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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, November 29th ,
7pm

At The Marion Gerrish
Community Center

November Election

Club members are encouraged to attend the November meeting to cast your vote for 2001 officer positions. Ed Burie and Glen Bolser were nominated to run for President at the October meeting. Kelli Annicelli (Secretary), Dave Annicelli (Vice President), and Dan Wilder (Treasurer) are running unopposed.

If you are interested in filling an appointed position

for newsletter editor, safety officer, training coordinator, or field marshall please notify a club officer

New Business

The October meeting was called to order at 7pm with 12 members in attendance.

The treasurer and secretary reports were read and accepted.

Mario Natola was in the hospital recently. A get well card was circulated and signed by the members present at the meeting.

There was discussion about changing the holiday party to a pot luck dinner or keeping this as a traditional pizza party. There was also discussion about club supplied gifts for a yankee swap. More will follow at the November meeting.

Club members discussed why there has been low attendance at club meetings. A questionnaire may be sent out to better understand how attendance can be improved.

A motion was made to offer Maurice Therriault a 1 year honorary membership for his contribution to our club and hobby. A vote will be taken at the November meeting.

Proposal – Glen Bolser

I would like to propose that the NHFT offer Maurice Therriault a free 1 year honorary membership. For those of you who do not know Maurice let me fill you in. This club was first introduced to Mr. Therriault several years ago at one of the club's monthly meetings, when he had volunteered to give a presentation on what he called his "Suitcase Airplanes". Needless to say we were all amazed when we saw exactly what it was; an airplane, transmitter, and appropriate charging equipment all contained within a box approximately the size of a standard suitcase. This was possible due to special hinge points on the fuselage that Maurice designed and built. Maurice has been a wealth of knowledge to our club and a very entertaining guest speaker. Maurice does not fly his creations but truly enjoys aircraft design and sharing his talent with hobbyists. There is no cost to the club other than making an effort to show Maurice he is always welcomed at the club. Please show your support for this proposal at the November meeting.

Thank you, Glen

President's Corner: Rich Bono

Here we are at our annual election. It's hard to believe that a year has gone by already!

We've had a banner year! Attendance is higher than it has ever been. We're currently at 74 members! This is the highest we've been in years! The treasury is also in great shape. Our training program has been very fruitful, with many new members earning their wings this year.

All of this is due to the hard work of a few individuals. I want to take a moment to thank those of the 'team' who have worked hard to make this a successful year. As you may or may not be aware, there are a few people who do more than is asked of them and they seem to enjoy it. They're the type of person who attacks a problem with a positive attitude. This is what makes an organization run smoothly.

We've mentioned our successful training program several times. This is because it is the lifeblood of our organization. We're

known in the area for having the best training program in New England. Special thanks to Jerry Lavoie for coordinating the training; it would not have run as well as it did without his dedication. We also owe a special thank you to Roger Gagnon for putting in all the hours that he has training students. I only wish I could have one half the amount of time free that Roger was able to dedicate to training. He's one of the shining stars this year and should be thanked.

Yes, there are others who have put in extra help in their own way. Who could forget seeing John D. Stevens working hard to help his fellow students while hobbling around on his knees or crutches? It's the willingness and unselfishness of people like this who make the Tiger's a great club.

Paul Pazolt has done a great job with the newsletter. He's always on time and gets 'the printed word out'. Paul, thanks a lot! No one knows how much work this is unless they have tried to do it themselves. I know it takes a lot of dedication to ensure the newsletter is delivered on time. You haven't missed a deadline yet!

Kellie Annicelli was a little reluctant to take on the secretary's position this year. She wasn't sure what it would be all about. She's done a great job of keeping our club minutes and keeping our membership roster up to date. Thanks for taking on this job Kellie, it's one of the two thankless jobs that we have.

Dan Wilder has handled the treasury with the utmost of care. This is an important position, and it's not easy to do. Not only had Dan kept the books in good order, he's helped to remind us when we have to be careful about budget items. He's also great at presenting information in factual and clear manner. Dan, thanks for helping out this year.

