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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, August 29th 7pm
at the Field

Annual Picnic August 26th

Starting 10am at the field. Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, and

whatever side dishes and desserts our generous members donate. Members are welcomed to bring guests. Please let Kellie know if you are attending and how many guests (603-898-6244, or gryhnd2000@earthlink.net) Bring your planes for flying fun.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Meeting began at 7:08
26 members were present

John Stevens discussed how training has been going. Russ has been the only stable trainer. We are still looking for trainers. If you can train John might be giving you a call to see if you can help out.

George Moranian just passed his instructor exam and is now helping out. Thank you George.

Also on training nights please be considerate and let the trainees have priority.

No safety officer No Field Marshall

We voted for the hand held frequency finder it was voted down 20 to 1.

Ed Burie made a proposal to buy a Specific Spectrum analyzer. They can cost up to \$800.

Meeting ended at 8:17



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone.

Thanks to everyone that was able to attend last months meeting, I was glad to see a good turnout once again, not to mention a great deal of input on all issues discussed last month.

The club also voted against purchasing a frequency scanner, after a great deal of technical input from a few members who have a good background in this type of equipment. The scanner we had in mind would not have done the job. With that in mind, I placed a phone call to the regional frequency coordinator for the A.M.A. to inquire if they had something we could use to explore our frequencies, and to find out if we do indeed have any problem channels.

Fortunately, although we are still playing "phone tag", he did leave me a message stating that he did have one unit available for us to borrow. I will try to hook up with him in the near future. I have also started to think about our indoor meetings and am looking for a volunteer to line up some presentations for our indoor meetings. If anyone is interested, or has some ideas or topics they would like to see discussed, please let me know.

John Clark has agreed to take care of the coffee and refreshments for our indoor meetings, so a big **Thank You** goes out to John, I think we all enjoy having a nice hot cup of coffee, especially during those cold winter nights.

Due to family and employment obligations I have not been to the field quite as often as I would like but must admit the field is looking good. I didn't look at the sign up sheet for the mower to get names, but I would just like to say thank you to everyone that has taken the time to cut the grass at the field. I am trying to make it to the field a little more often but as of yet have not done so but I will keep trying, and as always if anyone has a question or comment they wish to express to me you may call me at home, or send me an e-mail. I will certainly take the time to listen. I hope you all are enjoying your summer,

and we want to see you all at the club picnic on Aug. 26th.

I have one comment for those members that have recently earned their proficiency rating or are very close to it." remember that the left stick on your transmitter does more than just controlling your throttle" it also controls that forgotten surface known to some of us as the RUDDER. Try and practice using it, especially during take offs and landings. Glen

CLUB PICNIC

Our club picnic will be held on Sunday, August 26th starting at 10am. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, and refreshments. If you plan on attending please contact Kellie Annicelli, (603)898-6244 or gryhnd2000@earthlink.net and provide her with your headcount. As usual we could always use a side dish or desserts. We look forward to seeing you all for some flying and fun. *Paul Pazolt*

Frequency Scanner Update

Just to let you all know, I have borrowed one of the A.M.A.'s Icom R7000 frequency scanners from the regional frequency coordinator. So the game plan is to compile some data over the next week or two and see if we do indeed have any problem or suspect channels, hopefully this will help us out and other than my time, it doesn't cost a thing. *Glen*

Handbook Updates

- Allegra printing has quoted a price of \$56.00 to print club handbooks for the membership. Before printing the following handbook changes are proposed for discussion and vote at the August meeting:

Frequency Control, page 2:

- *Current wording:*

As of January 1st, 1994, only 20Khz or less transmitters and receivers are allowed to be used at the club field.

Proposed wording:

As of January 1st, 1994, only narrow band transmitters and receivers are allowed to be used at the club field.

Purpose of change:

Clarify 20Khz definition to narrow band

Flight Boundaries, page 4 (refer to illustrations)

Current wording:

All straight out and/or straight in take-off or landing approaches can only be made on the Southern end of runway over the large blue building. This is not possible on the northern end of the runway due to the flight boundaries.

