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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, Oct. 29th, 7:00 pm at the
Marion Gerrish Community Center**

What's Happening

NEW WEBSITE URL

www.newhampshireflyingtigers.org

Toy for Tots

There's still time to help by bringing an unwrapped toy or a cash donation to the meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Meeting began at 7:01 PM with 28 members present.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

One new member: Andrew Cesarini

The training coordinator stated that there has been great progress this season with several students achieving solo status.

Bill Horton Suggested the Salem Elks club to possibly hold a swap shop or even an auction. John Lavery suggested a joint auction with the Salem Barnstormers.

Glen talked about the annual Toys for Tots fly-in scheduled for Oct. 19th at the Southern NHRC club field. See Glen for more details.

A proposal was made to make the official club website www.newhampshireflyingtigers.org the proposal passed.

There was a lengthy discussion as to why the change was made. There will be more info available at the meeting.

The club extended a big thank you to John Clark for the coffee, and to Jessica Lavery for the brownies.

Jeff Greenfield won the 50/50 raffle for \$8.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Dave

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello from the hangar, I've been in the basement working on the P-40 again, not to mention getting out to fly on the weekend, usually on Sunday afternoon where I have been tweaking the smoke system on the Ultimate trying to get it just right, and I'm almost there. I'll probably get it just right when the first snow flies, but, oh well, that's life in New England.

All current officers got together on October 6th for an officers meeting to discuss the new web site, the 2004 agenda, as well as who will be on board for next year. We are willing to serve the club for another year if the membership so chooses. There would be a couple of changes but nothing drastic. It will be up to the membership whether or not you would like to have the same people serving you for 2004.

The officers also discussed a few new proposals that we suggest be included in the handbook. Although we truly hate to add more rules and guidelines to the handbook, the current situation regarding the old website as well as other recent events has driven these proposals in an attempt to protect the club and all members.

We also discussed in great detail the current situation regarding the old website and the circumstances surrounding the predicament we find ourselves in due to actions taken by a certain member of this club. It was decided a little over a month ago to move the website from this individual's server and also from his control. Since that time, I have received several insults and threats, as well as arrogance and no regard for the club's interests. As discussed at the last meeting, I sent an email to this member stating that all 28 members present at the meeting request he return the domain name for the site to the club's control. This was of no use and was responded to with the same arrogance and attitude as all previous emails. Prior to this last attempt to resolve this situation, the officers and all members present at the September meeting agreed to make www.newhampshireflyingtigers.org the official club website. Since the actions taken have been against the club, I will submit all correspondence between myself and this individual as official club documents for anyone who wishes to read them. The officers agreed that any action taken to respond to the actions taken against the club by this individual should come from the membership and not the administration, so we will trust the membership to react to this situation in a manner they deem appropriate.

I would hope that this individual will be able to attend this month's meeting and explain his actions to the membership and take the opportunity to tell his side of the story so we as a club can move on and close this dark chapter in the club's otherwise untarnished reputation. We are truly disappointed that this situation has even become a topic of discussion.

I will leave you with one final thought, I will be more than happy to serve you as your club president next year and do my very best to promote this club and this hobby to the best of my ability, but I in turn expect nothing less from you as members. A club can only be as good as its members.

Thanks for Your Time,

Glen

Proposed additions to the handbook.

N.H. Flying Tigers Web Master Proposal to be added under the duties and powers section of the handbook.

The appointed Webmaster Shall be responsible for any and all aspects of the web site to include but not limited to the following:

- Shall ensure the URL newhampshireflyingtigers.org be registered under the club's name and the club's name only.
- Shall be responsible for insuring a reliable and reputable host for the club's web site and also be responsible for updating the club's URL (newhampshireflyingtigers.org) registration on an annual basis.
- Shall be the technical contact for the site and may also choose a second person as a back up contact
- Shall also be responsible for enlisting a group of members to assist with the site and monthly updates to the site as needed.
- Shall be responsible for granting or denying access to restricted areas of the site.
- Shall ensure the site's members only section remains secure and shall have the authority to grant or remove members from this password protected area based on their current membership status.

New Hampshire Flying Tigers proposed code of ethics for all members to be included in the handbook in the general members section.

By signing an N.H.F.T club application or renewal application, all members agree to abide by the club constitution and bylaws as well as all applicable AMA rules and guidelines. Furthermore, any club member that threatens or implies a physical threat and/or the threat of a legal action to be taken towards any other member of the club or any of its officers be they elected or appointed positions while conducting any club related activity will be considered a breach of this agreement will be sufficient grounds for immediate expulsion from the NH.FLYING Tigers R/C Club. Any expulsion action taken shall be approved by at least two elected officers.

The NH Flying Tigers expect all members to be courteous and respectful towards all other members of this club while at the flying field or during monthly meetings. Also please remember that we frequently have guests and young children who visit the field so please be aware of who is present and act appropriately. If we as r/c enthusiasts wish to continue to see this hobby grow and expand we must be willing to assist others when there is a need and treat all members and guests with respect.

Appointed positions proposal

The elected officers of the club reserve the right to remove anyone from an appointed position at any time if two or more of the elected officers agree that they are not meeting the responsibilities of their respective position

Article 5 section 1- Officers

The elected officers of the club shall be, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, appointed officials shall include a Field Marshal, a Newsletter Editor, a Safety officer, a Training Coordinator, a Webmaster, as well as any necessary committee appointments.