Believe it or not Glen Bolser deserves special mention! Why? Well, the VP position of the Tiger's normally does not have much responsibility. Of all the years I've been a member of this organization, Glen has been the most active of any of the VP's that I can remember. I don't know if anyone else ever has taken over this position with the enthusiasm and willingness to help that Glen has shown. He was always tireless and relentless in his duties and in taking up the slack wherever it was needed. Glen, thanks for being a very active member of this team. You've gone far above the requirements of the VP office. From cutting the lawn, to handling loose ends at the field, to coordinating meetings. I could go on and on!

Thanks to you all for a great year!

I want to apologize for not being able to make the November meeting. My work responsibilities have changed this year and I've been trying to do my best to be sure that I was in town for every meeting. This has been difficult to coordinate in the past. Luckily, I have been able to make every meeting up to this point. I can't say the same thing about the amount of flying I would have liked to have done though! Unfortunately, I was not able to prevent business from allowing me to attend the November meeting. This is also the reason why I am not seeking re-election for next year. At this point, I can't be sure that I'll be able to attend each meeting as I could be traveling much more.

I've had many people tell me they were disappointed to hear that I was not going to seek reelection. Receiving this support makes me realize that many of you also know that we had a great year. Remember that the success that we have had wasn't due to anything that I personally have done, but it was because of the hard working team members that have run this organization. The people I mentioned above made this year successful. Please support them and help them to see that next year is an equally successful year!

Glen will be running the November meeting and the election. I know he'll do a great job, so please support him.

Rich



Nomination Articles

From Glen Bolser

Hello to all, just to bring everyone up to speed on officer nominations for 2001: Due to professional commitments, Rich will not be seeking another term as club president, and although this came as a surprise to me it is certainly understood. With that it is my intention to seek the office of president and withdraw myself from the V.P. nomination. I feel my commitment to this club and its members will be of more use in this role as opposed to a supporting role if I were VP. Furthermore I will continue the open and up front communication between officers and members of this club which is the only way it should be done. Some may ask what have I done to make this club one of the best in the area. It

was I who initiated open conversation 1 ½ years ago between groups with different opinions to try and resolve some problems that occurred in the club. I proposed the idea sometime ago to look into other ways for the club to get a better return on our monies, and thanks to Dan Wilder and Michael Hayes this has been accomplished. It was I that followed up on the request to have a portable toilet at the field and researched having one for the next flying season. It was I who spent more time at officers and committee meetings than I did flying to come up with ideas, and along with my fellow officers work out any problems that came up along the way. I believe the job as president of this club is to make sure meetings run as smoothly as possible, proper procedures followed, and that all constitutional rules are followed when conducting club business. What are my expectations and goals? I would expect the same type of open communication between officers to keep everyone informed of ideas or dealings they may have outside the club meetings with no surprises. The more members know the better off we'll all be. I don't expect to run this club alone. I expect help and a commitment from my fellow officers and those persons who accept appointed positions. By this I mean if you volunteer for a position please do the best you can. If you need help the rest of us will be there to share the load. I would like to continue the search for a new site. If nothing else we need a back-up site in case we lose our present field. I would like to have a fly-in next year where we can invite other area clubs to participate, and the annual club picnic, because I believe as a club we should give back to the members and have some fun as a club. Otherwise why join a club? I would like to have a budget committee who, along with the officers can put together a budget for 2001 that reflects the opinions of the members, but at the same time does not cut into the treasury which I believe should be left alone for possible use in the event we have to prepare another flying site. Given my personal situation in the past year with the birth of my third child, my cancer surgery and treatment, taking time off from work to be at all club meetings, I hope my commitment to this club is evident. My motivation is clearly to do what is best for this club and hopefully have some fun along the way. I would also like to see a little more involvement from members at our meetings and would like to know what we as a club could do to make this a reality. In closing, I would just like to remind everyone that the key to this club's success has always been and should remain people caring enough to volunteer and get involved. And yes, this is a hobby and should be enjoyed. But without membership support it doesn't exist! I would like to wish all of you a very happy and safe holiday season. May you be surrounded with friends, family, and I hope to see all of you at this month's meeting on November 29th. *Thanks, Glen*

From Dave Annicelli

As your field Marshall I would like to thank everyone for all the help and support at the field this year. I have never seen the field in as good shape as it was. (with the exception of the woodchucks digging holes) We did have some minor vandalism, but with the help of some members everything was repaired and no affect was felt. Thank you all for a great year! With that said, as some of you know, I am running for Vice President. As your future VP I will work together with the President and other officers to continue in the direction that we have headed. It wasn't all that long ago that I came to the field with my shiny new plane and was scared to death on the first flight. But with the help of the club, I became a successful pilot. Now it's my turn to pass that on. We will work together as a team, both the members and the officers to make this the best club in the area. It's not just having events. It's the quality of those events. This year we had a lot of club input on what to do. And I would like to keep everyone involved and the lines of communication open. Thank you.

