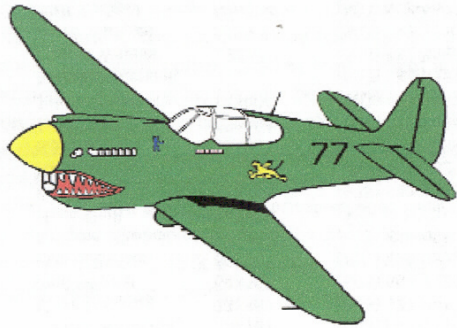


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Tiger Tales



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 29th, 7:00 pm. at the
Marion Gerrish Community Center,
Derry, NH.**

**What's Happening
Sprint Cleanup, April 1st,
Rain - April 8th.**

Locks have been re-keyed.

**Membership renewals due by
March 31st. Proof of current AMA
membership required to get your
membership card.**

Project Night at April's Meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

There were 20 members present.

James Garner was voted in as a member.

The January minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was approved as read..

Activity's committee reported: If any one is interested in going to nationals see Bill Horton.

The appointed positions were announced:

Field Marshal- Bob Kilmon

Safety officers- Joe Levesque, Roger Levesque

Training coordinator- Rick Mastalerz

Regulatory Compliance Committee- Paul Raison,
Bob Lapointe, Ian Day

Newsletter- Will Widgren

Video Librarian- Roger Levesque

Advanced training will be done by John Lavery

A motion for a vote of confidence was made by John Lavery, and passed

The Constitution Committee- (Joe Levesque) reported he has gone through all old newsletters and made sure the handbook and constitution has been updated. The new handbook will be out soon.

A motion for a vote of confidence was made by Rick Mastalerz, and passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Steve Black

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this, it's the first day of Spring! This is something I eagerly look forward to each year.

Unfortunately, right now it's cold and windy outside, but at least all the snow has melted! On a Spring related note, our Field Marshall has placed the mud lock on the gate, as

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we don't want cars making a mess of the pit area, so we'll all have to leave our vehicle's outside of the gate until the ground has firmed up. So if you find that your key will not fit the lock, or that there is an additional lock on the gate, this is why. Leave your car outside of the gate and carry your aircraft in to fly.

Speaking of locks, it's also time to re-key the locks. The keys have not been changed in some time and we've had a large turn over in the membership in the past few years. If you would like a new key, please return your old one and be prepared to pay \$3.00 for your new key.

I'd like to announce some new appointed positions. The following people have agreed to be members of the new 'Regulations Compliance Committee': Iain Day, Bob LaPointe and Paul Raison. Thank you to each of these respectable members for taking this important role. Hopefully this committee will never have to be called into action. If you have any questions as to what this committee does, please refer to your club constitution.

All the officers had a couple of meetings to address a lot of work that needs to be done this year. I'll let each of the respective posts report in their own words what needs to be done. The topics which we will be addressing range from coordinating flight instruction to be sure that all students see consistency in how they are taught in regards to flight boundaries and safety issues. All members should avoid flying over buildings, and avoid areas such as the propane tanks.

We're placing a reminder in this months newsletter about the "Spring Project Debut" which will happen at the April meeting. This is your chance to show off the project you have been working on over the Winter. Consider this notice to get your aircraft ready.

This is your last notice to get your club renewal in. If we don't receive your renewal by March 31st, you're no longer a member! If you have any problems making this date be sure to contact me prior to this date to discuss any issue you may be having. This year we've all had two extra months of reminders, so hopefully no one can say 'they forgot'. :)

Think warm weather!

Rich

From the Training Coordinator

Flight Training begins April 4th. The roster will consist of a current list of Instructors for 2006. Training will begin at around 5:00 every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Be sure to check the club web site for the latest details.

One item we're working on is the addition of a GO/NO GO indicator on the home page of the club web site. The indicator will be our tool on whether or not training will resume for that day. This will come in handy in expected weather changes. Instead of taking a chance of whether or not an instructor will be at the field, you'll know before you take the time to load the vehicle. In questionable conditions, monitor this closely. I will try to give you a heads up ASAP.

This will also give you a good opportunity and reason to visit the site. The web site is very good. I am guilty as the next member for not being all that active on the forum. It does generate some interest and activity for the young and elders in the club membership. This could be just the reason to take a moment and check it out.

Rick Mastalerz

Training Coordinator.

Activities Committee

We are planning at least one event a month during the flying season. The first of these will be The Maiden Flight Fly-in. The date will be announced at the March Club Meeting.

I am looking for volunteers to assist in putting on the events as well as members to help host an event. We would also be grateful for some ideas and themes for the events. Please feel free to talk with me at the meeting, by email or phone anytime. We want to continue the enthusiasm that was generated at the last event in October. With your help we can make this the best year ever for the Flying Tigers.

We are getting ready to kick off the second year for Monday Night Pylon Racing. If you haven't been involved or watched the races you are missing some fun.

We will be using the same Airplane as last year but are changing the Motor and Propeller. The new combination is

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posted on the Web Forum under the heading AT-6 Pylon Racing. If you have any questions see me at the meeting.

