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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, November 24th, 7:00 pm at
the Marion Gerrish Community Center**

What's Happening

Don't forget to renew your membership.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Meeting began at 7:02 PM with 21 members Present.

Treasurers Report was read and accepted.

All current officers will remain until 2005.

Glen reported that he has removed a few more trees from the field.

Bill Horton is still working on the survey for club apparel. Bill is also working on getting the picture on the entrance sign reproduced on t-shirts.

Glen is looking into club decals to replace the club patch.

There is still concern regarding non-members that have been flying at the field. One idea is to replace the chains with a steel gate.

Tom Pfeiffer suggested Radio Shack for the timers. The timers will allow all students equal stick time on training nights.

One member suggested a "Fly Day" for the Cub Scouts. The group would consist of approximately 25 scouts. A suggestion was made to possibly spread it out to two days to avoid a crowded situation. More will be discussed later.

Glen Proposed purchasing a new tractor to supplement the aging one that the club currently has. The proposal was to allocate \$4000 for the purchase.

John Lavery expressed concern over replacing the money after the purchase was made. Also members said that a certain amount of money was going to be needed to make the proposed new site useable.

Another member suggested holding an auction or soliciting donations from the membership to raise money for the purchase. A point was made by Glen that the money was in the treasury and did a great job justifying the cost.

A vote was taken with 12 in favor 6 opposed and 3 abstaining. The motion passed.

Charlie Robinton won the 50/50 Raffle for \$16.00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 in time to see the Red Sox win the World Series.

President's Corner

Hello fellow members and friends,

I would like to start out this month's article by thanking some key people for all their efforts this year, (after all, it is the season to give thanks, is it not?) First on the list would have to be my best "Flying Buddy", Training Coordinator, Advanced Training Coordinator, and over all good guy, John Lavery, who has been a very supportive member of this club for many years and continues to do so. I also need to thank another good friend and supporter of this club, and whom most of us would have to agree, is one of the most "Laid Back and thorough Instructors" we have, and that is Rick Mastalerz who we are glad to see has jumped back into the hobby with both feet after taking a couple of years off. Next would have to be Rich (sometimes a pain in the rear) Bono who has devoted countless hours to the web site and when time allowed participated greatly in the training program and is always there if I needed a hand, and who I believe truly has the club's best interest at heart. Also, I must thank Rich's girlfriend Barb, who has been a great cook and host to several officer's meetings this year. Some of you may have forgotten about Paul Pazolt who started out the year as Field Marshall but due to work commitments and personal responsibilities that arose during the year was unable to stick with it. Paul and I have kept in touch and hopefully next year things will be better for "CHEF PAUL", thanks for all your efforts this year. I need to thank one of those forgotten positions in the club and that would be Will Widgren who makes sure the newsletter gets out to members every month, and is on time. Will has got to be the quietest member of all the club officers. Thanks for all your hard work Will, we couldn't do it without you. Thanks goes out to the rest of the officers and volunteers of the club, and although I won't mention you by name, I still appreciate your help and support that you have shown and will continue to rely on you to do the same.

Now I must inform the membership of what some may consider bad news and some may not, at least with regards to me anyway. Dave Sigillo, Dan Wilder, and I will be stepping down from our respective officer positions after 2005 and will do our best to leave the club in good standing in our final year as officers. It is

our wish that a few good members will step up next year to continue on this club's great reputation and continue to be one of the best clubs in New England. We will try our best to make sure this happens by making 2005 hopefully one of the best years for this club.

We have already had discussions with regards to next year and have had some new volunteers willing to participate in next year's appointed positions. Bill Horton will be the Events Coordinator for next year. Hans Shull will be your new Field Marshall, and Jim Bergeron has offered to be the club's Safety Officer for 2005. In the next couple of months will be getting together to discuss my agenda for next year, and as always your inputs and suggestions are welcomed and expected. We can only reflect the opinions and insights that are brought forward by the membership that chooses to participate in the club. We all, as members, have one vote and one voice, so if you have a suggestion or opinion let it be known. There are several avenues available to you such as the club forums at (www.newhampshireflyingtigers.org/forums), or you may submit an article to the newsletter to voice your opinion. Of course you can also make your feelings known by speaking up at a meeting and have your point discussed in an open forum of the membership. Remember, this is your club and we as officers and fellow members are willing to listen to any member that wishes to participate.

O.K., I'm off my soapbox now and would like to offer a little bit of advice for this upcoming holiday season. If there is something you would really like to find under your tree on Christmas morning:

Tip#1 - Speak very loudly when discussing this certain item when on the phone with a friend or if you see this particular item in a magazine.

Tip#2 - If you see this item in a page of a magazine or catalog be sure to highlight or circle that particular item or (items for you greedy folks) and leave the publication open to that page in a very conspicuous location where you are sure it will be seen.

Tip#3 - Of course you can always just come right out and ask for it, a rather blunt, but I find boring approach.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Very Happy and Safe Holiday Season, and wish that

you will be surrounded by family and friends throughout the season.