Training Update – Jerry Lavoie

Congratulations to Roger Gagnon on his upcoming retirement, at last more time to build and fly, after a while you will find yourself so busy in retirement that you will wonder when you ever found the time to go to work. For everyone's information Roger has decided to relocate to the sunshine state of Florida that of course will enable him to fly 12 months a year. On the other hand the winter weather here, rarely prevented him from flying even though he might have been slightly encumbered by a bulky down jacket, the gloves and that white fluffy stuff we occasionally get around here, he surely qualifies for the "AMA All Season Flyer" patch. Roger has been a member of our club for about 6 years; he learned to fly here and quickly perfected his skills and qualified as an instructor. Many of our members who are proficient flyers today learned to fly with him and know first hand of his special ability to inspire confidence. Because I was the training coordinator for the past 2 years I feel compelled to state that the training program will not be the same. He showed up consistently every Tuesday and Thursday to teach our students and to insure their planes were air-worthy and safe to fly. I know you will be missed Roger because I personally have already been asked by members at the field "where's Roger? I miss him". We as a club thank you for your dedication and everything you have done to make our club a better place to enjoy our hobby, you have our sincere gratitude. Thank you for being a member of the "NH FLYING TIGERS", enjoy your new retirement life, you deserve the best.

Renewal Applications

Enclosed in this month's newsletter is our club application renewal form. Please fill out your forms and return to Kelli Annicelli as soon as possible. Also, the following club members are exempt from field maintenance fees for their efforts at the spring work party: David Annicelli, Roger Gagnon, Charlie Barbeau, John Stevens, Rich Bono, Dan Wilder, Paul Pazolt, Mike Pazolt, Jim Gabour, Glen Bolser, John Clark, Scott Fuller, Brian Greenfield, Jerry Lavoie, John Marien, Rick Mastalerz, Paul Scarlett, Darrell Wagner, Dan Wilder

From Your Editor

Once again thanks to everyone in the club who supported my efforts with the newsletter this year. One of my goals was to present all club activity to this membership in a positive way, even when there were issues of debate and disagreement. I wanted to stick to the issues tabled without any club member feeling slighted about their views. I hope I achieved this goal in 2000, and hope whoever takes on this role in the future produces a newsletter this club can be proud of. If you are interested in the editor role next year please notify me or a club officer. As mentioned in the October newsletter I will provide all the training. One thing I would like to see more of in our newsletter are technical articles about the hobby. This is something I wanted to do on my own but seldom had the time for. John Marien has submitted his own articles that I found extremely helpful as a newcomer. Maybe some other members could do something similar around engine concepts, flying technique, aircraft choices, etc. There is a wealth of talent in the club, don't be afraid to submit your experiences. Something else I have planned is a proposal for paperless newsletters where possible. The club can save \$\$\$ in postage, ink, and paper by receiving an electronic version of the club newsletter. I will give the 2001 officers a chance to settle in before submitting this proposal.

I'd like to continue on with helping the club find a new flying site. Our committee is still intact and investigated several possibilities that unfortunately did not work out. Most recently the Derry Town Council passed a decision not to pursue the landfill for public use. With State concerns around methane gas emissions it is not cost effective for the town to budget for the required work needed at this time (upwards of \$500K). We'll continue the hunt for a new flying site and need membership support.

Paul

Upcoming Events

107th R/C Flyers Club Winter Auction: Sunday, February 11th 2001, VFW, Saugus Ma. Contact: Allen Cohen, 110 Goodale St., Peabody Ma. 01960

Correction

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Our new web address is: www.nhflyingtigers.com

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