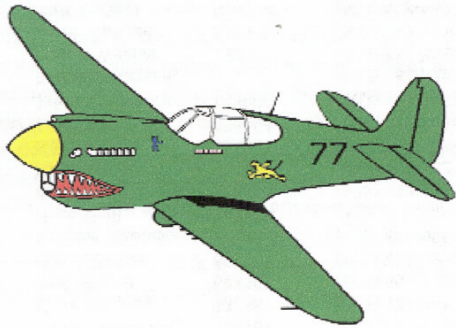
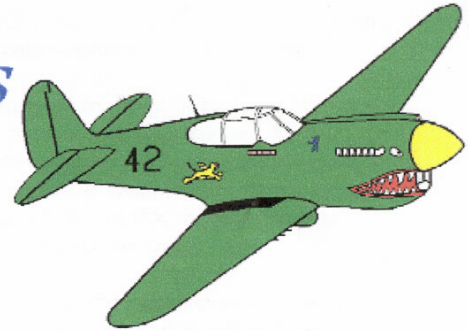


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# Tiger Tales



### **The Monthly Newsletter of The New Hampshire Flying Tigers Radio Control Club**

Send all correspondence to: The NH Flying Tigers RC Club, P.O.Box 99, Derry, NH 03038-0099

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Secretary - Steve Black Treasurer - Chris Wentworth Newsletter Editor - Will Widgren Training Coord. - n/a

**This Month's meeting will be on  
Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm. at  
the Marion Gerrish Community Center,  
Derry, NH.**

### **What's Happening**

**Small Electric Planes presentation by  
Dan Scharlach at this month's meeting.**

**Membership renewals due by  
March 31<sup>st</sup>. Proof of current AMA  
membership required.**

### **REPRINT OF NOVEMBER MINUTES**

**Correction: The initiation fee was incorrectly  
reported as \$30.00  
The correct amount should be \$20.00**

Meeting began at 7:01 with 28 members present.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Rich Bono announced that memberships can now be renewed online via PayPal through the website.

Paul Scarlett questioned the late fee. It was noted that the fee is in place to encourage members to renew on time.

Rich Bono asked the membership if they would be interested in indoor flying at the Soccer complex near the field. There was concern regarding interference. The field is available for a nominal fee per hour.

The new administration is as follows.

Rich Bono - President  
Bill Horton - Vice President  
Steve Black - Secretary  
Chris Wentworth - Treasurer

All current Officers decided to pay dues for the following year.

Bill Horton brought in sample hats and shirts. See Bill for pricing info.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

### **FROM THE SECRETARY**

Well, we are in for a great year. There are a lot of great events planned for the upcoming season.

Thanks to all the past officers for all you have done

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for the NH Flying tigers.

The new membership cards are done and will be at the next meeting. In order to get your new card I will need to confirm your 2006 AMA membership, so please bring a copy of your new AMA card. The remaining cards will be mailed out after the March meeting. In order to receive your card in the mail I will need a copy of your 2006 AMA card.

All renewals have been sent out, if you have not received your renewal form by the January meeting please let me know so I can get you a new one.

If anyone has any questions or needs anything my cell is listed in the club roster or email me at [Steve90210@adelphia.net](mailto:Steve90210@adelphia.net).

There have been a few corrections on the reporting of the dues structure. The following is the new dues structure for 2006:

### Membership Type Annual Dues

Youth (Under 16 years of age by January 1st) \$0  
Junior (16 years of age as of January 1st) \$20.00  
Standard (19 years of age by January 1st) \$60.00  
Senior (62 years of age by January 1st) \$50.00

### Miscellaneous Fees

Initiation \$20.00  
Field Maintenance \$40.00  
Newsletter delivery via the US Post Office \$8.00  
Flight School \$20.00  
Field Access Key \$3.00

The \$40 Field maintenance fee was not in the newsletter. The new field maintenance fee was voted on and approved to be \$40 a year. It was also discussed and approved at the October meeting, that 2005 members that did not perform their field maintenance obligation will be subject to the new \$40 fee upon renewing.

*Thanks, Steve Black*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow, its 2006 already! We have a lot of positive things happening right now. I don't think that the future of the NH Flying Tigers could look any brighter! I'm not going to spell everything out here and now, but I'm honestly excited about our future, more now than I ever have been in the past.

I want to extend a hearty thank you to each and every one of the past officers and 'appointees' for their time and dedication to the NH Flying Tigers. I know how much time and effort can be spent behind the scenes working on club business. Many of these tasks are never seen by the general members. The next time you see one the people who have been working hard for you over the past year(s), please be sure to show them some appreciation.

