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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, March 30th, 7:00 pm at the
Marion Gerrish Community Center**

What's Happening

**If you didn't get your Membership Card
at the last meeting, it should be included
in this newsletter. If not, notify Dave
Annicelli.**

Minutes of Last Meeting

This month's meeting started out with a presentation by Barbara Miles on the history of New Hampshire Aviation, and the original terminal built in 1938. This was a very informative and excellent presentation.

The regular business meeting began at 7:45 with 14 members and one guest.

There was no treasurer's report this month.

Glen went over the 2005 budget and asked for any questions or comments.

Hans gave a brief Field Marshall's report and stated that the field was in pretty decent shape.

John L. said that training is scheduled to begin on April 12th weather and field conditions permitting.

There was one new member voted in, Bob LaPointe. He is new to the hobby.

Don Cox suggested that we increase the amount for the prizes on project night in hopes to increase participation.

Glen talked about the invitation to the NH Fisher Cats opening day. It was decided that due to the fact that it falls on a weekday, and concerns about safety and security that the club decline the invitation.

There was a discussion on restructuring the maintenance fees to give more incentive to participate. There will be more to follow.

There was a discussion regarding prizes for the upcoming fun fly. Some options discussed were Door prizes of either Cash or Gift Certificates.

All Members were reminded that the annual work party is scheduled for April 9th weather and field conditions permitting. This will include lessons on the new and old mowers.

The 50/50 raffle was won by somebody (I forgot to write their name down) for \$12.00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Members and welcome to Spring!

I trust by now all your aircraft have been thoroughly gone over, all batteries and connections have been checked, all props have been inspected and tightened as needed and you are all simply waiting to see the "beloved grass" again, well if you haven't done any of the previously mentioned tasks I think it is safe to say you still have a couple of weeks left to get these things taken care of and then the fun of another season can begin.

I have been in touch with Hans (Mr. Field Marshall) and the roller and brush cutter are reserved for April 9TH for the work party, we have several tasks to accomplish this year and I'm sure we can get them done before "NOON" and all enjoy a good lunch courtesy of the club and then if we're real lucky, we can get some flights in after lunch.

John Lavery has begun to plan for this year's advanced training program whose main goal will be to make better pilots out of all that participate. If you didn't participate last year, you missed a lot of fun on Wednesday nights. I don't know about you but any excuse to go to the field and fly with friends is good enough for me. So if you're available this season, come on down and participate in some good ole' fashion flying.

There are a couple of topics that were raised at last month's meeting that will be open for discussion this month. We discussed raising the total prize money for project night from \$60 to \$200 as well as change some of the categories to be awarded. The main objective would be to get some more activity out of the membership and hopefully this would give them a little incentive to build an aircraft rather than just buying one that comes pre- built. So we would encourage some discussion on this topic and get a feel for what the membership thinks of this. Also up for discussion will be changing the "Maintenance Fee" into a participation fee which would allow those members that may have some "Physical Limitations" to receive credit for volunteering their time at club

events such as fun flies or the Club Picnic. Basically the concept is to broaden the range of work performed on the clubs behalf, so I would encourage you to come to the meeting and join in on the conversation.

Also, due to popular demand, John Lavery has offered to do a covering demonstration that will hopefully make your next project a little easier to accomplish and look a little nicer without too much effort. I will also bring along my latest project which is in "skeleton form" to point out some structural necessities of any aircraft. So if you have never built an aircraft and often wondered what was underneath all the nice covering, hopefully I can enlighten somewhat, and will give you some pointers on how to repair that eventual damage that will occur.

Hope to see you all at the Meeting,
Glen

From the Field Marshall

Well, we are getting closer everyday to flying season, which means we are going to throw a big party at the field on April 9th. There will be food and fun for all, so don't forget to bring a plane or two.

Now that you are all excited, bring a shovel, rakes and other garden tools as well because this party is the spring work party! We need a good turn out from the members so we can wrap up all the things that need to be done and get the field looking great for the year.

I have reserved the 1 1/4 ton roller, which was the biggest one I could find, and a brush cutter as well. They will be dropped off early in the morning and picked up around 3:30 PM. Most of the time, we are done just after noon or at the latest 2:00 PM so it should work out well for us.

We always have a good time at these work parties and turn out is pretty good every year. If you have not made it out to one in the last few years, I am hoping to see you this year. It may be work, but it is all part of the hobby, and most of the time we laugh and have fun the whole time we are working.

