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

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This Month's meeting will be held on

Wednesday, January 31th , 7pm

At The Marion Gerrish

Community Center

What's Happening

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE BY JAN 31ST.

Dues received after January 31st are subject to an additional \$15 initiation fee. Renewal forms were in the November newsletter. If you do not have a renewal form, contact a club officer to make arrangements to secure your 2001 membership. Additional renewal information follows in the newsletter.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

BY BEEING SEEN TECHNOLOGIES.

This month's meeting will start off with a special presentation on lighting systems for your plane as well as other vehicles and equipment. The regular meeting will follow the presentation.

PLEASE RETURN VIDEOS, OR GIVE THEM TO SOMEONE WHO CAN SO THAT OTHERS MAY ENJOY THEM. THE VIDEO LIBRARY IS PRETTY DEPLETED.

LAST MEETING

The December meeting was our annual Christmas party that began at 6:30 with the arrival of the pizza. No formal meeting was held, so there were no meeting minutes to report. The club supplied pizza and sodas. Also thanks to those that brought extra treats.

Then the real fun began with the Yankee swap. A lot of great gifts were exchanged. A drawing held to award additional grab bag gifts supplied by the club followed this. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves.

President's Corner: Glen Bolser

Hello to all. I certainly hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season, and like me you are now glad it's over, although, my dining room may not be clear of the kids toys for quite some time. We, as a club, also received an unexpected present just prior to Christmas in the form of a \$300 check from R.C.H.T.A., which is an organization that promotes media coverage of our hobby and awards cash prizes based on the type of media coverage the club is able to get. We as a club were eligible for two different categories of coverage, one being an article in the Union Leader = \$100, and the second was a live spot on Channel 9 = \$200, which promoted both the club, and the hobby in general. Although I did the legwork on this, I have to thank Rich Bono for bringing this program to my attention.

The officers and budget committee members have worked out a budget for this year that we believe to be proper based on last year's numbers. The budget will be presented before the membership for ratification at the January meeting.

One area, which created a lot of discussion, was the Fun-Fly issue. I proposed a date of June 3rd for a non-competitive type of event where we can invite other area clubs to come fly at our field and enjoy the hobby with other people who share the same interest. In order to do this we will need to put together a committee to focus on the fun fly to make it a reality. If you would like to help with this task, please let it be known at the January meeting, or notify any one of the officers as soon as possible. We really need to work on this early in order to do it right.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave and Kellie Annicelli, Kathleen Fuller, Phil Greco, John Lavery, Paul Pazolt, John D. Stevens, Will Widgren, and Dan Wilder for their commitment to attend the budget meeting and for sharing ideas and opinions on several topics that the club will deal with over the coming year. I would also like to thank Kathy and Scott Fuller, and John Lavery for offering their office for a meeting location. We discussed several club events from a fun-fly event, to annual club picnic, and I anticipate a very good year for this club in 2001. I am looking forward to sharing our ideas, and receiving input from all members in order to make this club more enjoyable for all. I hope to see as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Thanks, *Glen*

What Should I Build? That is the Question.

So, it's the middle of winter and you're wondering what to do with that extra money you received as a gift or a bonus

from your employer. You want to get a new aircraft, and wonder, "now should I go 'BIG', after all, those planes I saw at the I.M.A.C. event were awesome, and besides, bigger is better right?"

Let's analyze this decision, shall we? The only equipment you own at the present time that will be of any use to you in aircraft of this size probably is your transmitter and receiver. Other than that there is nothing you have that will be of any use to you from servos to hardware. You will have to purchase everything new to meet the demands of this type of aircraft. Next you need to consider transporting this "big sucker" from point "a" to point "b" and how practical is that? Unless you own a large pick-up or a van, it will be a challenge to say the least. Then you have to consider the area you intend on flying this beautiful but none the less "large aircraft" in and will it meet sound requirements of the A.M.A. and my local club, probably not without modifications to the muffler.