Proposed wording:

Take-off and landing approaches must be made into the wind from the north or south part of the runway, depending on wind conditions. Final turn and approach from the north should be made over the swamp area, as close to the runway as possible. Final turn and approach from the south should be made along the entrance road, in front of the large blue building and over the parking lot as close to the runway as possible. This does not apply to emergency landings.

Purpose of change:

Document take-off and approaches from north and south parts of the runway. Clarify the large blue building and propane tanks as no fly zones. *Paul Pazolt*

You never know.....

Who will drop in for a visit at the field? On a beautiful Saturday last month I was about to fly my Telemaster, when a red truck with an expanded cab and matching cap drove up at the field and I thought "nice rig wish I owned it". I noticed the Florida plates and wondered who this could be. I stopped working on my plane to greet the visitor who by the way found our field through the recent article in the Derry News.

After exchanging greetings the conversation turned to Radio Control flying. He asked if we allowed guests to fly and I said yes and proceeded to explain the field rules. The visitor's name is Ernie Huber. Ernie owns and operates a Helicopter Flight Training Center in Crescent City, Florida, about an hour's drive from Daytona. Ernie unloaded his equipment, secured his frequency, and proceeded to put on a flying demonstration that had me in awe. The variety, grace, and precision of every maneuver were like watching an air ballet. As he was preparing to leave, Ernie thanked us and expressed his appreciation for the courtesies extended to him by the Flying Tigers. Sadly he was quick to point out that in his personal experiences in traveling around the country that many clubs are not as friendly as they could be to visiting pilots and guests. This made me glad that I made the effort to make him feel welcomed. Later I thought about our visitor and wondered if I searched the WEB if I could get more information about him and his school. The first hit I had (<http://www.rhelicopter.com/>) turned out to be Ernie's WEB page describing all the details of his flying center. Here I was to learn that he is a five time National R/C Helicopter Champion. In 1979 he became the first person to hover a helicopter inverted. His copters have appeared in several major motion pictures including The Towering Inferno, Capricorn One, and Blue Thunder. Today he devotes 100% of his time teaching. He has logged over 25,000 flights and worked with over 600 students. So don't forget, extend a friendly welcome to all of our visitors, because, **you never know** who will be dropping in for a visit. *Jerry Lavoie*

Field Maintenance Credit

I have underlined your name on the club roster inside the mailing cover sheet. If you believe you have earned credit for field maintenance, and your name is not underlined, please let Glen or one of the other officers know. *Will*

Club Calendar for 2001

August 26th, annual club picnic (sponsored)
Late Fall (proposed club auction)

Upcoming Events

Aug 25th E. Livermore, ME
16th Annual Bowman Field Fly-In. (207) 897-5448

Aug 25th & 26th Westfield, MA
Westfield International Airshow (413) 568-9151

Sep 3rd N. Hampton, NH
Annual Pig Drop and Bomb Roast (603) 964-6749

Sep 6 – 9 Greenville, ME
International Seaplane Fly-In (207) 785-5562

Sep 9th Vergennes, VT (978) 772-2976
Aero Club's Wings, Wheels, and Keels

Sep 9th Shirley, MA (978) 345-9695
Crowhoppers UL Adventure

Sep 22nd Brunswick, ME (207) 921-2132
Great State of Maine Airshow

Sep 22-23, Nashua, NH (603) 577-6625
Aviation Heritage Festival

Sep 23rd Simsbury, CT (860) 408-0040
16th Annual Simsbury Fly-In.

October 6th and 7th, no rain date
Granite State IMAC Challenge 2001
Hosted by the CAGS RC Club - Hopkinton
<http://www.angelfire.com/nh/gsimac/>
for the latest details and sponsor information
Open to non-IMAC pilots is BASIC class.
See John Marien (jmarien@pumatech.com)
or Dan Wilder for info.
This is an AMA sanctioned event.

From the Editor

Any comments or suggestions will be greatly
appreciated, and if anyone has anything to contribute

please mail to:

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Deadline for submissions: September 20th