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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 November 25th, 7:00 PM at the Derry West Side Community Center

What's Happening

The October club meeting was called to order at 7:12pm, Wednesday, October 28th with 21 members & guests present at the Derry West Side Community Center.

Old Business;

Treasurer's Report was read & accepted as read.

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.

Adjusted Membership Dues the proposal was discussed and voted down 11 opposed, 10 in favor.

Membership Dues change proposal by Ed Burie, first year members pay no field maintenance fee, no other changes to existing dues. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting.

New Business

Officer Elections: November is Election month, if you are interested in running for office come to the meeting, or let someone who is going to be there know. Nominations will be open up to the time of the election. Elections will be held at the meeting on November 25th. Please check out the current list of candidates and let your voice be heard by casting your vote.

The following Nominations were made at the October Meeting:

- **President:** Ed Burie Rich Bono
- **Vice President:** John Clark
- **Secretary:** John Marien John Lavery
- **Treasurer:** Dan Wilder Bill Therriault

New Members The following new member was voted in at the October meeting

Bill Therriault of Derry, NH

Welcome to the Club

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Candidates Statements

Fellow Tigers,

I'm writing this to inform you that several of us have agreed to work together as a team to help keep the

New Hampshire Flying Tigers running smoothly. The concept behind this team is that we are willing and able to work together, supporting each other and the club. We believe that working together as a team is healthier for the club than a random group of candidates who find themselves elected and then try to work together without any thought or plan. The team includes more than only the elected officials. There are many people involved to keep the club running and our flying field open. The following are members of the team seeking an elected position, to support our team, please vote for the following:

- Rich Bono - President
- John Clark - Vice President
- John Lavery - Secretary
- Dan Wilder - Treasurer

The following people are willing to maintain their appointed position and are also a very important teammates:

- Dave Annicelli - Field Marshall
- Keith Spaulding - Newsletter editor
- Don Cox - Grievance committee chairman
- Charlie Robinton - Grievance committee member
- Glen Bolser - Grievance committee member

I'm sure you're familiar with each person, each of them brings a special skill to the team.

John Clark has been serving as Vice President for the past year. He's organized many interesting and entertaining meeting presentations to keep us coming back for more. He has also been running the training program and has done a great job, because of John's efforts we now have a fresh new crop of pilots!

John Lavery as you know has been past President of the club for many years, he brings with him a lot of wisdom, history and knowledge about the inner workings of the club. He's always there with a smile and a helping hand. John has kept the club running smoothly for years now and we're glad to have him on our team.

Dan Wilder has been active in the club activities since he first joined. He's always been there to lend a helping hand at any work party or event. He has already spent some time with Kathy (our current Treasurer) to go over our current expenses and the books to understand how they work. Kathy has agreed to help Dan if he needs it during the transition period to be sure our books are kept true.

Dave Annicelli has taken a job that seemed to be the tough position to fill. The Field Marshall is one of the most important positions in the club as he will take charge to see that our precious runway and flying field is kept up to its high standards. We'll all support Dave in trying to keep our flying field known as the 'best R/C flying field in New England'!

Keith Spaulding had been doing a great job with the Newsletter! It's amazing what Keith has done with it. The pictures always look great and the content is easy to read. He also is responsible for getting the latest version of the newsletter on the Internet. I can tell you that you won't appreciate the quality of work that Keith is doing until he's gone, we're more than glad to have him!

Charlie Robinton and Glen Bolser have been members of the grievance committee since it's inception

along with Don Cox. They've given valuable input and insured that everyone is given a fair chance. I don't think anyone else could handle such issues with the wisdom and fairness that Charlie and Glen bring to this tough job.

Don Cox has a thankless job, as chairman of the grievance committee. This is one position that no one wants, and everyone hates to do, but Don somehow has the ability to handle it as no one else can. He is more than fair and I can honestly say that I'm glad that he's there. I can only hope that we can find people with the integrity of Charlie, Glen and Don to fill these positions when and if these positions are ever vacant.

I've been a member of the NH Flying Tigers for several years now. It's been a pleasure and an honor to be a member of the finest R/C club in New England. We have a great reputation in the area. People seek us out to learn to fly. I personally know how good our training program is as I'm proud to say that I learned to fly with the Tigers! I've tried to give my support to the club by helping out where I can since I first became a member. I organized and ran our club flea market for a year, organized our presence at the New England Model Exposition, and have been the Safety Officer for a few years as well as an active instructor. I authored and supported our club web pages on the Internet for a couple of years and paid for their support out of my own pocket. I recently secured our current free web space so our club can live on the Internet without any cost to our bank account. I recently started another free service to promote club communications via the Internet with our Radio Control Online Forum. I know that everyone doesn't have access to the Internet, but these services haven't cost us anything yet they have brought in several new club members, which we would not have without them. As you can see, I have a high regard for each and every member of this team.

I hope you'll also see that each of these team members is a very active member of our club. We're there when there is dirty work to be done, and we're always willing to help where we can. Remember that these team members do the behind the scenes work to keep the club running. I'm sure you will recognize each and every member of this team as one of the 'doers' in this club. I know that this isn't the whole team! This is simply a few of us who have had the chance to talk together and want the Flying Tigers to continue to be the fun club that it has been and one we all can continue to enjoy. We are seeking your support, now and in the future. We're also seeking other members to become part of this team, as there are still other positions to be filled to keep the club strong. We want to give back a little of the effort that others have given to us in the past by serving as your new club officers. Please support our team with your vote!

Sincerely, Rich Bono

John R. Marien, candidate for Secretary

Those of you who attended last month's meeting know that I have been nominated, and accepted the nomination, to be the club secretary. So I'm soliciting your vote, or proxy if you cannot attend the meeting this month. What I bring to the club officer's table is new blood. As an enthusiastic new-comer to club politics I'll be trying new ideas and methods to strengthen our club and secure our field. My hat is off to all of those club members who have served the club before.

