

# December 1999



The 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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 Vice President - Glen Bolser, Treasurer - Dan Wilder, Newsletter Editor - Keith Spaulding

**This Months meeting will be on  
 Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 PM at the Derry West Side Community Center**

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## *What's Happening*

The November meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM with 27 members in attendance.

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## Old Business

The secretary's report was read and accepted as read.

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No absentee ballots were presented so the issue of Absentee Ballots was dropped from the agenda.

There were no new members this month.

Alternate meeting locations were discussed along with what it would cost to hold our meetings in a new location. A straw poll was taken and 6 people were in favor of moving the meeting to Sunday nights.

There was a discussion about a new field site at the Derry Landfill. A committee was formed to look into keeping the ball moving on acquiring this new site. Glen Bolser, Darrell Wagner, Dave Annicelli, Paul Pazolt, Ken Boucher, and Rich Bono are on the committee. Let these folks know what your interests and input are for the potential new flying site.

Sketches and Logos -- T-shirts, caps, etc. Roger Cloutier (a.k.a. Chef Roger), has a source that can produce high quality merchandise in quantities as small as 12 units. Everyone was in favor of looking into this further for shirts, caps, jackets etc.

## **Membership Poll:**

1) Which night do you prefer to have our club meetings:

Wednesday or Sunday?

2) What Time do you think the meetings should start?

Send your thoughts to [jmarien@pumatech.com](mailto:jmarien@pumatech.com) or call me at 465-6507 and leave a message

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## **Elections '99**

After some heavy campaigning Glen Bolser squeek'd by and was elected Vice President -- It's tough running unopposed! Dan Wilder and John Marien were reelected to their current positions. The club has a new president: Rich Bono. Congratulations to all and thanks to Ed Burie, John Clark, Jerry Lavoie, and Dan Wilder for their service last year.

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## **New Business**

Roofing party: The shelter lost part of its roof due to high winds. Glen Bolser lead the team to repair the shelter.

Kellie Annicelli and Darrell Wagner will be heading up the "entertainment" committee. If you have ideas on presentations etc for the coming year please let these folks know.

## **Yankee Swap**

The Yankee swap last year was a lot of fun! So we are repeating it again!

Everyone who would like to participate in the Yankee Swap is asked to bring a NEW gift, valued no less than \$10 and no more than \$20/ Please wrap your 'gift' in newspaper. No bows, ribbons, or other decorations.

### **How it Works:**

1. The Gifts are counted.
2. Each person will draw a random number.
3. The person who gets number 1 will choose any gift and open it.
4. The person who gets number two chooses a gift of his choice and opens it. They then have 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 previously opened gifts.
6. This continues until all gifts are opened, then person #1 gets to choose any gift he/she wants.

The club is supplying pizza and soda as food.

## **From the Treasurer: Dan Wilder**

If you are a new member to the club you may or may not know that gas bought for the club mower is reimbursable. If you have receipts for materials purchased in order to repair club equipment such as the lawn mower, storage container, or shelter those are also reimbursable expenses. In order to close out the expenses for 1999 all outstanding receipts should be brought to the December meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **From the VP: Glen Bolser**

Hello Everyone, I hope everyone is having a great Holiday season and by now I'm sure all the shopping is done, right? I'm looking forward to the Holiday Party and the Yankee-Swap which I think we all enjoyed last year. This year should be just as much fun if not more. I hope we have a good turn out, after all the more the merrier.

The new administration has gotten together already to discuss some goals and our intentions for the coming year and will be open to any suggestions any member may have and although we face a few challenges we are looking forward to a great year. We will try and get some presentations lined up for the next few months and are open to suggestions from any member as far as ideas for presentations, please feel free to call me or Rich with any comments or ideas you may have and we will do our best to pursue them.

This coming year will be a challenge for the club because of field issues but I'm sure we will come through with "flying" colors and let it be known we want to exclude no one from the process everyone will have the opportunity to voice there opinion on any subject and we will have an open door policy as far as contacting officers if someone has a concern have already noticed a change in some people and am truly glad to see this occurring and hope it will spread like wildfire amongst the members this is suppose to be fun after all.

The club will need volunteers as always if we want to succeed so please keep this in mind through the coming year because without volunteers it will be hard to accomplish anything from events to work parties. We will need as much help as we can get. I think we're starting off the next century on the right foot so let's all enjoy the holiday season looking forward to a great year, and we hope to see as many of the members as possible at the holiday party.

Happy Holiday

P.S. Don't forget your renewals, we want to see everyone back for next year.

