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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 July 28 th, 7:00 PM at the Field.

What's Happening

The June club Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm with 24 members and guests present at the Field.

Old Business:

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

No secretary's report was read since secretary could not attend last month.

The club picnic will be Sunday August 29th and the club will provide the food (hamburgers, hot-dogs, sausage, salad, soda, water, chips etc.). There is a tentative plan for an IMAC flying demonstration by an unlimited class IMAC flyer. [Note from Secretary: Since the meeting an IMAC flyer in up state New York has volunteered to fly at our picnic. However, considering the distance he must travel I'm going to propose we offer to cover his gasoline and tolls and possibly a hotel room].

Training Situation:

People are complaining about the program and lack of instructors. This program is to be revamped. The frequency board will be put up and the "next in line" to fly board will be used for the students. Roger Gagnon mentioned that there are 15 members who carry the Instructor rating yet only one is down at the field. John Lavery pointed out that instructing is a volunteer position and that people have other responsibilities outside of the club.

The club membership is also reminded that on Tuesday and Thursdays students have priority to fly. Don't wait for a student to have to ask you to land so they can fly. Take a look around and politely yield to the students. The instructors could use your help on the ground and in the pits with the student's planes.

Jerry Lavoie volunteered to be the new Training Coordinator, may God have mercy on his soul. Jerry will be contacting all of the instructors and students to coordinate coverage on training nights and students to train.

Allocation of funds for the fun-fly on July 10th:

The president noted that the fun fly had to be moved from it's original date to 7/10. Rich Bono questioned whether there was enough planning on the events and Ed responded by describing the events planned in general terms. The specifics of each event would be worked out by a committee (Ed, Darrell Wagner, Roger Gagnon, Dave Annicelli, Dan Wilder, and John Marien).

The fun fly would have two classes; Open and Advanced. Prizes would be awarded to everyone who flew and helped out. Food was provided by Paul Pazolt and Jerry Lavoie.

A vote was taken to allocate \$400 for the fun fly. The vote tally was 18 in favor and 1 opposed. The issue of the food for the fun fly was raised and a vote was taken. 14 members were in favor of the club providing the food and 2 were opposed.

Shelter: The shelter cost and additional \$310.40 to build than budgeted. The funds were spent when the shelter was erected. The proposal was to cover this expense from the treasury. A vote was taken and all present were in favor, no opposed.

The possibility of a gremlin contest was discussed. After a brief discussion the club decided there was not enough interest in pursuing a contest.

Pat Clark, John Clark's brother, helped significantly with the shelter project. The club felt a letter of appreciation should be sent to Pat. The secretary will send such a letter which will also invite Pat and his family to our annual picnic in August.

**New Members Robert Roy
Joe Oleary**

**Tony Bisson
Paul Scarlett**

Welcome to the Club

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New Business:

Ed raised the idea that there be an event fund initially filled with \$1000 be set up with the funds from the sale of our trailer. Several club members felt that each fun fly should be presented to the membership separately and the funds requested and allocated in the same way. Motion failed due to lack of a second. The funds for each fun fly will be allocated separately by presenting the event to the membership and requesting funds.

Note to the membership: The June newsletter had several statements in it regarding the re-certification policy. To clarify, Ed stated that the old re-certification rule is still invalid.

Proposals:

#1 Flight Proficiency: This proposal was withdrawn and may be resubmitted when it contains text to handle "Solo status" and "training nights".

#2 replace General membership clause: Questions were raised on what protection this rule affords the club? The majority believed this adds no benefit to the club legally but felt the proposal was worthwhile. A vote was taken and the proposal passed with 12 in favor and 3 opposed.

#3 Replacement of Elected Officers: This proposal was withdrawn. There seemed to already be a conflicting section in the Constitution.