Dear fellow member:

My name is Ed Burie. I am running for President of the NH Flying Tigers. I have included a brief

introduction about myself and my goals for the 1999 flying season so that you may make an intelligent choice in voting. I intend to improve on our flying club to make it better for all members.

Most of you know me, but for the newer members that I haven't met yet, I have been a member of the NHFTRCC for over 10 years now and instructing since 1989. I have flown virtually every aspect of R/C including, but not limited to, helicopters, ducted fans, pylon racers, high performance sport planes, gliders, and my favorite, pattern aircraft. I made flying my life for many years, and even flew in the 1993 Nationals, winning my class. After that I took a few years off to get through college, and the only flying I did was on training nights when I could get away. Two years ago I got my life to the point I have a lot more free time and have returned to flying and instructing on a regular basis. I have become discouraged at the direction the club has taken loosing close to 40% of its membership. This at a time when other clubs I used to belong to are increasing their membership. More importantly though, the club seemed to have lost the commrodery that once existed. No longer could I arrive at the field on a beautiful Sat afternoon and find at least a dozen other modellers grilling up some burgers in-between flights. I've talked to a lot of pilots that I used to fly with and believe I know how to get some excitement back into the pilots that are still in the club, and attract new pilots to join our club. Here are some of the things that I would like to accomplish with the Flying Tigers over the next year:

GOALS:

- Increase the membership
- Increase the number of people that fly
- Lower the club dues to be more competitive with the surrounding clubs.
- Increase the number of events we can have. Members that I've talked to indicated that "if we have it, they will come." We have some new people interested in helping to organize more events such as fun-fly's, club fly-in days, auctions, etc. I will personally get the ball rolling for some of these events, and I know there are others that are more than willing to help out if asked.
- Increase the number of people we know in the community securing ourselves for future problems.
- Further organize the training program giving the instructors an easier job teaching.
- Do away with some of the now unnecessary rules. Rules are needed to have a safe environment and to protect the club, but I believe in the past the club has had a philosophy of making a rule to deal with every incident that occurred, rather than work out a one time incident with that one person. This has resulted in a substantial number of flyers feeling that our club now has so many rules that our "hobby" is no longer "fun."

If you agree with the ideas I have and the direction I am looking to take the club, I ask for your vote in the upcoming election. If you can't attend the meeting please contact me and I'll assist you in casting an absentee ballot.

Thank you for your support.

Ed Burie

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Upcoming Area Events

November 25th meeting, NHFT Crash and Dent Sale - By now it's too cold to fly and the basement is so full of airplanes you can't move around, it's time to clean out for the new building season. This month's meeting we are having our second New Hampshire Flying Tigers Crash and Dent Sale. Just like last year's sale bring your old, new or used -> Engines, radios, planes, kits or any other RC stuff you

want to get rid of to the meeting, some cash and those amazing stories about what went wrong to the "NHFT Crash and Dent Sale". Last year a lot of stuff changed hands. I hope to see you there.

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!!

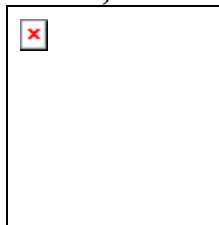
January 27th meeting, Heavy Bombers of the late 60's - Mark Natola, Historian and news letter editor of the B47 Association will be talking about these amazing aircraft and showing us some never before seen pictures and slides. This is a presentation you don't want to miss!

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.

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. If your club, tell me what you want to hear!

Thanks, John Clark.



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Membership Dues change proposal

The club currently has several unsung heroes who need to be recognized. I would like to proposal the following:

Proposal #1:

"Effective January 1st, 1999 any instructor meeting the following two conditions will receive a waived club membership dues for the following year. Condition 1: The instructor must instruct actively at the field by participating in student training for more than half of the available training days during the training season as recorded by the head of training. Condition 2: simple majority vote by the club members in attendance at the November club meeting that said instructors have meet the club's expectations during the previous training season. All instructors will still be responsible for their Field Maintenance obligations per existing club rules."

This will result in a net loss of revenue to the club based on the number of qualifying instructors by next November. To re-coup this lost revenue I enter this second proposal:

Proposal #2:

"Effective January 1st, 1999, the existing rule where by the officer's membership dues are waived by popular vote be discontinued."

This Flying Tiger's club is known for its training program And I feel it's time we, as a club, focused our attention toward the instructors who spend their time several days a week attending to flight instruction.

John R. Marien

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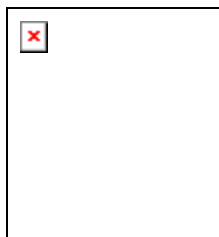
AMA News Release:

MUNCIE, Indiana, Friday, November 6,1998 --- AMA SAFETY ALERT An AMA member was recently severely burned when a model fuel can exploded as it was being opened. He received very severe burns, requiring extensive grafting, and is facing a long recovery period.

The metal can he was trying to open had been in storage for over 20 years. There is no evidence of an external spark or ignition source other than the container itself. Consultation with experts in the field indicates that materials, such as ether, propylene oxide and nitro methane, commonly used in model fuels may become destabilized and shock sensitive over a period of time. As best we can determine, this fuel, whose composition included two of these substances, was in a state of change. It is probable that this change in combination with the heat generated by the friction (metal to metal) in trying to open the container initiated the explosion.

AMA advises that it would be unwise to open fuel containing these products that have been stored for some period of time in metal containers. Such fuel should be taken to a Hazardous Waste disposal facility. (Any fuel stored for over 5 years would be suspect.)

ALWAYS USE FRESH FUEL!!!



From The Editor

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