

## March 2001



**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, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
at the  
Marion Gerrish Vommunity Center**

### March Presentation

Mark Natola will be the guest speaker at the March meeting. He has visited us before and has a very

interesting presentation on the "Heavy bombers from WWII to the B2". It promises to be very interesting.

### **Charlie Barbeau's Camera**

It has recently been brought to our attention that late last fall Charlie's "Kodak" digital camera turned up missing from the front seat of his vehicle while he was at our flying field. We do not wish to point fingers and will not. If anyone knows anything about the whereabouts of this camera, Charlie would like to have it returned. Since the camera is of no use to anyone without the software to download the photos, whoever had taken it wouldn't be able to use it without the software. If anyone has his camera, or knows where it may be found please let Charlie know or return it to him. He would like it back.

### **Snow and Muck**

The work party has been postponed until April 21<sup>st</sup> which means the first training night will have to be moved out to April 24<sup>th</sup>, allowing time to prepare the field for flying. Delivery of the porta-potti has also been postponed until April 20<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the field will be dry enough so that we can start flying.

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Meeting began at 7:00pm

21 members present

4 guests

Allen Cohen a Flying Site Assistance Volunteer from AMA came to speak on how they can help in acquiring a new flying site. This committee is willing to meet with town officials if we would like to discuss AMA models.

Thad Zadlo owner of Pat O'Brien Country Framer and Hobbies spoke about his new hobby store that will carry a basic supply of R/C equipment. The address is 21 Litchfield Rd in Londonderry NH. It is in the yellow pages under HOBBIES.

Phil Greco our field marshal is working on getting a telephone pole to repair gate area.

The safety officer was not present.

John Marien proposed an idea for our club picnic. It is to have a build and fly contest during the picnic. He will have more information next month. The members present seemed interested in this idea.

Dave Annicelli presented a frequency chart that will be put in this newsletter.

We also discussed having the membership list put on the web under a protected password.

Glen is continuing to order t-shirts and sweatshirts from Aviation Wear. Talk to Glen if you are interested in placing an order.

Ken Boucher made a proposal that the club donate between \$500-1000 dollars to the YMCA in Londonderry. The motion passed unanimously.

Being Seen Technology is willing sponsor an event so that they can get a video with some planes using their lighting system. Granite State Quiet Flyers is willing to work with us on that. Glen will work on this and get back to us on it.

If anyone has pictures they would like to add to the clubs photo album please give them to an officer and they will make sure they get in the album.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> fly- in will be a non-sanctioned event.

Charlie Barbeau mentioned that he had a digital camera taken from the field in the fall. If anyone found a Kodak Digital camera please return it to Charlie.

Meeting ended at 9:04

## President's Corner: Glen Bolser

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start off this month by thanking Allen Cohen of the A.M.A. flying site assistance program for taking the time to travel from Peabody, MA to attend our meeting and giving us some useful information as well as offering us his services and advice in obtaining a new flying site for the club. I would also like to thank, and welcome Doug and Thadeus Zadow to the area and the club. For those of you who were unable to attend last months meeting, I'll fill you in. Thad and his family moved to this area last year after living in Fla. for some time. Thad has been in the hobby for some 30 years and Doug has been flying for approx. 2 years. Thad will be offering R/C supplies at his store on Litchfield Rd. in Londonderry. He hopes to start doing this by late March. In my opinion this will be a win-win situation for all. Thad has joined a great group of people that belong to our club and we have gained 2 new members as well as a local hobby shop to purchase needed supplies from. Although his inventory will be limited, he will be more than willing to order something for you that he does not have on hand, so let's do our best to make the relationship a lasting one, and hopefully this will cut down on the traffic flow on routes 102 and 111 on Saturday mornings, if you know what I mean.

Next on my agenda would be the planned events for the club. Due to recent weather we have been forced to postpone the spring work party until April 21st, as well as the flight training program having to be postponed until April 24<sup>th</sup>. Even after that, we may still have a considerable amount of water around the field and this may require limiting access to vehicles do to mud, but we'll call it as we see it, and hope that spring will arrive and we can get back to doing what we all enjoy so much and that is of course: swatting black flies!

