

# November 1999



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 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM at the Derry West Side Community Center**

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## *What's Happening*

The October meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with 20 members and guests in attendance.

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## Old Business

The secretary was not present, therefore no formal report was read.

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

The design and availability of hats, jackets, and tee shirts will be discussed at the next meeting, bring your ideas for a club logo and printing desired to the next meeting.

The container move was discussed and the consensus was that for the present time it should remain in it's present location.

Changing the night of the club meeting to Sundays was discussed, most members were agreeable. The major problem is finding a new location, as most public buildings are either closed on Sundays or not available. Glen Bolser and Ken Boucher are investigating the possibilities of using the YMCA.

An alternative proposal was made that meetings be held ONLINE via the Internet using some form of Instant Messaging Program. Rich Bono agreed to conduct a poll via the club message board.

John Marien has volunteered to fill in for Keith Spaulding as editor of our newsletter and publishing it on the WEB.

A number of club members reported at this meeting that the land that our field occupies is in fact included in the various parcels of land that have been put up for sale recently. With this in mind all club members are asked to be on the lookout for any suitable available sites in our area and contact the president with pertinent details.

The use of the Derry Landfill as a possibility was also mentioned. The president stated he will contact Ken Boucher and Darrell Wagner as to the procedure to be used for the preparation of a proposal for submittal to the town and the possibly the state for the use of this area.

The members agreed to place a link on our WEB site to Paul Pazolt's excellent picture WEB site called Photopoint. This site is unique in that it contains dozens of Flying Tigers photos, so if your on the Internet log on to this great site. Thanks Paul for your work in this area.

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## *Nominations for the Year 2000*

**President:** Ed Burie, Rich Bono  
**Vice President:** Glen Bolser  
**Secretary:** John Marien  
**Treasurer:** Dan Wilder

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### **Proposal withdrawal from Rich Bono**

I am withdrawing the motion to have the nominations remain open until the November meeting. Upon reviewing the January and February 1999 newsletters I found that we did address the issue of November nominations. A change to the constitution was proposed in the January meeting to allow nominations to be accepted at the November meeting. This motion did NOT pass. This shows that the membership does not want the nominations to remain open in November.

I apologize to the membership for not remembering that we had already addressed this. I'd like to point out that at this same time, we tried to add wording to the constitution to allow for written absentee ballots. This was defeated at this same time. So my second proposal to reinforce this is not needed.

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## **New Business**

**Proposal #1:** *In order to facilitate club business at the regular monthly meetings, Don Cox proposes to eliminate the club requirement for publishing all motions one month ahead of the actual vote.*  
 Author: Don Cox

**Proposal #2:** *I believe we took the money out of the budget for the Christmas Party so as to balance the budget with the intention that we could vote later in the year to allocate money if we wanted to have one. So, I want to make a proposal that we allocate money to have a Christmas party. \$300 should do it, but we can decide this at the meeting.*  
 Author: Ed Burie

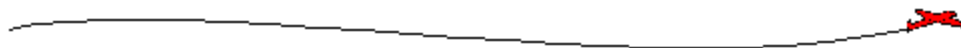
## Decorum, respect, and just plane fun: By John Marien

As many of you are now aware of, I'll be editing the club's newsletter on a temporary basis until Keith returns or decides he does not want the newsletter back. Some of the benefits I bring to this position are that as the Club's Secretary I'm tied in to the club's activities and business, another benefit I bring to this position is access to my wife. Let me explain. My wife was the editor of the Hollis Chronicle newspaper for many years and was very helpful in getting articles about our former fly-ins published. We are fortunate to have her professional experience to draw on to add a new level of decorum back into our newsletter.

In the past, our newsletter has been used as a wealth of knowledge and a vehicle to disseminate modeling and club related information. Information like how to plumb a hopper fuel tank in your plane, or how to properly lock the gate at the field or that a club sponsored event was coming soon. Also in our newsletter's past there have been personal attacks and dirty laundry aired in a public medium rather than dealing with the issues face to face. I have received several emails asking that this practice of public bickering be put to an end. And I have to agree with them. Mudslinging and personal attacks will not be published.

