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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, September 25th, 7:00 pm at
the Marion Gerrish Community
Center, Derry, NH**

What's Happening

**Please check Roster and Address information
and notify Dave Annicelli by email or phone
by Oct 15th with any changes so that the club's
records can be brought up to date.**

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Meeting began at 7:01 with 24 members and 2 guests present

Old business.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

John Stevens requested more instructors for training nights.

Glen once again reminded everyone about filling the gas cans.

Paul Pazolt talked about the plane that went down at American Yeast. He spoke to the manager at the plant, and was told that this was the 4th incident. The situation was calmly resolved.

Glen gave a list of maintenance needs for the tractor. Glen will also be bringing the tractor home for the winter.

New business.

Glen talked about moving the storage trailer closer to the shelter to provide easier access.

Glen also proposed \$400.00 to purchase a new grill. Some of those funds will also go towards moving the trailer, stain for the picnic tables, etc.

The December meeting will be on 12/18/02 due to Christmas falling on our regular meeting date.

Tom Pfeiffer won the 50/50 raffle for \$7.50

Meeting closed at 7:37

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Is it that time already, it seems like I just wrote last months' newsletter article. Well anyway, I hope everyone

who was able to attend the annual picnic enjoyed themselves. In spite of the less than perfect weather conditions we had some fun and good food. I would like to thank Paul Pazolt and Dave Sigillo for taking on the brunt of the responsibility to organize the picnic, as well as everybody who showed up early and stayed late to help set up and then clean up the field at the end of the day. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Due to a recent incident I feel the need to remind EVERY MEMBER of their responsibilities as both a club member and a member of the A M A, you are responsible for ensuring your aircraft is in good and safe working condition this is easily done by following the published pre flight checklist, if there are any questions on this please refer to the Club Handbook, or your A M A safety guidelines, I don't wish to be harsh, but the majority of crashes and incidents that have occurred in recent years including myself have occurred because people did not voice their intentions (in my case) or members did not follow the pre-flight checklist they were provided. It covers a broad range of items on your aircraft, such as making sure your batteries are charged and in good condition and checking all hinges and control surfaces for proper working condition, not to mention the general condition of your aircraft. Also you must consider the flight boundaries. Unless you do not have control of your model there is **NO FLYING OVER THE PIT AREA AND KEEP YOUR AIRCRAFT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES**. There is no grey area on this matter, and if you have a problem with this, for the benefit of the rest of the membership, then please do not fly and risk losing our flying site.

I have to take a hard line in this regard, we have read about too many incidents in recent months to ignore safety guidelines and general good flying practices, and I don't wish to read about this club in some newspaper where the topic is describing a bad injury or as we have seen in other clubs even a death, bad habits will not be tolerated, and you as members have just as much responsibility in this regard as do club officials so if you see something you know is wrong speak up, either directly or contact any club officer, our flying site depends on it.

Glen

From the VP

I believe our club president has carefully explained some issues we've had at the field this season and I'd like to thank Glen, not only for continuing his communication but also for the endless time he contributes to our club. While the officers have discussed our issues in detail, I have been talking with some club members and our neighbors throughout the season, trying to understand what is transpiring and what adjustments we can make to improve our flying situation.

I appreciate the members and neighbors who have contributed to discussions and I've come to a conclusion. We have no choice but to regroup as a club in order to understand our flying space and hobby. In many cases the issues we are experiencing are related to basic procedures we as members simply lost in the shuffle. This includes our flying space, aircraft set up, and at times lack of using the radio impound board. Yes, someone did get shot down last year.

What becomes frustrating is most of the issues mentioned are addressed in our handbook, site map, operating procedures, and other club documents. The club can't possibly address all situations nor do we need more rules. A safety officer, club officer, or any member should feel they can bring up an issue on the spot and try to correct a situation without receiving harsh words. This has worked very well in the past and I'm at a loss trying to understand why we have issues today.

Although our flying space is tight and challenging, this site has proven to be very manageable in past years if we all follow the basics.

My article mirrors Glen's this month, but I wanted to let the members know why there is concern and that we are trying to correct our issues so we can all continue to fly as safely as possible. It's not going to take more rules, it's going to take an honest effort from all of us to follow what we have and remember we are all in this together.

