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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, August 31st, 7:00 pm at the
Field**

What's Happening

**Two proposals enclosed for your
consideration before voting on at the
meeting.**

Annual Picnic – August 27th

Minutes of Last Meeting

The meeting began at 7:00 under Mother Nature's wrath with 20 members present.

Due to the Thunderstorm in progress, the June minutes were held until the following meeting.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Glen had a copy of the land agreement on hand and proposed accepting the agreement and paying a year up front. The proposal to accept the agreement and send the Tamposi-Nash Corp

\$3000 was passed with 19 in favor and one abstained.

The scale event scheduled for Sept 18th has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Glen's proposal to allocate up to \$400 to reinforce the trailer has been tabled for a future meeting.

Dave Sigillo withdrew his proposals as published in the July Newsletter.

Glen's proposal to allocate up to \$2500 for the purchase of a new tractor was thoroughly discussed with some very emotional comments by several members. The proposal was defeated 15-5.

Rick Masterlerz offered to start a fund where members can make donations towards the new tractor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Lawn Mower Fund Drive

Greetings to all members,

The Fund Drive for the new lawnmower is now approaching the thousand dollar mark. We have quite a ways to go to achieve our goal. Thanks to

all who have contributed already. All your generosity is very well appreciated. We have 2 more weeks before the next meeting. I've been bringing the mower donation box with me every time I come to the field. He's become my new sidekick. Weather permitting, I'm always there Monday thru Thursday 5 until dark if you wish to contribute. There is also an area on the members only forum where you could make a pledge if you wish. I will make another update on the numbers total of the box next Wednesday. Thanks again for your generosity.

Rick Mastalerz

President's Corner

Well Hello from the sunny and tropical paradise we call New England? We wanted summer and Mother Nature has obliged us and then some. In spite of the warm and humid weather, the club has been very busy with all kinds of activities. Training nights remain very busy (Thanks to all the instructors, great job) and Monday Nights with the AT-6 pylon racing getting a lot of participation I am glad to see.

I would like to take some time to thank a few people that have stepped up to help the club with a tremendous amount of effort, and a great deal of support for me when I needed a little boost. I need to thank Bob Kilmon for negotiating back and forth with the landowners to get us a land agreement that was approved by the membership. Bob did this as a service to the club because he enjoys being around the type of people that are involved with this club. Next I need to thank Rick Mastalerz who has stepped up and gotten the "mower donation fund" rolling and continues to promote it in an effort to soften the blow to the treasury to replace the stolen mower, at the time of this writing we are in the neighborhood of \$1000 in donations received and still going, so keep up the good work Rick. Last but certainly not least on my list, is Steve Black, a new member this year that has stepped up and offered to help out in any way he could including repairing the gate, purchasing food once a week to sell at the field to help out with fundraising, and working on some other fundraising ideas with Bill Horton. He has brought a fresh face into the mix, and to all of you that support the club with your

efforts be they large or small, I say thank you. We couldn't exist without you.

On the business end of things, I have been shopping and comparing and still have found the "Craftsman" mower to be the best tractor for the money so that is what I would like the club to purchase.

We have received the land agreement back from the landowners and it is signed and notarized. We now need to send out a letter to 2 of our closest friends to inform them they are not welcome on "club property", we will do this as recommended by police in an effort to inform them they are considered unwanted guests and should refrain from visiting the club or any of it's functions. With that being done, from now on if either of our two undesirables should show up at the field, then we simply make a phone call to the Londonderry police department and they will handle it from there.

Perhaps a poster of Ed Burie and Joe O'Leary should be placed at the field so all current members will know the faces of these two unwanted guests and can take the appropriate action.

The club forum(s) have been a buzz with comments and ideas 'O' plenty, with several members jumping into the conversations from fundraising ideas, fun fly events, and ideas about increasing dues. I must say I am very proud of the amount of discussion that has taken place, so please keep it up. If you haven't visited the forum in a while you're missing all the excitement. Thanks to Rich Bono who is constantly monitoring the club web site and forums and making improvements as needed.

I would like to limit the amount of discussion to take place at the meeting this month so we can cover only those proposals that are included in the newsletter or carried over from last month (insurance, mower) I only suggest this so as to keep the meeting as short as possible so we can fly after the meeting, or at least get out of there before the mosquitoes get too bad. Remember that this is our last meeting outside and we will have plenty of time to discuss ideas and suggestions while we are inside.

Hope to see you at the meeting,
Glen

From the Field Marshall

[Inputs from both Glenn and Hans]

With Hans being detained by foreign nationals (just kidding) I thought I would step in and give you a Field Marshall update since Hans has been on in Japan business.