On a more serious note, the officers have gotten together and have put the Fly-In plans into motion. We will be printing some flyers to advertise to fellow R/C pilots, as well as informing other clubs of our planned event. We have a good group of people who are working on this but we could always use more. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please let any of the officers know and we'll be more than happy to have the help.

Mark Natola will be doing a presentation on heavy bombers that promises to be very interesting and informative. Hope you can join us at the meeting; it should be good! *Glen*

## Model Building and Flight Contest proposal, to be held during the Club's Annual Picnic on August 26th.

Let's see... Hmmm. The Club's picnic, we fly, we eat, some fly, we eat, some more fly, we eat, some fly, we go home, some

clean up. I'd like to add something so that it goes like this: We fly, we eat, we fly, some build, we eat, we have a short contest from what was built, we eat, we fly, some go home, more stay and clean up.

"Build a plane at the field in an hour?" Well, yes.

"Then fly it?" Well, after it's been inspected, yes.

In case you haven't seen where this is going, I'll build it out for you. I'm proposing that we add a small internal contest into the middle of the

Club's Picnic. The contest will be made up of pre-registered teams of 3 modelers, these teams will build a model at the field from materials supplied in addition to their own supplies, the models will then be safety inspected and flown through some basic maneuvers. The scoring will be based on the lowest score out of the following categories: Time to Build the model, weight of the model, scored flight maneuvers (basic maneuvers), and scored spot landing. There would be a prize for first place (cash) and honorable mention for other places.

Let me talk about the building phase. Yes, you can build a plane at the field in about an hour. A team of three modelers should be able to meet this goal. I'll be designing 4-5 different model airplanes this Spring/Summer just for this event. Each design will use fairly identical parts and it will be up to the team to decide which variation they will build and compete with. Each "kit" will contain the materials to build the plane, but the teams themselves will need to provide an engine already on an engine mount (at the field you'll have to mount this to the kit's firewall), fuel tank, fuel lines, the radio, servos, batteries, switches etc. and anything else they think they might need (like decals to "personalize" your plane). The general specs of the planes are set at: Engine: .25-.40 cu in, Wingspan 48", Fuse length 32", estimated weight 3-4 lbs, Rudder, Aileron, Throttle, and Elevator functions. The time for construction ends when the plane is submitted for Safety Inspection. Time starts again if you have to "fix" something. The first team done gets a score of 1, the second team done gets a score of 2, etc.. Then the models will be weighed (no fuel), and again scored. Then there's the flight maneuvers to be announced at the contest. Scored of course. Then finally, a spot landing. Again scored. And something "else"... Lowest combined score wins.

What do you win? There is a \$15 per team entry fee to compete (that's \$5 per person). These funds go toward the club supplied materials needed to build each "kit". The surplus between the fees collected and the cost of the kits will be awarded to the first place team. Maybe the club will kick in some cash so that the First place team gets a \$15 prize. Second place a \$10 prize and Third place a \$5 prize, or something like that.

Getting at least three teams should make this a fun event. If you're up for the challenge let the club know and start your team selection process. At least a month prior to the contest, each team will receive a list of all the materials, parts, etc, that they will need to provide for the contest.

The biggest question for the teams that participate is: Who gets to keep the plane?

John Marien



## Club Calendar for 2001

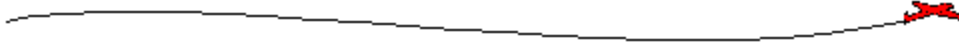
April 21<sup>th</sup>, Field work party  
 April 24<sup>th</sup>, First Training Night  
 April 25<sup>th</sup>, Winter Project Night  
 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, proposed Fun-Fly date (based on willing volunteers)  
 June 17<sup>th</sup>, Fathers Day Picnic (non sponsored)  
 August 26<sup>th</sup>, annual club picnic (sponsored)  
 Late Fall (proposed club auction)



## Upcoming Events

Salem Barnstormers 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction:  
 Sunday, March 25, 2001

Methuen K of C (Gaythorne Hall)  
Rt. 28 Methuen, MA (Behind Dunkin' Donuts)  
Registration: 12 to 1P.M.  
Time: 1P.M. to 6P.M.  
For more info, call: (603)898-9241



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Deadline for submissions: April 16<sup>th</sup>