Each of us needs to demonstrate respect for each other for the common good of the club and all who read this newsletter. Respect starts from within. Think about what you're writing and ask yourself if this is a personal attack or if it deals with a club issue. Remember that it is easy to complain that someone else didn't do something right and that it's hard to focus on solving the issue. Don't be afraid to "be the bigger person" in a dispute. Bear in mind that each of us have "real lives" with stress from many directions and that we all are here together for just some plane fun.

Let's go flying.....



## Club Elections: By Glen Bolser

I hope all is well with everyone, and I hope to see as many people as possible at this, month's meeting. We have reached a critical point in time concerning this club and we need as much participation in this election process as we can get. There are several issues on the table that I feel will help determine the future of this club. The first issue is whether or not we need to carry nominations through and up to the elections as we have done in the past. Because of recent conversations with several members, I feel this should continue for the reason that they simply didn't like the present nominees or they felt they could do a better job. And that is definitely a good thing that people are willing to step up and get involved for "the good of the club". Lets face it that is what we should "all" be considering here "what is best for the club and this hobby".

After the nomination process I find myself as the only candidate up for V.P.. However, unless the meetings are held on Sundays, I will only be able to attend when the Pres. cannot make it. Is this the best situation? Of course not, but I will never the less do all I can to make a difference and can be contacted when something needs to be addressed that may have been overlooked or not being attended to by one of the other officers. I truly do want what is best for the club.

Ed and I had a brief conversation after the last meeting and he said "*I didn't really want to be President, but I didn't want Rich to get it*" -- not the right reason to run. Some of us believe Rich deserves the chance to be Pres. and see what he can do with it, and after several conversations with Rich over the past few months I know his heart is the right place, as is mine. We both want to make this club "bigger and better" but in a responsible way and without losing what a lot of us have continually strived for in the past which is to have fund raising events, grow the membership but at the same time grow the budget" not reduce it".

WE NEED TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE FLYING SITE -- if for no other reason just to have back up in case the worst does happen and we find ourselves without a field. How many of you would still be willing to be members of this club and help make another site ready to fly? I know several people who have long term ties to this club who have always been there in the past and have helped give this club the great reputation that it has, myself and Rich included. We will be there. So ask yourself the same question and think about whom you would want in charge if that were the case.

Let's put any personality differences aside and do what will help "the club" continue to exist and to grow. As members it is your right and your obligation to make your opinions known and I know Rich and myself are more than willing to listen and, more importantly, to act on them. Lets close this dark chapter in the club and look forward to something much better where

we can all have some responsible fun, so let's get this accomplished and enjoy the holiday season looking forward to next year, that is if the world doesn't end on January 1,2000. {just kidding} Hope to see you at the meeting.

Bye from the soapbox.

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### **This Month's Meeting: By Ed Burie**

We have a lot to cover at this month's meeting. There are several proposals on the table, several other things to discuss, as well as the elections and everything that goes along with them. I will be putting together an agenda of the topics to cover and will be handed out at the start of the meeting. If you have anything you want to bring up please let me know prior to the meeting.

There has recently been a lot of discussion that has turned our meetings not so friendly. A group of concerned members got together on Sunday night to discuss some problem areas. After 4 hours I believe we have come up with some ways to improve our meetings. I have some guidelines that will be used for how we conduct our meetings that should greatly improve the quality, and these will be presented at this month's meeting. Secondly, we again have the issue of absentee ballots, which was never resolved. I want to propose we put together a committee that will come up with some solutions to resolve this issue so we don't have this situation again, but we still have to deal with this some way at this month's meeting. After thinking about it I have decided that it would not be right for me to make the decision to accept / not accept them.

As seen in the past, the constitution is unclear and can be interpreted as both allowing as well as not allowing them. The decision to accept or not accept will be made the same way we resolved this issue last year, by a vote of the members present at the meeting.

