the winter but by now have forgotten.

This year promises to be one of the best we have ever had our new storage container is in place

hopefully it will eliminate the vandalism and the mower will be readily available. Our new shelter will be under construction soon providing us with shade and a place to gather and swap airplane stories.

We have two tried and true events to look forward to, the fly-in and the picnic. Also this year we will hold our second annual Fathers day gathering which I hope will become as popular as our picnic. By the way, you don't have to be a dad to attend, everyone is welcome. So dust off those airplanes and tighten that covering and lets all have a great year!

At this months meeting we will be discussing ways to take up the slack left from downsizing our fly-in any ideas will be welcome. We will also be finalizing our budget for '98 and we will hear from our Vice President about our training program.

See you at the meeting



**John Lavery.**

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## Upcoming Area Events

**February 25th, DAN SCHARLACH** - Electric R/C airplanes.

**February 27 - March 1, WRAM Show**, White Plains New York, the biggest Hobby show in the North East

**March 22nd, The NH Flying Misfits Club Auction**, 12Noon-5 PM, 49 Eaton Road, Auburn, NH  
Inside the Hangar, follow signs, for more information call Willie at 603-623-8474

**March 25th, JOHN LAVERY** - Covering tips and ideas.

**March 29th, Salem Barnstormers Annual Auction**, 1PM - 6 PM, Registration 12 - 1 PM, at the Derry Salem Elks Lodge Rt. 111 Salem NH. For more information call 603-898-9241

**April 29th, PROJECT Night '98** - After the long winter season it's time to show off your latest projects.

**June 21st, Father's Day fly-in** - Last year a number of us and our families gathered at the field to celebrate dad's favorite past time, flying!!!! This year we have a special treat, it's the first official day of summer as well. This is a great day of socializing and flying. We will have the club grill at the field; all you need to bring is some food and drink (non-alcoholic of course). Hope to see you and your family there.

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## Auction Report

*By John Marien*

On Sunday February 8th, the Lazy Looper's in Franklin MA, held their annual RC Auction. I drove down from NH to participate in the auction and as this was my first RC auction was rather surprised when I walked in the door. I arrived 5 minutes after registration started and there were already several hundred buyers and sellers in the hall as well as several hundred RC items for sale.

Registration lasted a half an hour and you were charged \$1 per lot of items to be auctioned off. Each item was numbered, given a description, a minimum bid amount, and the owner's name. No item can be sold below the specified minimum without the owner's permission. Everything sold was subject to a 10% commission, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, by the club to which your \$1 entry fee was applied. All sales were cash only and final. During the registration period you had the opportunity to examine all of the offerings up close and personal - Caveat Emptor! Once the auction started, you were not allowed into the merchandise area for any reason. The auction itself ran from noon till 3:40 just to get through the list of items once. After going through all the items, you could request a non-sold item be re-auctioned - this happened to one of my items which I did not sell on the first pass, but did sell on the second pass. The Lazy Looper's also sold raffle tickets good for three prize drawings - 2 Gals 10% fuel, Portable Dremel Tool, and the grand prize of an OS .70 Surpass engine NIB (you had to be present to win).

Overall this was a great time. Some of the bidders were vicious by starting off the bidding at \$5 for a \$400 item. The types of items being auctioned ranged from New In Box items, ARFs, build up planes in various stages of completion to expertly finished, toolboxes, grab-bag type boxes, and there were a lot of engines. The predominant items sold were planes of some sort. Radios did not sell well regardless of the quality and feature set. Several planes were sold with radio gear and radios and these also did not sell well. However, planes with radio gear in them (no TX) sold well. As an aside, there were several Northeast Aerodynamics kits/planes that sold very well - good going David! Errr. I mean Darrell :-). I sold \$150 worth of merchandise, purchased \$50 worth of merchandise, and won the grand prize OS .70 Surpass!

In last month's meeting Darrell had mentioned trying an auction. After attending this auction I'd agree with him - they are fun and looked to be profitable to the hosting club. I think we should discuss having an auction of our own.

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## Cape Coral Visited

*By Keith Spaulding*

Last month Nellie and I went to Florida on Vacation. We visited my parents in Bradenton for 4 days, then headed south for Key West. On the way we stopped to visit our former, friend, Hobby Shop owner, and gift consultant (how else would Nellie know what I wanted for Christmas, my birthday, etc.)



*Keith with Joe Dolliver at his new home in Cape Coral, Florida.*

Now Joe had told us that he was selling the shop and retiring to Florida, well I found out he wasn't telling the whole truth. You see he did sell the shop, and he did move to Florida, but he did not "retire". The 3 bedroom house he bought is situated on the inland waterway at the intersection of two canals (that's a corner lot in Florida), on a triple size lot, with many fruit trees and lots of grass to mow, which if you watch close you can almost see grow.



*Some of Joe's Grapefruit, Banana, and Orange trees.*

The pool is less than 10 feet from his bedroom door and completely screened in.



*Joe's Pool, behind him is his bedroom door.*

He belongs to the local RC Club, only 15 minutes away and flies quite often. He is currently taking a boating safety course and planning to buy a nice boat to go with the nice dock he has about 50 feet from his back door. Joe also made the mistake of sending his resume to the local electronics company (SONY) and now works from 12-8 as a phone support technician, now every one knows how much he likes to talk, so I don't know if this qualifies as work or not, but I don't think it's retirement either.

After we left Joe's place we continued on to Key West. While there we went on a sunset sail on a 65 foot Catamaran named Atlantic Fury, which could better be described as a barge with a sail, it couldn't get out of it's own way. The next day we took an interesting flight around the island and out to the Dry Tortugas in a 1940 Waco UPF7 open cockpit biplane operated by Island Aeroplane Tours. Flying at about 400 feet most of the time you could see dolphins and sharks swimming around, and shipwrecks on the reef.



*Keith, Nellie, pilot, and 1940 Waco UPF7, Pitts S-2B in the background, you can go for a full aerobatic flight if you want.*

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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)

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