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The Monthly Newsletter of The New Hampshire Flying Tigers Radio Control Club

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**This Month's meeting will be on
Wednesday, Mar. 27th, 7:00 pm at the
Marion Gerrish Community Center,
Derry, NH**

What's Happening

**Field maintenance work party,
April 6th, rain date April 13th.**

**Presentation this month on Safety
at the Field.**

Site Report

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 with 17 members present.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

John Stevens talked about the training program. Futaba has donated four buddy boxes. John also volunteered to be Field Marshall.

Glen informed the membership that an extra lock is on the gate due to mud season.

It was mentioned that the club mower needs a new drive belt.

The junior membership proposal passed 17-0

The spring work party is scheduled for April 6 with a rain date of the 13th.

Paul Pazolt won a whopping \$8.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

John Marien gave a presentation on sound reduction. Nice job John, very informative. John also gave us a sneak preview of new products offered by Northeast aerodynamics.

Meeting was closed at 8:50pm

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all from your basement dwelling President. I have been hiding in the basement and working hard to make sure my small fleet of aircraft will be ready as soon as the warm weather arrives. I don't know about you but the Spring bug is really getting to me now and I can't wait to get some flying in. The other officers and I have visited the field in the past week and I must admit it's looking a little rough. There will be plenty of work to do for the work party in order to get the field up to snuff, such as repairing the runway, gate, frequency control and impound areas, as well as the usual brush removal and general clean up of the grounds. If you plan on attending the work party please be sure to wear some gloves and bring any yard tools that may be appropriate such as rakes, shovels, pruning shears etc. A roller has been reserved for the day to roll the runway and pit area as we do every year but we are also looking for a 110(v) mig welder that someone could bring to the field. If you can help out with this item please let me know ahead of time or I will make arrangements to borrow one.

The officers along with a few volunteers have been in contact with each other discussing several issues pertaining to the club and the field in the past few months and will continue to try and stay on top of issues and address them as needed. If you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to contact me, or any of the officers. We are always willing to listen.

As you prepare for the upcoming season please remember to go over your aircraft thoroughly. Check "EVERY" nut, bolt and screw, and hinge, and glue joint, etc., etc., etc-----

Oh yeah, don't forget your batteries!
Glen

Bits and Pieces

If you have any club videos lying around the house that you may have forgotten about please take a good look around and see what you may find. We are missing quite a few of them and would appreciate them being returned so other members may enjoy them. Thank You.

The Work Party is scheduled for April 6th with a rain date of the 13th. We have a lot of work to do this year and as always the club will provide a pizza and soda lunch after the work is completed, if you wish to have coffee and donuts in the morning, all I can say is bring your own. There will be a sign-up sheet at the work party so if you wish to receive credit for field maintenance, be sure to sign

the sheet so that we know you were there!

Training will begin on April 9th, (weather permitting) as we will setting our clocks ahead on the 7th. However, if the work party is delayed due to weather then training will begin on the 16th. We will need instructors to volunteer here time to help with training if you can help out in this regard it would be greatly appreciated. The March meeting presentation will cover "Safety at the Field" and some does and don'ts of R/C Flying. I would encourage "ALL" that can attend this meeting to do so especially if you are new to the Hobby! John Lavery, the club safety officer will be giving this presentation.

Due to the moisture in the ground, regret to inform the members that the field will remain "off-limits" to all vehicle traffic until the ground has dried up a little more and vehicles will not damage the grounds. *Glen*

Flying Site Update

By Dave Sigillo

Well, spring has sprung and as thoughts turn to the sky and our "almost ready to fly" and "ready to build" winter projects, it's time to dust off the maps, head to farm country, and check out any available flying sites.

First and foremost, this request goes out to our entire membership. One thing I have found while exploring sites, from the Frost Farm, to the Salem Land Fill and finally the Coolidge Estate...we need better contacts and better networking. I have found that without an actual contact name or introduction that it's very easy for anyone to say, "No, we're not interested". So, back to my request, if you know anyone, or know anyone who knows someone in any town or city hall position, state or public agency, or anyone on a town board, elected position, state agency....let me know. I'll be more than happy to call them directly and introduce myself. Hopefully this will allow the door to remain open long enough for us to keep them interested. In the interim I'll continue with our search.

Now for the progress report. I have expanded my search into NH over the past 4 weeks. As I mentioned in the past newsletter I'm focused on town, city, and state owned property. With that said, I've researched an agency similar to the Trustees of Reservations in MA. The New Hampshire agency I found controls all the state forests including the Rockingham County area. I found this on the NH Government web site. The closest forest is called Louise Bockes and consists of 77 acres in Londonderry off route 102 and route 128. A drive by showed the property to be thickly settled. Currently I don't believe this is a viable site (too many trees). I did notice in the general area

a HUGE area about 200 feet wide and about 1 mile long. It's the area that has been stripped clean of trees by the Tennessee National Gas Line Company. Here we'll find a buried gas pipe along with no trespassing signs...do we dare ask?

I next paid a friendly visit to the local Salem town hall and inquired at the front desk for tax maps of the Salem landfill. Well, one thing led to another and I found myself in the Town Manager's office. I inquired with his secretary about our needs and I will be putting a letter together to mail to their office...again, this is where a contact would be beneficial.

At the very least if I can cite the number of Salem residents which are in this club that would pull more weight than this "Methuen guy coming in asking for use of Salem NH town land".

I also went back to Methuen and went to the town solicitor's office and inquired about the use of the Methuen landfill. He thought it would be a good use of land and mentioned that I need to contact both the DPW and Mayor for permission and their support. Briefly, we would need to do the following assuming the Mayor and DPW feel the land is useable: 1) ensure we are a form 180 nonprofit club in the state of MA, 2) have insurance (AMA) also signed over to the Town, 3) have someone act as an 'agent' between the insurance company and the town, and lastly, 4) get permission from the DPW through an ordinance or permission letter.

Well that's all for now. See you at the clean up Party !!!!

Dave

Upcoming Events

Announcing the "MAYhem in Merrimack" Open Combat Contest. Saturday, May 4th.

This is going to be the first furball style combat contest our club has hosted. We have only had one-on-one Gremlin style combat contest up to now. If you have wanted to try combat or have a hankering to watch the fur fly, come on down.

We are going to use slightly modified NSCC rules. Any type plane is welcome up to .46 total CID and five lbs. One point will be awarded for a cut and three points for a kill. Go to <http://www.sportcombat.rcplanet.com/rules.html> for more details on the rules.

There will be a \$5 registration fee and the pot will go to the top three pilots.

RCCA pilots from as far away as Conn. say they plan to be there and I hope a lot of other fighter jocks show up. It seems most of the interest in The Flying Eagles club is on the spectator front. So here is a chance to get more Sunday fliers excited about combat. For more information, go to our club's web site.

<http://www.snhflyingeagles.org/CalendarQueryDetail.asp>

I hope to see you there,
Mark "Modebbly" Versprille

From The Editor

Any comments or suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

If anyone has anything to contribute please mail to:

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Deadline for submissions: April 15th

Web Newsletter: The club newsletter is available on the web at: **www.nhflyingtigers.com**

Pictures from the Christmas 2000 party taken by George Moranian.