Now the final thing you thing you need to think about is do I have the experience to build this aircraft in a safe fashion without any questions, such as did I use the proper servos to handle the load that will be placed on it, did I use strong enough hardware that can stand the stress of an average flight of an aircraft this large, will it pass a safety inspection at the field? Now please know it is not my intent to discourage anyone from getting into larger scaled aircraft, but there are so many areas that need to be evaluated before you make that big jump, and your decisions should not be based simply on what looks like it would be fun, or what would be "awesome" to own. There are many choices of aircraft to purchase if you want something acrobatic or hot, and given the size of our field, I would suggest a "60" or "1.20" size aircraft is the most practical choice, and there are many planes to choose from in that size range. Whatever type of aircraft you choose to buy, you should research all aspects of it, from fuel, to various equipment you will need to fly and "maintain" it. Will I be comfortable flying this plane on a regular basis? The last and most important consideration to add to this equation is, can I, without a shadow of a doubt, fly this aircraft safely? Do I have the experience do this in a safe manner? Now it's o.k. to be confident of your abilities, but it is yet another thing to be unreasonable. My best suggestion to anyone looking into buying an aircraft, especially those with limited experience, would be to ask around, talk to the membership and get their opinions. They are most often the best source of knowledge we have. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard the phrase "been there, done that" when a question was asked about a particular product. Most members would gladly save someone the aggravation that they have already gone through. It makes the hobby much more enjoyable if you can avoid mistakes, or the hassles of having a product that's just not what it was meant to be, not to mention the frustration of just not being comfortable and safe with a product that may be just a little too much to handle. Please evaluate your options, and make a rational choice of anything you purchase, and by all means, ask around for opinions, before you buy any high dollar items. *Glen*

Renewal Applications

Please fill out your forms and return to Kelli Annicelli at the meeting on the 31st. If you can't make this month's meeting, you can mail the form to NHFT RC Club, P.O. Box 99, Derry, NH 03038-0099.

Dues are \$40, \$30 for Juniors and Seniors. In addition, there is a field maintenance fee of \$20 if you are not exempt. If you do not have a membership renewal form, be sure to call one of the club officers to secure your membership. Any renewals after the January 31st deadline are subject to an additional initiation fee of \$15.

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. There are others that are not included here, as mentioned at the last meeting that Kellie is now aware of.

From Your Editor

Happy New Year everyone. As mentioned in December's newsletter, I was considering assuming newsletter

responsibilities from Paul Pazolt, and since then, have decided to try and fill his shoes, as you can see. I hope I can do as fine a job as Paul, and continue to publish a newsletter that is informative and useful. Many thanks to Paul in helping me get familiar with the process.

As Paul may have mentioned in some previous newsletter, this is your newsletter, open to all members to contribute articles of interest. Even short articles, definitions, or tips would be useful to other members.

I'm sure members new to the hobby, like me, have plenty of questions. For instance, when I was filling out my renewal form, there was a question about RX or TX. I had no idea what that was about, but guess it has something to do with the type of receiver in your plane. Another thing I've wondered about is, "How is the pitch number derived for props?" I get the diameter part, but I don't know if a higher number pitch pulls more air or less.

I'd be more than willing to collect these over time, and put together a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) handout that should be useful for members new to the hobby.

Thanks for your anticipated support. *Will*

For Futaba Users

John Marien for the benefit of Futaba users submitted the following information:

-----Original Message-----

From: crosscustm@aol.com [mailto:crosscustm@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 06, 2001 9:39 AM

Subject: egg on my face....RX crystal changes

As long as I have been using Futaba we have always been told that all US sold receivers are tuned to the particular channel on which the RX is shipped. Any RX we service here in the US I KNOW we retune because, well, I've helped prep more than my share to be done.

However, I have just been informed that Futaba Japan center tunes all receivers to the center of the top of either the high band or low band when they ship from Japan.

As a result of this tuning approach effective immediately we will be offering Futaba flight packs through your favorite hobby shop of the R127DF with servos with NO CRYSTAL, packaged simply as high band or low band. And we will be offering RX crystals alone which you can then purchase to set the RX on your desired channel.

Please...folks....don't stone me too severely....I can only pass on what I'm told, and this time I was told very wrong.

Sincerely,

Mrs. AnnMarie Cross

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Club Calendar for 2001

April 7th, Field work party
 April 25th, Winter Project Night
 June 3rd, proposed Fun -Fly date
 (based on willing volunteers)

June 17th, Fathers Day Picnic (non sponsored)
August 26th, annual club picnic (sponsored)
Late Fall (proposed club auction)

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

Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club: Sunday, February 11, 2001. Visit <http://www.ncrcc.org> for more information.

February 24th and 25th, W.R.A.M. Show

Cape Ann R/C Club Annual Auction: Saturday, March 3, 2001, Rowley VFW hall, Rowley, MA setup 12:00 PM, auction 1:00 - 4:00
The hall is just off Rt. 133 in Rowley, MA. See http://www.rctime.com/carcmc/monthly_meetings.htm for directions and check the web site at a later date for more info on the auction.

Burlington R/C Flyers 2nd Annual R/C Auction: Sunday, March 18, 2001, Burlington American Legion Hall, 162 Winn Street, Burlington, MA.

For more info, visit: <http://www.burlington-rc.com/burlington-rc/auction.htm>