Please make sure you plan on attending John Lavery's presentation on covering. John was asked to give us an encore presentation of the presentation he gave last year because it was so well received. This year John is adding using iron on material for trim on your airplanes. The presentation will be immediately following the business portion of the March Club Meeting. DONT MISS IT!!!

Bill

Winter Project Debut

The Annual winter project debut night will be held Wednesday April 26th. This is your opportunity to introduce your new pride and joy to the club. We are encouraging everyone to bring a plane or two or three or more. This is one of the most interesting meetings of the year, don't miss it!!

Bring the project which you have been working on over the winter for a 'show and tell' at the April meeting. Everyone is welcome, beginners are encouraged. There will be prizes and a lot of fun. Please be prepared to describe some details about your project. Please limit your description to one minute.

Rules:

An aircraft must not have been previously flown.

An aircraft is only eligible for one primary category.

Any aircraft which has been at a previous project night is not eligible unless previously it was unfinished and now it is finished.

All aircraft are welcome, ARF, RTF, kit, scratch, built from plans, helicopters, etc. as long as the aircraft was assembled by the member.

Primary Categories - an aircraft can only be entered into one of the following:

- **Best scale or semi-scale aircraft**
- **Best non-scale (sport) aircraft**
- **Best beginner**
- **Best in progress**

Secondary Categories - all aircraft are eligible for the following:

- **Best finish**
- **Most unique**
- **Best Craftsmanship**
- **Best overall ***

*** The aircraft which wins 'best overall' will be used as the showcase aircraft for the club for the year. We will feature it on our web site and ask that the owner bring it to any and all events which the club hosts. Members should consider this when placing their vote for 'Best overall'. Please pick an aircraft which you would be proud to have represent the NH Flying Tigers.**

From the Safety Officers

Greetings fellow RC enthusiasts,

As I write this commentary, I note that it is the first full day of Spring. Not long from now we will be hearing the buzz of glow engines and taking in the sights at the NHFT field. I hope that everyone has at the least made a mental list of pre-season safety checks on their models. Don't wait too long to start the actual check, as the season will soon be underway.

As you know, Roger and I have accepted the shared responsibilities of safety officer. We will do our best to be informative and work to keep this organization a safe place to gather and have fun.

At times, there will be discussion and debate about how best to implement change within our operating guidelines and those of the AMA. But always with the utmost attention to the safety of the membership, guests, and those that may be affected by our presence at the field.

I will take this opportunity to note that one issue to be brought to the floor at this month's meeting is the repositioning of flight boundaries and pilot stations. Recent discussion regarding over flight of the gas tanks, and nearby businesses has made this an issue that we need to resolve quickly. Your officers and appointees have been working hard to make the necessary recommendations needed to insure safe operation at the field and to remain a good neighbor.

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Your thoughts and ideas are welcome, and I hope you will be able to join your fellow enthusiasts at the meeting to discuss these issues.

Joe Levesque

From the Field Marshall

Hello to all members,

My name is Bob Kilmon and I will be your Field Marshall for the 2006 flying season. The beginning of the season is right around the corner so I want to have a spring clean up the first of April with a rain date the 8th of April. Our training season starts right after clean up.

I have been to the field many times this Winter and the field is in very good condition. The road around the gate and into the field is very soft and muddy. If you go to the field, park outside of the gate for the next couple weeks. We will be putting on the mud lock this week. This is something no one likes to do but is necessary to help save the field.

There are a lot of things that need to be done at clean up. I hope for a very big turn out. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, along with drinks and coffee.

Also the grass mowing season is also getting near. I would like to have a reply as to who will be able to lend us a hand. Mowing will be twice a week Tues. & Fri. We have two mowers, so two members cutting will cut the time down to just a little over one hour. This year I would like to see no members paying field maintenance fees. If you can't get the mowers out of the container but can ride one, let me know and I will be there to help you.

Thank you all and I look forward to a great year. My email is rk102136@aol.com or feel free to call me at 603-882-8661 or 603-594-2725 or you can fax me at 603-882-4949

Thanks again,

Bob K.

New Keys at the Meeting

Please try to attend the march meeting. The locks at the field have all been re-keyed. To receive a new one, please have your old key with you, plus there will be a \$3.00 charge per key. This is necessary to help recover some of

the cost to the club. It is also the best time and place to make sure that all have the replacement. With better weather coming soon, we all hope you might want to fly and if no one is there you will be locked out till you catch up with me.

At this month's meeting, the field clean up will also be explained as to what we want to get done. Hope to see you all there.

Bob K

Proposals for discussion and vote

From the Safety Officers:

A proposal to change our flight boundaries as well as move some flight stations. We will discuss and vote on this at the March meeting.

From Bill Horton:

I propose that the we give each member that signs up a new member a \$10 credit toward his/her next years dues. A member can earn credits up to the full amount of their dues payment. This credit can not be used towards field maintenance or other fees, just dues. The credit is only for recruiting new members.

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: April 17th

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