With all the cold then hot and then cold again weather we have had, the field is pretty soft. The snow melts and soaks into the grass fast. I am hoping that it is still a bit soft, but not muddy by the 9th. If things don't look right or unsafe, we will have to change the date of

the party. I will try to give as much lead time as I can if this happens.

Hans

Project Night Proposal

This proposal is intended to set the classes and cash prizes for project night. A maximum dollar amount of \$200.00 would be allocated for all prizes to be divided as follows:

- Best Scale or Sport Scale Aircraft \$30
- Best Sport Aircraft \$30
- Best Finish \$30
- Best Beginner \$30
- Best In Progress \$30
- Best Of Show \$50

If there are classes with no entry that class will be eliminated for the present project night's competition and no prize awarded for that class. All entries are automatically entered in the Best of Show class.

Submitted by: John Lavery and Don Cox.

NH Aviation Historical Society

At last month's meeting, Barbara Miles of the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society gave an interesting presentation about the society, its mission, goals, and some history of the Manchester Airport.

Here she is showing us a scratch built model of a Hawker Sea Fury. This was a carrier based fighter/bomber the English Navy used. They are now mostly seen at Reno in the unlimited class air races.



This is one of many models donated to the society for its museum which will be housed in the original airport terminal building being preserved by the society.

On the left, partially out of view is fellow member Paul Scarlett, who is also a member of the society. Paul has been helping identify many of the models donated to the museum. He has found it is not an easy task finding documentation that matches some of the models.

If you would like to become a member or volunteer and/or would like more information about the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society, please visit their website at www.NHAHS.org.

Will

Training

Training season is fast approaching so make sure you're ready. Our first training session this year will be April 12th. What do you need to do? Well here are my suggestions.

Battery packs: Cycle them to make sure you don't have a bad cell. If you don't own a cyclor give your packs a full charge. Let them sit for a week and check to make sure they still have a good charge. Check to make sure the battery pack is secured. If there is any question at all about your battery packs, replace them. The cost of a new pack is small compared to losing an airplane.

Control linkages: Check all control linkages. Inspect the clevises and replace the 1/4" fuel tubing safety locks.

Fuel tank: Remove the tank and check the clunk. Replace any fuel lines that are questionable. You may also want to flush the tank with fresh fuel.

Engine: Check all engine-mounting bolts make sure they're tight. Run the engine to see if all is well.

Servos: Check both mounting and servo arm screws make sure none are missing and make sure they're tight. Check all servo leads for signs of wear.

Receiver: Check the receiver antenna for signs of wear. Check to make sure the receiver is secured.

Prop and Spinner: Check the prop for nicks or cracks. Replace if any are detected. Check the spinner for cracks and replace if needed.

Gear: Check the landing gear, straighten if needed. Also check the wheels and wheel collars.

Overall: Look for any damage that may have gone unnoticed at the end of last season. Make any repairs necessary and be ready to fly before you get to the field.

This year we are also going to be using a queue system and flights will be on a first come first served basis so please try to get there as early as possible.

I would also like to say a few words about our instructors, those tireless soles that give their time and ask nothing in return. Remember they are volunteers! They do this out of the goodness of their heart. Please don't expect that there will be instructors available at a moments notice. There may even be a training evening when the only members present are trainees. So please be patient with us. We're doing our best to make our training program as good as it can be. Remember also that training is not limited to Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Other arrangements can be made between trainees and instructors. Trainees can contact instructors by email or phone to request help but please don't expect that this will always work. Sometimes we just want to fly our own airplanes and have some fun. Although everyone is welcome at the field any day of the week and trainees are encourage to come out on the weekends please don't just show up at the field and expect to be trained. Let's all do our best to work together and have a great season.

I hope to see all of you there and as always if you have any questions, concerns or comments please fell free to email me.

Training Coordinator
John Lavery

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For Sale

Aero-Works 29 percent Edge 540 with Fox/Brison 2.4ci gas engine. Includes Fiber Optic Engine kill switch and Wing tote bags. I'm asking \$700.00. Contact Dave Annicelli, gryhnd2000@comcast.net for more info.

Event Calendar

April 9th -- Work Party
May 14th -- A Day With The Scouts
May 15th -- Club only Fun-Fly
June 11th -- Sanctioned event to
also include other clubs.
August 27th -- Club Picnic

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.
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Deadline for submissions: April 18th
Web Newsletter: The club newsletter is available on the
web at: www.newhampshireflyingtigers.org