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The Monthly Newsletter of The New Hampshire Flying Tigers Radio Control Club. Send all correspondence to: The NH Flying Tigers RC Club, P.O. box 99, Derry, NH, 03038-0099

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What's Happening

This Month's meeting will be held on

Wednesday, February 23rd , 7pm

At The

Derry West Side Community Center

Reminder

Membership renewal forms were due on January 31st. Please remember that forms postmarked after this date will incur a \$15 initiation fee, and you may not receive the hardcopy newsletter until dues are paid in full.

Presentation

This month's meeting will begin with guest speaker Steve Goldberg. Steve has some great information about schools and students who participate in *Robotic Modeling Competitions*. Come join us in learning more about this unique

program!

The January meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with 15 members and guests present.

Old Business

The Treasurer and November Secretary reports were read and accepted as read.

Glen Bolser withdrew his proposal to reschedule monthly meetings to Sunday evenings. An alternate meeting place exists for Sunday evenings if anyone wants to table this discussion in the future.

New Business

The 2000 budget was presented, discussed, and accepted as written.

Rich Bono gave an overview of club officer roles and activity to date. Club officers are meeting each month to get better acquainted, discuss club issues, and organize for the upcoming flying season. Meetings are open to all club members, contact an officer for times and locations.

Current text in our club handbook will be included in the February newsletter. Before money is spent to print new handbooks, club members are urged to review the text and discuss possible changes (including the constitution) at the February meeting. Changes, if any will be posted in the next newsletter and voted on at the March meeting.

Paul Pazolt gave a flying site committee report, details are included in this newsletter.

There was discussion around club visibility, community involvement, and recognition. Roger Gagnon and John Clark volunteered to pursue this further. Some ideas mentioned were the Derry Fest and Londonderry Old home Days.

From The President: Rich Bono

It's been a busy month. We started with the resignation of our Secretary, John Marien. We were all surprised, and sorry to hear about John's busy schedule. He was very detail oriented and good at what he was doing. When you see John, be sure to thank him for his service so far. Thanks John, we're sorry to lose you.

I now have the pleasure of announcing that Kellie Annicelli has accepted the position of Secretary. Please be sure to welcome Kellie and offer her your help. We're all looking forward to working with her.

It's going to be a busy couple of months. We will be working on ratifying the current constitution. You

should find a copy of it in this newsletter for your review. This copy is not official until it is ratified (per our constitution). The idea here is to check for gross errors as this is a work in process. We want to allocate enough time to give everyone a chance to review this important document.

The intent is to deliver this to you with plenty of time for review. We can briefly discuss any changes needed at the February meeting, and ratify this at the March meeting. If we find that we need any major changes, then we will form a committee to work on this together as a team.

I want to remind people of a couple of items:

- 1) The Business portion of the February and March meeting will follow the guest speakers. I hope you can join us.
- 2) Is anyone interested in having the Tiger's host an interclub fun fly? We always enjoy these events as they are a LOT of fun! So let's open our doors and host a fly-in and invite our neighbors. We're asking for volunteers to help run and coordinate this event. If you are interested, speak up at the meeting, or contact one of the officers.
- 3) We are looking to refresh the members on the compliance committee. Since Glen is now an officer (he previously was a member of the compliance committee), we want to find someone who might like to help out in this position. If you're not sure what this is all about but want to help the club and fellow members, contact one of the officers. This is one of those positions that takes very little (if any time).

Don't forget that spring is just a month away (yes, I'm very optimistic)! Have you been charging your batteries? Have you tested your batteries? The best way to test them is with a battery cycler. I know that everyone doesn't have a battery cycler. Maybe some of us members who do have a cycler could volunteer to help other club members offering to cycle a battery pack for them. To start the ball rolling, I'll offer to do this. So if you want a battery pack cycled for you, contact me. It takes 24 hours to do this properly (to go through a charge/discharge cycle). Will anyone else offer to help the rest of us? Helping each other is what makes a club fun!

We had a lot of fun and great participation with the 50/50 Raffle at the January meeting. Jerry won the first raffle! I think he's planning on buying a lot of new R/C gear with his winnings! Will you be the next big winner?



From The VP: Glen Bolser

Hello Again Everyone, this months article is one of those good news bad news deals. The bit of bad news is that our good friend and fellow r/c flyer Darrell Wagner had to undergo emergency heart surgery last month, the good news is he is home, his recovery is coming along and hopefully he will back to his old self in no time, with a clean bill of health. Get well soon Darrell, we all miss you and hope to see you soon. The next bit of bad news is Mario will not be doing coffee and refreshments for the meetings, but I would like to thank Mario for taking on this chore last year. Now the good news is that John Clark volunteered to bring the coffee to the meetings for this year, Thank You John for helping out. And to anyone who has a cup of coffee remember to thank John personally.