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## **From The Secretary: John Marien**

Just a reminder that your membership renewal form is due back by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewals postmarked after January 31<sup>st</sup> will incur a \$15 Initiation fee and the club's Sponsorship rules may apply.



## From the President: Rich Bono

As the new President, I'd like to thank the prior officers and volunteers for doing their best over the past year to keep the club running. Most members have no idea how much work and coordination is involved. This is something you can't appreciate until you've tried it yourself.

We need volunteers to help run the club! There are many tasks that require minimal effort, and are fun to do. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please talk to any of the officers. If you can make it to the holiday party, this will be a good time to ask questions or show interest in helping the club. Often people wait until they are asked before they will help. Consider this a request for help! The more people involved, the more fun we can all have.

The new team has met and we want to try to do a good job for you! Remember, this club is about the members. What do YOU want to do? If you don't talk to us, we'll never know.

One of the keys to a smooth running organization is communications. Luckily this has gotten easier over the years. We now have several methods of communications available to us. So feel free to email, telephone, write a letter, or use the Internet forum to talk to the officers and fellow members. I'd like to encourage everyone to use the club Delphi Forum for communications, it's really easy!

We've had a few requests for meeting presentations, so we're already working on a couple of interesting topics. Please feel free to make some suggestions as to what you'd like to hear about. Many of our members have interesting projects or topics that they could share with the rest of us.

Some presentations we might include this year are:

- Kit bashing, or how to improve on what comes out of the box.
- Robotics and Radio Control.
- R/C and the Internet.
- Learning to improve your flight skills using a computer simulator.
- Rebuilding R/C Engines.

Let us know if you would (or would not) like to hear about any of these topics or if you have other suggestions.

I'd like to change the format of meetings a bit and would like your input on this. On any meeting where we have a guest speaker, I will place the guest speaker on first, and then hold the business portion of the meeting second. I think this will be better for us and our guests. We'll be sure to let everyone know the agenda for such a meeting so you can plan accordingly.

I hope everyone has had a good year. Some members have been flying more than ever. Others have found it difficult to make it to meetings or to the field to fly because time is at a premium. Families require more time as our children grow. Our jobs keep us busy, so free time is rarely available. The end result is that any free time we get to ourselves is to be cherished.

So what are you going to do with your spare time? Since it's now winter, consider going over your aircraft and checking everything to be sure any repairs can be made in time for the spring thaw.

Clean your equipment. This includes your field box, transmitter, aircraft and engines.

Remember to cycle your batteries. If you don't have a battery cycler, at least remember to charge your batteries every month to six weeks. Here's an easy way to remember to be sure your batteries get charged once a month. On your way out the door to come to the Tiger's meeting, plug in your battery chargers. The next day you can unplug them, knowing they got a nice overnight charge!

Your humble servant and President for 2000,

## Upcoming Events

Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction & Swap. Sunday February 13, 2000. Vernon Center Middle School, 777 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT. \$6 Admission. [WWW.NCRCC.ORG](http://WWW.NCRCC.ORG) for more details.

Southern NH RC Club Auction. Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at the Griffin School in Litchfield. No admission charge. Club retains 10% auction commission on sales. If you buy back your model the commission is reduced to 5%.



## It's Saturday and it's raining . . .

Doesn't it always seem that it rains on Saturday and is nice during the week? Well, you're not dreaming. According to a study done by the Arizona State University, the East Coast of the US during 1979 through 1995 it rained 22% more on Saturday than any other day of the week. Monday was the day it rained the least.



## **NH Flying Tigers RC Club Video Collection**

### Video Title Copies

1992 Nats (By Don Sage) One  
 Aerobatics Pattern & Sport Flying One  
 Charlie Nelson @ NHFT Club Meeting One  
 Fighter Aces Of WWI One  
 How To Build & Fly A Model Airplane One  
 Monokote Volumes 1 & 2 Three  
 Monokote Volumes 3 & 4 Three  
 NHFT April 95 Monthly Meeting One  
 One Week To Solo Two  
 RC Video Magazine Volume 5 One  
 RC Video Magazine Volume 8 One  
 Rockets & Missiles One  
 Smoke On Two  
 The Flying Tigers (AVG) Two

Thunderbirds & Blue Angels One  
Top Gun Double Pack One  
Top Gun The Real Story One  
Warbirds 1988 Part I One  
Warbirds 1988 Part II One  
Wring It Out Part I Three  
Wring It Out Part II Three

**Available for loan at the meeting.**

More have been added since this list was updated.