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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, October 27th, 7:00 pm at
the Marion Gerrish Community Center**

What's Happening

Membership Renewals coming due.

Nominations for Officers this month.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
September 29, 2004
VP Dave Sigillo stepping in as substitute
secretary

26 members present
3 officers
29 total in attendance

All voted in favor of previous meeting
minutes.

At 7:08 the Treasure read his report, all voted
in favor.

Old Business

Bill passed out survey of particular clothing
attire that may be available for purchase.
All in attendance were asked to select their
particular choices if membership voted to
procure said articles. This was done to
estimate funding needed and cost.

Field Marshall Report

North end of runway cleaned up again...about
30 feet of brush removed. John Stevens
volunteered to cut grass the following day
after this meeting.

At 7:12 Training Coordinator, John Lavery
spoke about holding informative classes over
the Winter, especially for the new students
and new members. One new member
volunteered to bring in his "3 busted planes"
to have the instructors fix them :-). The
instructors were amused and set the record
straight that they will not be fixing anyone
else's plane during these classes.

John Lavery also suggested that some inexpensive timers be purchased to assist in ensuring no members are 'short changed' their time nor other members exceed their time during their training flights.

A review of the treasure's report showed funds were set aside for equipment purchase and the training coordinator was given the go ahead to procure several timers.

It was noted that 2 non members went to the field and flew. One of which flew rather close over the head of a member cutting the grass. It was decided to contact the AMA and report these safety infractions.

All members are asked to continue to lock the gate behind them for the remainder of this year.

The field marshal also requested all members to check the locks on the storage container as they are prone to sticking.

A suggestion from 1 member was to cut down on the width of the runway so that the grass can be cut in less time. It was also mentioned that other options are being pursued...the procurement of a large lawn mower, a gang system, as well as a tow behind attachment. No motions or decisions were made regarding these items. More later as information becomes available.

A lottery system was discussed for grass cutting next year where at time of renewals members pick their time and date for grass cutting. No motion was made on this subject.

General Business

Reminder that nominations are due next month.

Reminder club renewals must be sent in on time this year. Grace periods will not be tolerated and late fees may apply according to club rules.

At 8:10 three new members were voted in, they are: Alan Beland, Tom Beland, and Jim Joaquim. All voted in favor of their admittance to the NHFT.

Jessica Lavery volunteered to set up and arrange for coffee at the NHFT meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sigillo

President's Corner

Hi Guys and Gals,

I think it's safe to say that we are almost at the end of a another season and I hope you have had the opportunity to have some fun at the field. I along with the other club officers, have tried to do our best to make it an enjoyable season for all members. We have plenty to do for next year and have already had some discussions to get a plan in place to move the club forward in 2005.

This month it's time for nominations for candidates for club offices so if you are interested in running for a position or willing to help out then please let yourself be heard. We are willing to listen to new ideas and have some new faces involved in the club. In our discussions about next year, the current officers are willing to serve again, (with the exception of the secretary). I have to be honest, we are all doing it because we want to maintain the club's good reputation, but if there were other members that would be willing to step up and run for elected office, we would not be heart broken to go back to being standard members. We all have commitments outside the club that have made it harder and harder to balance club responsibilities and outside life but we keep going and trying our best to make this a great club to belong to.

I don't know about the other officers, but I for one am getting a little burned out due to the fact that I had to wear several "hats" this year. I have done what I could to meet my responsibilities (President, Safety Officer, Field Marshall, Secretary, etc.) and still managed to have some fun flying and hanging out with some friends at the field. I think 2005 will be my last year as President, if re-elected. This year has been a challenge to say the least. So once again, if you would be willing to run for any club office, throw your name into the hat and run for office. I promise there will be no dirty tricks, and we won't search through your medical records.

Hope to see you at the meeting,
Glen

Lawn Mower Proposal

Authorize the expenditure of up to but not exceed \$4000 to purchase a new riding mower with a larger cutting capacity to replace our well used 11 year old mower for the club field.

Author/ Glen Bolser
President/Field Marshall
Glen

From the Training Coordinator

Well guys I don't know if it's an omen or not but training will end on October 31st you know the scariest night of the year when all the ghosts and goblins come out. Day light savings ends on the 31st so our last training night will be the 28th.

We've had a great year of training this year. We've turned out some excellent pilots and even managed to pick up a new instructor. For the most part all went smooth and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the safety record this year was excellent. If anyone has any input that you think would improve the training program please let me know.

Thank you to all our students you guys were great this year. You were all very patient even when there was only one instructor available. There are quite a few of you who are so close to solo status you'll soon be on your own.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out this year Rich Bono, Glen Bolser, John D. Stevens, Bill Horton, Rodrigo Pryjma, and Hans Shull. Thanks guys, your efforts are appreciated. I apologize if I missed anyone but my memory isn't what it used to be.

A special thank you goes out to Rick Mastalerz, whose tireless efforts this year have gone way beyond the call of duty. I can count on one hand the number of training nights Rick has missed. He has been invaluable to the training program not to mention the fact that he's a great instructor. Thanks Rick.

Congratulations go out to Iain Day who has achieved solo status. Also congratulations go out to Jim Bergeron who has achieved instructor status. Way to go guys.

Our advanced training program started out well this year with lots of enthusiastic people but as the year progressed we lost more and more and at the end there were only two or three left. We are going to try it again next year but I'm going to restructure the program. I'm looking for suggestions, so if you have any let me know. By the way, one of the pilots who stuck with it longer than most, Roger Levesque, has become a much-improved pilot. This may have happened anyway, but I'd like to think that the advanced training program had a lot to do with it.

Again thank you to all who were involved for making the 2004-training season a complete success and I'm looking forward to the 2005 season. See you at the field

Training Coordinator
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A Message from the Secretary

Some of you may have noticed that I was not at the meeting last month and that the President announced that I have resigned due to a personality conflict. Yes, it is true that I have stepped down as your Secretary. To be honest, I really wasn't prepared to do so, but at the time I thought it was the best thing to do given the current situation. Since last month's meeting, I took the time to contact Glen and we had a very productive conversation. The personality conflict really wasn't there. It was more a lack of communication and frustration on both sides. Because of that, we both came to our own conclusions as to what the other person was up to and more or less "fighting" with each other through Email. The officers really need to work together and communicate in order to make things work. Hopefully in the future we can do that.

I would like to remain as your Secretary. As in the past, I have gotten along very well with Glen and the other Officers. But I will leave that up to you, the membership. If you would like me to remain, that would be great. But if you feel it is time for a change, then that would be fine as well, and I will step aside gracefully.

Thank you for your time,

Dave

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: November 15th

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