Both sides of the argument have very strong grounds. The strongest point I heard from those against them was the fact that there is no secure process in place. So, we have put a process together, which we feel is secure and unbiased which could be used for this meeting only.

*Anyone wishing to submit a written ballot that can not make the meeting must get it in the hands of either John Marien (our secretary) or Don Cox (In charge of counting ballots) PRIOR to 5pm on the meeting day. If you can not be at the meeting to vote, your ballot must include your name and signature.*

**YOU MAY SEND IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS, BUT THEY MAY NOT BE COUNTED.** So, if you have no way to attend the meeting, but really want to submit a vote, please follow the process listed in the newsletter, but if there is any way you can make the meeting, that is the only sure way your vote will be heard. Again, absentee ballots will be collected, but will only count if a majority of the members present at the meeting vote to accept them.

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### **From the President**

Greetings all. Well the year is just about done and looking back I am very excited the direction the club has gone. When I took the office of President last December I had several goals to accomplish this year, and I can sit back now and say we have reached every one of them. I think we got rid of some rules that were deterring other experienced fliers from joining our club. We had some very experienced pilots, both aircraft as well as helicopter, join our group this year. I think the activity at our field on any given weekend has been better than I've seen in years, and we were able to pull off several new club events this year with a club participation greater than any I've ever seen in the past. In addition to all this fun stuff we were able to ban together and finally get our long awaited shelter up.

As I said, I'm very excited by this direction, and although my goals for the year 2000 are slightly different from this past year, I know we can continue with this positive growth. I think we got most of the rule changes made that will help our club, so this year my focus is a little different. One of our larger challenges this year will be our flying field. We have been very fortunate for many years to have had our present field, but the possibility of it being sold might just turn out for the best. We

already have another field that we are actively pursuing that I believe will be an even better site than we currently have. The Derry landfill has been vacant for many years now, just waiting for the Flying Tigers. There is no guarantee we'll get it, and it might take some time, but as of right now no one else is looking to acquire the site. I talked to a friend of mine that works for Derry Park and Recreations, and although he has no pull for us acquiring the site, he did do some asking around and no one else has even been requesting the site. We need to put a committee together that can be very persistent.

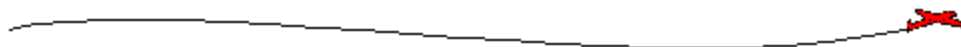
In addition to looking for alternative fields in case ours gets sold, I wish to focus my attention this year to two main areas. The first is our training program, and the second is having more events.

I think we have a great training coordinator who has some fantastic ideas and I hope he will continue the great job into next year. In addition to assisting with training in any way possible, I want to put together an instructors course. This would be for someone who may not have to proficiency level to be an instructor, but is very eager to learn. It would be a very much one on one type of training giving specific things to practice and improve on to accelerate the learning curve and raise someone's proficiency level to pass the instructor exam.

My second goal of hosting more club activities will be more determined by what the membership wants. Our two new club only events we put on last year were a huge hit, with almost half the membership either participating or there to help at our last fun fly. This excites me and gives me the motivation to put on even more events. For starters, we would like to hold an auction late winter or early spring. Our two club only fun flies this year were a good learning experience for all us new people involved in putting it on, and give us the confidence and knowledge to go for bigger and better next year. I would love to put on not only an open fun fly where anyone is welcome, but maybe get some of the area clubs together and have a fun day at each of our fields. Some of our members have other great ideas like this and I hope we can all get together to make next year even more exciting.

My last goal is one that I am going to work very hard on, and that is to make our meetings more enjoyable for the members. I think this is the only area that need some serious improvements, and that will start at this meeting. I don't think anyone has a problem discussing issues, that is what the meeting is for, but I will not tolerate that personal attacks that have been present at some of our meetings.

This year has been one large learning experience for me, and I think I can speak for all the officers on that one. All in all though, I think we have a great group of people that have been very supportive in making my job easier. I look forward to working with everyone again next year and see a bright future for the New Hampshire Flying Tigers.



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More have been added since this list was updated.