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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, October 24th 7pm

at the

Marion Gerrish Community Center

Please note that this month's meeting is a week earlier due to Halloween.

Swap Shop and Sale

Bring in items for this month's meeting that you want to sell or swap

October is Nominations Month

Be sure to attend and provide your inputs, and perhaps volunteer for one of the positions available.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Sept 2001 Minutes.

Meeting began at 7:05 with 16 members and guests present.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

We discussed the recent vandalism at the field.

John Lavery discussed prop safety.

Flight boundaries were discussed and the map needs to be revised.

The Hidden Valley Golf/RV park site was discussed and the owner is receptive to the idea.

The locks to the Gate and Storage container will be re-keyed.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone. Well it seems we have come to the end of another successful season of flying with several members earning their proficiency ratings and others who are getting closer all the time. I would like to thank all the instructors and other members as well as a special Thank You to John Stevens for all their efforts made for the training program. With Fall upon us we should cut the grass one more time and think about removing the battery from the mower, put some fuel stabilizer in the tank and store it until next spring. Although I would like to go over the entire mower and check for any wear and tear and replace anything that needs to be replaced, we can discuss that at the meeting.

I attended the "FLYING EAGLES" field for their Toys for Tots fly-in event this month. Although Mother Nature didn't cooperate, they still received 100 toy donations and over \$100 in cash. All things considered, it was a good day. I must admit that some of these guys were real diehard R/C enthusiasts. Despite the mist and fog in the air at 10:15 a.m. when I arrived, there were several planes in the air and this continued throughout the day. I did not fly however, but Ed Burie did and I spotted for him. I also had a conversation with Mark Verspille, the contest director for this event. We discussed a regional flying site, which is something we have discussed in the past. He has a few sites in mind, and I will keep you up to date as things progress. I also had a discussion with A.M.A. district 1's V.P., Don Kraft. Along with Mark, we mentioned to Don our discontent with the A.M.A. and their recent editorials on the "New Headquarters" and just how great a facility it is. Our point was what the heck was the A.M.A. doing spending all this money on a facility that the majority of the A.M.A. members will never see. Perhaps they should concentrate more on financially supporting local clubs throughout the country in obtaining flying sites, rather than spending all this money on a facility that the majority of us will never use. His response was that they the A.M.A. needs a suitable site to hold "THE NATS", an annual

competition. We once again stated that this still doesn't do anything for the rest of us. Due to the events of the day, that's where our conversation ended, but I would still like to write to the A.M.A. and vent my frustrations with them. We'll see.

All right, with that said and with Fall upon us and Winter not too far behind, get your kits, tools, workbench and most important of all, your coffee and let the building begin. Don't forget your safety glasses! We'll see you at the meeting, and don't forget October is nominations month, so if you're interested in running for an office, or helping out in some way, let your intentions be known. *Glen*

SWAP SHOP and SALE

The club is planning to have a swap shop and sale after the business portion of the October meeting, so if you have a kit, engine or other R/C related items that you wish to sell or trade, please bring them with you to the October meeting. With building season fast approaching you may be able to get a bargain or two, or some spending cash to help out with your latest project, and by all means, the more the merrier. Thanks, *Glen*

Thanks !!!

It was a fun spring and summer. It all began when I was cleaning my basement and trying to figure out what to do with a 15 year old Northeast Aerodynamics trainer. As I was discussing this at work during lunch, I found out that Paul Pazolt was a member of the NH Flying Tigers. One thing led to another, and I soon found myself sworn in one sunny June day.

After a careful overhaul of my 15 year old 'bird', under the expert watchful eye of John Stevens, I got the green light to take her up. Following a maiden voyage by Russell, and a trim pass, I was doing laps, loops (unintentionally), and some pretty nerve-wracking maneuvers. Russell wisely put a stop to that, and after several more weeks I had my first landing with David Annicelli... thanks, David. I'm not sure what I'll do with my first broken prop... but for now it's found a place in a secret corner of my tote box.

I spent the next several weeks fine-tuning my piloting skills with Russell, gaining confidence, and getting hooked! Then one day George decided to take me up. He was quick to point out my recently improved piloting skills, but did suggest I lose my transmitter death grip technique. It was then that I realized I was doing bicep curls with my Futaba! I never knew R/C flying could help keep me in shape... Apparently much more flying is needed (somebody tell my wife!) for me to lose the transmitter death grip.

I had some great times at the field on those late Tuesdays and Thursdays. My sister's family.... you know, Paige and Phil Frezzette, were making their debut this year as well. My colleague, Paul Pazolt, had the misfortune of demonstrating this year's first midair collision with my 12 year old niece's plane. Not to worry, Paige and I have learned to head to the pit area when Paul is up. I want to thank Tricia, my twin sister, and my other niece Chantal for bringing John and me those great anchovy pizzas. !!Molto buono!! It was fun for us to fly and spend time together, and to get to know the members of the NH Flying Tigers.

I want to extend my sincere thanks again to John Stevens (training coordinator), Russell Richard, and

George Moranian, for taking time this spring and summer to train us “rookies.” If it weren’t for you taking time out from your busy schedules, few of us would have been able to solo this year. Your experience and skill will go a long way in helping us to be safe R/C pilots.

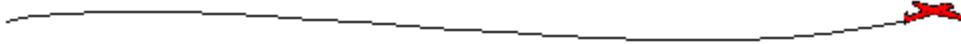
I also want to thank Glen Bolser for steering this club in the direction that he has this year. Especially the training aspects of this hobby. We all know this is a difficult hobby for the novice to get involved in, and having a somewhat regimented training routine does make it easier.

This flying hobby has become a passion of mine. My latest project – which will be my 4th plane -- is a P51D 1/7 kit plane that I will be working on during the long, cold, winter months. I’m planning some strafing runs over our midnight guests who have taken a liking to our fine pit area.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the spring for my P51 maiden voyage (if I dare)! When is spring clean up?? In the meantime, weather permitting, I continue to practice my long and hopefully straight take-off rolls with my J3 Cub.

Have a great Holiday season, and God Bless America!!!!

Dave Sigillo



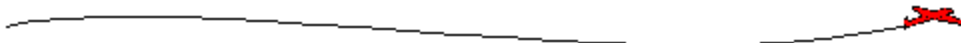
Editor’s Two Cents

On behalf of all of this year’s trainees in addition to Dave’s eloquent message, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the instructors for your patience, perseverance and encouragement in helping us to learn how to fly safely, and have some fun as well. RC flying is a lot more difficult than I thought, for me anyway, and I could see where some that try it just throw in the towel. A special thanks to John Stevens for his efforts in making sure everyone had turns to go up, especially as the days got shorter.

Thanks again guys for a great job.

p.s. I will get off the buddy box next Spring, I will, I will.

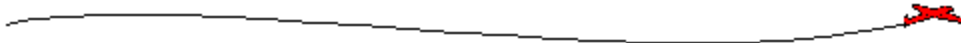
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Club Calendar for 2001

October Meeting, Nominations for Club Officers.
Late Fall (proposed club auction)

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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: November 19th