#4 Questioning of past votes: This proposal was heavily debated, but due to darkness many of the members present left the meeting because of the length of the meeting and the arrival of bugs. After some discussion, Ed tried to table the discussion of this proposal until the July meeting but was overruled and a vote was insisted upon. A vote was taken and the proposal failed with 5 in favor and 4 opposed of the 13 remaining members and guests. This vote required a 2/3rds majority to pass.

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From the President

FUN FLY WAS A SUCCESS! I think all us officers had our fingers crossed hoping we didn't forget anything for our first intra-club fun fly. With 8 members showing up to compete and even more than that available to help out, have a good time, and enjoy some Great food the event was a huge success. I think everyone enjoyed the format of an open and expert class. With some members just looking for some fun friendly events, and others loving the "hard core" competition the two classes left the option to the pilot which I think everyone appreciated.

After the event the officers sat for a few hours relieved the day was over without incident, yet glutton for punishment started planning the next event. With ALL of us being new to this we wanted to start small and get a little bigger. For the next event we're looking at a similar format, but with a few differences. The biggest will be inviting other clubs to this event. We won't be spending as much money on prizes, will be charging an entry fee and selling food as a way to bring a profit. Our goal for the first year will be to come close to breaking even knowing that the future years will bring more people and make more of a profit. The date we're shooting for is the second or third Sat. of Sept. to be decided by the committee we form at this months meeting. This month we will vote on allocating the money for this event. The amount we're looking at, with some room for error, is \$600. This will be broken down for the membership at the meeting.

Speaking of a committee, Roger Gagnon had a great idea he posted on delphi about forming an events committee with a chairman and vice chairman. I will lead the way in forming this committee and will be looking for others willing to help out. We will meet half hour before regular meetings, and whenever else is necessary. Right now we're planning our Picnic end of August, another Fun Fly middle of Sept. and an Auction sometime in Oct. Any other ideas???

On another note, one of the challenges I've experienced in being president is how to run a meeting to make the most amount of members happy. Nothing I do will please everyone, but if I can make most happy I know we're on the right track. Back in March I published some guidelines I would be following that greatly improved our discussions, but after this past month I think a slight change is necessary. We had a great attendance at our last meeting, but it went so long more than half the members left before we adjourned. One thing I've been doing is attending other clubs meetings to see how they run things, and one idea I've really liked is a club that limits their business portion of the meeting to 1 hour. So, effective at the August meeting the business portion of our meetings will be limited to one hour. Should we have an issue that needs resolving and can't wait til the next month (such as when we needed a new trailer) the presider may elect to extend the business portion on the meeting by one half hour, but only in extreme cases. This should help not only those who don't want to still be having a meeting in the dark, but once we move inside and have presentations again it will make sure we don't make our valuable guests wait too long.

Til next month, happy flying and see you at the field.



Ed Burie, President

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TRAINING NIGHTS IMPROVE

For those who haven't heard we are trying something new on training nights. With some students nervous about asking instructors for help, and some instructors expecting the student to ask, Gerry Lavoie brought up an idea to have someone coordinate students and instructors to make sure no one is just sitting around.

Being in charge of the training I thought this would be a good addition to our great program and appointed Gerry to the task. If you have any thoughts or suggestions I'm sure Gerry would love to hear them.

We are also implementing a transmitter impound on Tue and Thur. Nights. Once we get our permanent impound up this will be in effect for every day, but for now a table is being used along with our frequency/student control board on training nights. This is a practice that has become forgotten since our shelter was cut down, but is critical for safe frequency control. For those of you who haven't seen the system you **MUST** put your transmitter in the impound **AS SOON AS** you arrive at the field. Then, when you are ready to fly you may take your transmitter and write your frequency in one of the 4 "IN USE" spaces provided. If all spots are filled, you **MAY NOT** take your radio until someone returns theirs. The only exception is if you are going to be doing some work in the pits you may put your frequency in the "PIT USE ONLY" SECTION. Remember, you are taking up a space by doing this. If there are a lot of others present or you are going to take a long time to make a repair, be considerate and do it at home or put your radio back while you make the repair and then take it again.

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From The Editor

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