Your new officers have already been busy working on many aspects of the club; from refreshing a lot of our documentation, to trying to find a better way of doing things and not just to continue doing things the way it has always been done. We know that there already have been some major changes in things from our dues structure to other procedural items. I hope you'll support us and keep an open mind about trying new ways.

One example of a change which we are hoping to implement is to keep the 'business' portion of our meetings as short as possible. For example, the Secretary and Treasurer's verbal reports at the meeting will be a simple short summary. Of course, they will have full details available for you in case you have any questions. The full Secretary's report will be published in the newsletter as the official record of the meeting.

As mentioned in the December newsletter, we are still speaking to and researching possible candidates for many of the appointed positions. We may ask you if you're interested in helping, or you may express an interest to us. We've had some people speak up and offer to help, thank you! Remember, you won't be

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alone in any position, we're looking for people who will fit well with our 'team' and want to work with a positive attitude as part of the Tiger's team. If you're not sure what needs to be done, simply ask! Most positions do not take much time or effort at all.

Please try to remember that some procedural changes were voted in last year which we will have to start addressing this year. We'll all be trying to get used to these. For example, last year we enacted a new rule which requires that your membership card must be displayed in plain view on your person when operating models at the field.

Since everyone has until March 31<sup>st</sup> to renew your membership (yet another new procedure), you can display your 2005 membership card until then. As of April 1st, everyone will be required to display their 2006 Membership card when at the field.

The secretary is working on getting new 2006 membership cards made and handed out. Steve will have these at the meetings for you to pick up, or he will mail one to you for those who can't make the meetings. Remember, this serves as a dual reminder. If you don't receive your membership card, perhaps the club didn't receive your membership renewal. If you don't receive your membership card this year, it's important that you get in touch with the secretary because if you don't have a membership card, you can't fly.

If you see someone flying at the field and they are not displaying a membership card, feel free to remind them "no card, no flying". I know that everyone won't be comfortable saying this, but at least you can be secure in knowing that someone is a member by visibly displaying their membership card. Don't be shy about showing your card; be proud of your membership in the NH Flying Tigers! I'd also recommend that you wear your membership card at any R/C event which you attend to show your membership and pride in the NH Flying Tigers R/C club.

Another thing which has recently changed is that the AMA is getting even more serious about flight safety.

Take a look at the new AMA 2006 safety code: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/PDF-files/105.pdf>. Item number one on the R/C list now says that we must fly "in a manner to avoid flight over unprotected people". We'll have to discuss how to best address this and come up with an appropriate plan for our field. In the mean time be safe, don't fly over anyone at any time! Remember there are workers often in the fenced in parking lot next to our runway. Don't fly over it if there are people present. If you would like to be part of a committee to review these changes and how they may affect us, please speak to any of the officers. We'll be looking for your input and guidance. I think the best way to do this is to have a small focused group of members which can then report their thoughts to the whole membership to discuss at a future meeting.

Do you know that we have some very generous members? You may not be aware of it, but Dave Werner has donated some extra money along with his membership renewal. He told me that he gets more than he could have imagined from his membership in the club and that he wanted to give something back. He asked that we do something with his donation so that other members could get some sort of enjoyment out of it. The officers are working on a few ideas and we'll let you know what we come up with. Due to his work schedule, Dave can't make it to meetings, so if you see Dave down at the field, be sure to say "Thanks Dave"!

One reminder for you! Now is a good time to give your batteries a charge! If you have a battery cycler, take some time to test your batteries too. Get rid of any batteries that are marginal or those that fail tests. This way you'll be ready for flying when spring gets here.

I have listed my cell phone number in the club roster. Any member is more than welcome to call me if you would like to discuss anything.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!  
*Rich*

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## VP & Activities Coordinator Corner

I am looking forward to a busy and fun 2006 for our Club as I begin to assemble a Calendar of Events for us.

I plan to have something each month April through October.

If you have ideas for an event, or would like to organize one of the events, please contact me. We encourage volunteers and will need willing helpers for all events.

We are planning to have some type of flying related presentation at each meeting to put R/C back into the meetings, not just administrative stuff, (more of an incentive to attend), more fun, less BS.

To begin this series Dan Scharlach is presenting at the January meeting on Small Electric Planes. I hope we have a great turnout to listen to Dan as he is quite accomplished in this field.

Scheduled for the Feb Meeting is a presentation on Computer Radios and programming.

Again if you would like to do a presentation or have a suggestion on a topic you would like to hear, please contact Bob LaPointe, as Bob has agreed to organize these presentations

I have more Hats available either Khaki or Red with the Club Logo Embroidered for \$16.00 ea. I am still looking for a good source of nice Denim Shirts for us, again if anyone has contacts please let me know.

Enough for this month.

*Bill Horton*

Gift certificates sure travel during the Yankee Swap at the 2005 Christmas Party.



## **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: February 13<sup>h</sup>**

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