Usually by this time of year the grass has begun to brown slightly but that is not the case this year. The field is as green as always and is looking great.

The members have been cutting the grass regularly, and things that needed to get done are getting accomplished at a record pace.

Thanks to a great and ambitious group of volunteers we have removed some unwanted locks from the chain, repaired that and reinstalled the gate. Some upgrades have been added, including a fresh coat of paint, replaced and added some locks, painted the storage container (Thanks again, Bob, Iain, and Paul) and it looks great. I hope you don't mind Hot Pink for a color. Hey it was on sale, O.K. I'm just kidding. I wanted to see if you were paying attention.

We have also added a hardened latch to the trailer and placed two lock down points in the trailer along with some heavy duty chain to secure the mower(s) inside the trailer, we can go over securing the mower(s) at this months meeting, all that the membership needs to do now is come on down and enjoy the field, and if you think the grass needs cutting, hop on the mower and cut it, and don't forget to sign the maintenance sheet so you will be credited with field maintenance.

Thank you and enjoy the field,
Glen (filling in for Hans)

Hello from Hans,

Well, another month has come and gone, but what a month. The club now has a lease on the field, the gate has been put back up, the trailer has been repaired, made stronger and repainted and I have not been around the field in so long I doubt I can even find it anymore.

I can't even report on the shape of the field as I have not been able to get down there to see how it looks, but I am 100% sure that the members have been keeping things up and the field looks as good as always.

When this roller coaster of mine is going to slow down I have no clue. I'm not even sure I am going to make the meeting this month again! I'm going to try to at least get over to the field and give my mower donation to Rick this week. Speaking of which, it looks like donations are coming in pretty well. Keep up the good work and we will have a new mower in no time at all. Hope all have a great what's left of the summer!! Get out there and use the field. It's all yours now!!!!
Signed, sealed, and delivered!

Hans

Proposals

From Rich Bono:

Now that the club has a written agreement with the land owners which allow us to protect our field from unwanted guests, I think we should make it easy for everyone to be able to identify visitors from club members. I believe that now is the time to have all club members proudly displaying their membership card when flying at the field.

Requiring everyone to display their membership card in plain sight would be a simple change that would help everyone.

If each person proudly displayed their membership card in plain sight it would help:

To know who at the field that has a current membership and who has not renewed for the current year.

- New members will be able to identify actual club members from visitors and will make the field seem friendlier by helping them to learn everyone's name.
- Members who visit the field infrequently will be able to identify new members and not confuse them as being a visitor.
- Long term members who thought they have renewed, but for some reason their

membership was not processed, will have an incentive to look into the issue because they won't have a current membership card. This will place the burden on the member to get in touch with the club officers to find out what happened instead of the officers having to chase down a member who is hard to contact or is unresponsive.

- Instructors will know who is a member and who is not during training night. We've had people show up for training that have not followed through with getting their membership fully executed.
- When leaving the field, a person will know if they are the last member at the field and are responsible to lock up the gate and to be sure that the container is secure.
- Alleviate anyone from having to inquire if another person at the field is a member or not. Most people don't like to confront another person with such questions.
- Will alleviate the confusion of frequent visitors to the field being confused as an actual club member. We have a few visitors who are regulars at the field. Many club members actually believe these people are members because they are often seen at the field, sometimes more often than most of our own members.

I've been to other clubs and their members proudly display their membership card. Some clip them to their hat, some wear them as a name badge, and some attach them to their transmitter strap. Their membership cards are always in plain sight. It helps a lot to be able to see a person's name and to identify who's a member and who is just a visitor. Even from my point of view as a visitor to other club fields, by seeing the club membership cards, I knew who to approach to ask questions about their club. It made me feel more comfortable approaching them. Other clubs in the area have strict rules that state 'no flying without displaying your current membership card', so we wouldn't be alone in this.

I hereby make a motion to amend our "Operational Rules" section of our Club handbook and by-laws by adding the following just before the rule that states "There will be no running of engines before 10 AM ..."

- All club members must display their current club membership card in plain sight when flying or operating models at the field.

Rich Bono

From Glenn:

Insurance Proposal for the storage container:
To allow the club to spend \$200 for a 1 year policy for replacement insurance to cover the contents of the storage container.

Event Calendar

August 27th -- Club Picnic

1ST AMA DISTRICT 1 FUN-FLY & AIRSHOW
GARDNER AIRPORT – GARDNER, MASS.
SEPTEMBER 16, 17 & 18, 2005

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I have more information, too much to include here. If interested, send me an email, and I will forward a copy to you.

Will

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: September 19th

Web Newsletter: The club newsletter is available on the web at: www.newhampshireflyingtigers.org