Are you wasting time and money?

By KEN REED

"Why am I wasting my time and money with this hobby? This is a big joke."

A friend of mine said this to me as we drove back to his house following his first major crash at the flying field. He has never flown again! Frankly, at that time, I didn't know what to say, but since then, I have thought about why some give up when they are just getting started.

In my experience, I had a mentor who helped me get over the learning curve to the point where I began to feel confident. I finally reached a place where I felt more positive when I left for the field, believing that this would be a good experience, and I would probably bring my airplane home in good shape.

No one feels competent when learning a new skill. Our first level is when we are totally unskilled, so in our club we begin with an instructor and a buddy box.

The second level is when we are flying our trainer, but we still feel awkward and we have to be very deliberate and intentional. The third level occurs when we become more competent, but we are still intentional while we try to relax and enjoy the experience.

Finally, we reach level four because we have practiced doing basic maneuvers plus taking off and landing so many times that our

subconscious takes over and everything become automatic. In other words, we "have a feel for it." It's like driving a car with a stick shift. You go through all four levels until you can drive without saying to yourself, "Now I must push in the clutch and slowly let it out again while gently stepping on the gas pedal" and so forth.

My friend crashed when he was still in the awkward phase of learning a new skill, and that's why he asked, "Why am I wasting my time and money with this hobby?"

No one will say this is an easy hobby to learn, but I would encourage all you new people to hang in there and build on your strength as you move from level to level. The key is to practice, Do it over and over and over until you can go out and truly enjoy a great hobby.

from *Hi-Flyer*

Arvada Associated Modelers

Eric Gropp, editor

Golden CO

Get some superior pilot skills

By GARY THOMPSON

Superior Pilot: Def. "A pilot who uses superior judgment to keep his butt out of situations that might cause him to have to use his superior flying skills."

GET SOME SKILLS

It just doesn't happen without some effort. Many new pilots are happy to be able to fly a trainer after they solo, but after spending some effort to learn to fly by yourself, you should continue to develop the additional skills needed to become a superior pilot. These skills are not simply acquired. It takes a plan to continue mastering the fine points of Radio Control (RC) flying. Acquiring the judgment to know your own limits is not easy. Here are some tools:

1) Read. Spend time with the RC information available in magazines, books, on the Internet, etc. Look for common sense approaches to construction, safety, and flying tips.

2) Participate. Attend RC activities where

there are experienced fliers. Get involved as an observer, judge, recorder, or official. You'll be surprised at what you learn. As you acquire skills, increase your participation.

3) Practice. As you learn new skills, do more than just file them away. Practice them. This is the key to extending your RC abilities. Don't just continue to do the same thing every time you fly. To acquire a new skill, you must try it.

4) Ask for help. This an overlooked way to acquire skill. Identify someone with the skill and ask for help. Even in competitive events, almost all RC fliers are willing to share their experience. You can save yourself many mistakes by learning about the mistakes of others.

5) Master new skills. Learn at your own pace. Don't overextend your ability. Give yourself plenty of margin for error and gain absolute confidence through practice. Each person has different talents, so things that are easy for others may not be easy for you and vice versa. By practicing, you can avoid making major mistakes (and the coincident expense and embarrassment). Continued practice brings confidence and mastery.

Have you tried anything new lately? Now go fly right!

from *Transmitter*
Palomar RC Flyer
San Marcos CA

TIPS AND TRICKS

Workshop hints

Over the years, people pick up several modeling tips that are useful, especially to the less experienced modelers. Here are a couple shortcuts.

1) An ordinary potato peeler is a great tool for carving or roughing into shape leading edges, rounded nose pieces, or any solid balsa. The peeler will only cut so deep, making carving to shape a breeze.

2) When installing CyA hinges, mark and slot balsa as you normally would. Then take a T-pin and insert through the hinge at the center so the hinge can be pushed only halfway into the surface you are hinging. This keeps the hinge from being pushed too far into only one surface. Once the control surface is in place, then remove the T-pin. Take your thin CyA with a small applicator tube and place three or four drops onto each hinge while keeping the

surface pushed tightly against the trailing edge. Flex the control surface slightly and the CyA will soak right in. While you have it flexed, add three or four more drops on each hinge. As long as the CyA is being wicked in, you're okay. Do not put on any more than this or you will have it all over the MonoKote and your fingers.

Vinegar

To remove epoxy from yourself safely, use white vinegar. It's smelly, safe, and very cheap!

Flexible sanding block

A flexible sanding block can be made by contact cementing sandpaper to one side of a urethane sponge. Your sanding block can conform to any curve.

Wire bending

When bending identical parts from small gauge wire, tape the wires together and bend both simultaneously.

from *Prop Spinner Chatter*

Eugene Prop Spinners
Mel Marcum, editor
Eugene OR

Handy soldering jig

Here's an easy way to solder a threaded coupler. Place the coupler in the jaw of a wire stripper and stretch a rubber band around the handle. This provides the needed tension to hold the coupler in place while soldering.

from *The Pilot's Log*

Fort Worth Thunderbirds R/C Club
Charles Osborn, editor
Fort Worth TX

For Sale

Ohio RC 26% Ultimate 10-300 Biplane 62" Wingspan
No Engine or Radio Gear Originally flown with 50cc
Engine Very Aerobatic \$300.00 OBO

If interested please contact John Lavery,
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From The Editor

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

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web at: www.newhampshireflyingtigers.org,