Roger Cloutier (a.k.a.chef Roger) will discuss some options on T-shirts, jackets, etc that he has researched for the club. And before I forget, I would like to thank Paul Pazolt, Kellie Annicelli, and Jerry Lavoie for taking on their roles.

Finally, I'd like to thank John Marien for his hard work and dedication over the past year. I will not be at this month's meeting but will keep in touch with the club officers to stay informed about club business.

Thanks - Glen

Committee Updates

Flying Site Committee: Dave Annicelli, Glen Bolser, Rich Bono, Ken Boucher, Paul Pazolt, Darrell Wagner.

Club members have been informed that our current flying site in the Derry Industrial Park is *for sale*. The flying site committee gathered on January 16th to discuss this issue, and created a game plan to pursue alternate flying sites. As promised I included the details below. Please review and contact me with any concerns or suggestions. *Thanks, Paul*

Without knowing if or when the current site might be sold, the committee will continue efforts until an alternate site is identified and secured. A possibility exists that two sites would be maintained for a period of time in the future. Club members can *greatly* assist by investigating possible sites, obtaining landowner contacts, town/state contacts, and sharing this information with the committee.

To keep things organized, focal points will be established to communicate with various private, commercial, and public landowners.

Some possibilities discussed to date are the Derry Landfill, land near the East Derry Fire Station and Beaver Lake areas, and public land in Manchester. Roger Gagnon suggested a drilling site location on RT28 bypass. A letter of intent was issued to the Town of Derry on January 3rd regarding the landfill. Ken Boucher is our focal point for this site and following up. Other sites mentioned will also be checked out.

The AMA has provided a site procurement package and contact to assist our club. Information in this package and our Town of Derry contact describe securing public land as a *slow* process, possibly a 2-5 year effort. With that, privately owned sites must be investigated as well.

At this point we again need help from club members to keep your eyes open for possible locations, and help identify key contacts we'll need to obtain a new home.

Training Update - Jerry Lavoie

The flying season will soon be here "hurrah" and your club's training sessions are scheduled to start shortly after daylight savings time arrives (April 2). We expect new students will be joining our ranks during the spring and summer and they will be anxious to learn to fly like we all were when we started (remember?). We ask all club instructors to review their personal schedule and to try to make the time to participate in this very important club activity, we need you. I can be contacted by Email or telephone.

Regards, Jerry



January Kit Bashing

Scott Fuller and John Marien presented some interesting modifications to kits manufactured by Northeast Aerodynamics. Scott's Twin Air 20 was converted from a tri-gear to tail dragger with retracts. Scott also modified the fuselage by installing clear windows made from litre size soda bottles, with magnetic hatches to access critical areas. John Marien brought his Train Air 20, no big deal, right? Well, not unless you 'd like to put your model in a suitcase! John showed the group how the use of guide pins and fasteners can break down even the largest size aircraft for storage, without compromising flight characteristics. Thank you Scott and John for sharing your building ideas.



Upcoming Events

WRAM Show: Feb 25, 26, and 27 in White Planes NY. There are several tour groups planning on attending. If you're interested in going why not carpool?

Berkshire Mall Show: March 4th & 5th, Lanesboro, MA just off rt 7. Contact Chuck 413-569-1467 for details.

Maine RC Flight Show: Saturday March 18th, 2000 9am to 4pm at the Kennebec Valley Technical College. See <http://www.members.mint.net/dfolsom/kvma> for more details or call Roland Woodworth at (207) 453-9319.

Salem Barnstormers Auction: Sunday, March 19th, 1-6pm at the Methuen K of C (Gaythorne Hall) on Rt28 behind Dunkin Donuts. Registration 12-1pm, raffles include Futaba 6XA and JR652 radio sets. Food and drinks available. Call Bill's Hobby Barn 603-898-9241 for more details.

New Hampshire Flying Tigers Annual Picnic: The picnic is scheduled for Sunday August 27th, 2000 and is open to club members and their families. The club will provide food and soft drinks. We need volunteers to help again this year. Contact John Marien if you are interested in volunteering.

NHFT Guest Speaker: Harry Newman, AMA District I VP will address our club at the March meeting. Details to follow in the March Newsletter.