See you at the meeting,
Your El Presidente
Glen

From the Safety Officer

Hi Ladies and Gentlemen,

Well it appears that the time has come to place the aircraft into the hangar for a hopefully short period of hibernation, with that being said it is also the best time to check over every aspect of your aircraft and make any needed repairs or upgrades you may have been putting off.

Please take the time to thoroughly check all your R/C related equipment and keep in mind this simple yet always effective rule, " WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT". It only takes a minor malfunction to bring down an aircraft, so if you have any questions as to the reliability of a component, then the best thing you can do is to replace it with a new one. Trying to save a couple of bucks in the long run is just not worth risking a \$200 aircraft, for want of a \$30 replacement battery pack, or servo. It seems a lot more practical than trying to get one more season out of something.

Also keep in mind, if you have any questions about your radio equipment that the major manufacturers of equipment offer services that allow you to send your equipment in to be inspected and repaired if necessary, at reasonable prices. Once again, keep in mind that a repair for \$50 is still cheaper than replacing an entire aircraft, or worse yet risking an injury to people or damaging property.

If any of you have questions with regards to equipment, jump on the club forum and submit your questions, or pick up the phone and give someone a call to get some help. We would much rather help you get a problem solved than have to help you pick up pieces of a damaged aircraft, or worse.

Thanks for your time,
Glen/ Safety Officer

From the Field Marshall

Hello from the desk of your Field Marshall/ Safety Officer/President. This is a Field Marshall Update for November:

If you were unable to attend last month's meeting let me give you a brief update. It was probably one of my most dreaded meetings as an officer because of my own doing, I might add. If you were unaware of my proposal in last month's newsletter, it was proposed to spend up to \$4000 to purchase a new tractor/mower for the club. Although we had some discussions on this topic in September and there was mixed reaction about it, I felt it necessary that we purchase a new piece of equipment to maintain the field due to the fact that our old mower has racked up almost 1200 hours of run time. Although it's still working, it has really begun to show the signs of all that use. I had looked at and discussed several options and brands of equipment ranging from \$1200 to purchase something similar to what we currently have up to \$8000 for a commercial grade mower with a large 60" mowing deck. I also considered a small utility tractor w/attachments to allow us to dig/scoop dirt as needed, but even those are priced starting at \$6000. Neither of these could be considered options based on their prices.

After searching on the web and a tip from Jim Bergeron, I found a Craftsman 25HP tractor/mower at Sears on their website that just happened to be on sale, and was \$1400 less than a similar John Deere, so I took a ride to my local store and took an up close look at this machine. It has a larger 54" mowing deck, is a lot more rugged and comfortable, and can accept several landscaping attachments. I decided this was a good deal and that I would not need the \$4000 I had proposed but instead I would need roughly \$2400 approved to purchase this unit, and that was the amount discussed and eventually approved by a majority of members present at the October meeting. I have picked up and assembled the mower and installed an hour meter. My kids put on a couple of coats of wax, and now I will bring it to the field to be stored in the trailer.

Thank You to all members who participated in the discussion, and for not being too hard on me. I truly believe this was a worth while purchase, and it should serve the club well for many years. I have also started to disassemble and work on the old mower, which is in

need of a few new parts and a little "TLC" which I plan to take care of over the winter. My ultimate plan is to use the old mower as a spare for now, and if all works out we can use it at our proposed new site, which will require far less cutting than our current site.

I have already begun discussions on plans and needs for the field for 2005 with our new Field Marshall (Hans Shull) and will continue to work with him over the Winter season so we will be good to go in the Spring of "05".

Your Multitasking Field Marshall,
Glen

FIBERGLASS COMPOSITE MODELS

Thought you might be interested in this distributor of the entire line of products made in Italy by Flying Star, that includes models designed by the T.O.C. winner and F3A Pattern World Champion, Christophe Paysant Le-Rou. You can visit their website if interested at: www.WingsPro.com

FOR SALE

Club member Bob DeMaio rdemaio@netzero.net who joined at the beginning of this year has found that he does not have the time to pursue this hobby with his two children, so has decided to sell all that he has purchased.

ARF Trainer that is 90% ready to fly, a four channel Futaba radio, 40 size engine, transmitter, radio battery pack, airplane battery pack, several extra propellers, glow plug plus an extra, 4 way tool wrench, knife, extra foam, easy discharge fuel container that's full of glo fuel, prop starter that fits on a drill, flight simulator program with computer/radio cable, dual battery charger, toolbox, 4 extra wheels, hemostats and many extra parts such as rods, connectors, servo connectors, etc.

Bob invested \$275 for the ARF kit and spent at least another \$100 on all the items listed above. Bob is asking \$200 (or best offer) for everything.



From The Editor

Any comments or suggestions will be greatly appreciated.
If anyone has anything to contribute please mail to:
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or: widgren@comcast.net
Deadline for submissions: December 13th or 20th
depending on when the Dec. meeting takes place.

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