**Thank you,
Paul Pazolt**

From the Secretary

I would like to remind all members to please check all your information. If your address, AMA number, email address, rating, or phone number is incorrect, please send me the correct information in an email to gryhnd2000@attbi.com I will need to receive this information by Oct. 15th.

Due to the season drawing to a close, I will not be printing any more membership cards this year. All members that renew and all new members will get their cards in February, 2003.

Next year, the membership cards are going to be color coded. The codes will be as follows:

Trainees will receive an orange card.
Proficient pilots will receive a green card.
Instructors will receive a blue card
Non flying members will receive a yellow card.

It is very important that I receive all paperwork for those pilots that have passed their proficiency test, or instructor certification prior to the next meeting so that I can get the records updated, and a new card printed.

Reflections on a Season

By Dave Sigillo

As the summer winds down and the late afternoon sun sets over the Derry flying field, thoughts turn to those cool, crisp autumn flying days. There are still several weeks left of good flying weather, and we all should take the opportunity to get a few more flights in. I hope everyone had a chance this summer to enjoy the field, talk with some of the new members, and have a great time with this hobby.

Now is a good time to start thinking about your winter projects. I plan to finally start my P51 Topflite kit, and get the finishing touches on my CAP 231 ARF. I'm going to try to keep flying as long as possible, since I want to be ready next year when I bring out these more challenging planes. This year I honed my skills with my cub and did manage to get that fiber glassed Sport Air 40 airborne. Thanks to some flight line coaching with Russ, Glen, and John L., these planes will live for another season...thanks guys!!!

I enjoyed the training program this year, and I'm glad I was able to help some of the new students with their learning experiences. A few planes did manage to get some bumps and bruises, and some received "life support" surgery from John Stevens. I know the students and instructors thank John for his efforts in the pit to keep the students flying. I'd like to thank all the club members who participated this year: in the club spring work party, those who shared responsibility training on Tuesdays and Thursdays, those who cut the grass, the fun fly coordinator, the safety marshal, officers and membership.

This is my second year as a member of the NH Flying Tigers. Last year, as a student, I was trained. I have picked up much knowledge, listening and learning from those with more experience than I. This year I gave back to the club by working with some new students in the training program. I enjoyed this very much. I believe that with some modified strategies, next year's training program can be even better. That is why I have decided to run for Vice President of NH Flying Tigers. I have two objectives that I would like the club membership to know prior to casting their votes in the fall election. First, my goal will be to ensure that safety is the #1 priority of the club's training program. There is currently too much responsibility placed on a single training coordinator. I will advocate that the club officers manage the training through a disciplined program of instruction, pit crew personnel, and student test auditor/progress keeper. My second goal will be to find

and get community approval for a new flying site in Derry or a close surrounding community.

If you are aligned with some of my thoughts, then I encourage you to nominate and vote for me for VP next year. If you would like to hear more, please give me a call or come join us at the elections meeting.

Upcoming Events

Granite State IMAC Challenge 2002, September 28th/29th Practice day on 9/27 No Rain Date

Registration: 8:00am till 9:00am, Pilots' Meeting at 8:45am
Contest starts promptly at 9:00am on both days

Hopkinton, New Hampshire
Elm Brook State Park at the Hopkinton-Everett Reservoir

See last month's newsletter for contest details.

Pre-Registration: To pre-register send email to jmarien@ne-aero.com with your name, address, telephone, AMA number/IMAC number, frequency request, airplane type and size, IMAC class, and whether you will be participating in the Free Style event.

For More Information: John Marien, CD, jmarien@ne-aero.com, 603.465.6507 (6pm-9pm)
Dan Wilder, d.wilder@prodigy.net, 603.434-5877 (6pm-9pm) Web Site: www.ne-aero.com/gsimac/gsimac.html

From The Editor

Any comments or suggestions will be greatly appreciated.
If anyone has anything to contribute please mail to:

Will Widgren, 17 Dyer Avenue, Salem NH 03079.
or: widgren@attbi.com

Deadline for submissions: October 21st
Web Newsletter: The club newsletter is available on the web at: www.nhflyingtigers.com

Fun Fly and Picnic Pictures on the next page.

