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Come to the party!

Thursday, December 3rd

6:00 p.m. at the VFW

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See you there!**

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Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. Business Meeting, November 5, 2015 — MINUTES:

Pres. Mark brought the meeting to order promptly at 7p.m. tonight and requested the secretary call the roll. Twenty-one members reported present including the four club officers. There were no guests. D. Sherman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes. M/S/P Next, Treas. Ron gave the monthly financial report listing several items of expense and no income. M/S/P

Old Business — T. Clune asked for an update on the field repairs. D. Lampron gave brief a rundown of the last effort by a number of members to make further repairs since the incident. He said the southern part of the field was in pretty good shape and should grow back okay. D. Sherman talked about the new website. He complimented Mark for his efforts in finding someone to build the site and to keep things moving forward. He didn't want to get into too many details in the meeting until the process is finalized and we are able to enter the site under the name:

hampshirecountyr.org Dave also requested that he be one of the administrators and would soon advise members when to use the updated site. Next, Ron Paul discussed the Christmas Party requesting members planning to contribute food contact him soon and for all others to let him know if they are planning to attend. He let the members know what is left to bring and got several responses. Plans are for music (by Leo), a slide show possibility or a movie, the famous Broken Prop Award and, of course, food! Ron requested that the newsletter go out early as a reminder of the party and a special emailing to all members using the Internet. Mark made a point of making sure everyone knows that election night has been put off until the January meeting but that nominations for officers/directors will start this month and continue up to the election.

Other old business included Bobby O's request for help with the New Year's Day get together at the field. Plowing was discussed along with clearing of the smaller shed to enable the wood stove to be used. He was given assurance that space would be available and plowing would be available depending on conditions. Gordie, at this time talked about the 40' shed needing roof repairs to stop the water leaks. Several suggestions were made such as: roof coatings, a tarp, and adding another roof on top. Bobby O. offered to contact a company that handles containers to see what a replacement would cost as an alternative to repairs.

Mark turned the meeting to a discussion of the elective positions available for 2016. All officer positions are open with the treasurer and secretary expected to run again, however, the president and vice president have indicated they will not be in a position to continue. Several questions were asked and answered regarding the positions, time involved and experience needed. Most of the remaining meeting time was centered around the support always given by members to the volunteers willing to assume leadership positions. At this time, Mike Shaw asked that his name be placed in nomination for vice president, it was accepted with a round of applause.

Before the meeting adjourned Fran Mitchell offered to any of the members a van load of r/c equipment, accessories and other "stuff" free. The whole load will be available at Ed Kopec's garage in So. Hadley.

The raffle was won by Lynne Rudié and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully,
Gordie Lauder, Secretary

Schedule of Events December & January

THURSDAY, DEC. 3RD @ 6 P.M.
CHRISTMAS PARTY at the VFW in Florence

FRIDAY, JAN. 1ST @ 10 A.M.
NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY-IN at the Flying Field
Weather Permitting—check the website for changes

THURSDAY, JAN. 7TH @ 7 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING at the VFW in Florence

FPV DRONE BAN STILL IN EFFECT

The use of FPV drones is still ban from the club grounds until such time as we finalize the rules for their use, announce the regulations and post them at the field.

HCRC CLUB NEWS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year, Ron Paul has stepped up and took over the organizing of our Christmas party. It will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015. This is normally our December business meeting night. We have decided to forgo the meeting and hold the Christmas social instead.

Normally, we hold election of officers on that night. We have decided to postpone the elections until the January 2016 meeting. This will allow us to enjoy the social and extend the nomination period.

Ron has sent fliers to everyone announcing the party and requesting that anyone planning to attend notify him so he can estimate the attendance. Also, he is requesting that you contact him with food items you would like to share at the party. Ron has a list started so not everyone brings the same things. Please contact Ron at (413) 374-3212 or rpm3xlm@comcast.net

NEW YEARS DAY FLY-IN

Looks like our annual New Year's Day fly-in is on again this year. For any new members who are not familiar with this event it is usually a real hoot. We have held this event every year for as long as I've been a member. I have seen New Year's days when we had to fly from the end of the runway near Honey Pot Road when the snow was too deep to plow our way into the field. One year we flew in tee shirts in near 80 degree weather. A few years ago we had to postpone the event until the following weekend because of ice storms.

Bobby O cranks up the wood stove in the small trailer. They roll the grille out and serve up hamburgers and sodas. If there is a snow cover, float planes or any plane fitted with water floats seem to work best. Planes outfitted with skis don't seem to work as well.

Even if you don't fly, it is a nice break in mid-winter to get out to the field and socialize for an hour. People usually arrive around 10 or 11 AM and the flying lasts as long as cold hands, cold feet and cold batteries will permit.

REPAIRS TO SHED ROOF

At the October meeting we discussed the condition of the roof on the large storage trailer. It was leaking and feared near collapse. Several suggestions were made. Ron Paul rolled up his sleeves, grabbed some supplies and FIXED IT! Nuff talk! It looks like the roof is still strong enough to last for a while. Ron resurfaced and sealed it. He was walking on it so that proved it is not in as bad a condition as we feared. Thanks, Ron. Did a great job.

— Dave S., Ed.

FROM PRESIDENT MARK

At the Nov. meeting nominations were started for Vice Pres. and Pres. I am not running for president next year and Dave Lampron is not running for V.P. Now is the chance for different members to participate in the workings of the organization and to steer it in a way that benefits the club.

Basically, there are a limited number of members who have been very involved in running the club. The more people who become involved, the easier it is to accomplish. There is a wealth of knowledge and help available from the older members and directors. New officers are not abandoned to founder on their own.

We have a number of issues coming up. The rules for FPV drones, electrifying the field and deciding what events we want to continue to run.

The vice president helps to coordinate field maintenance. We need help with the mowing. We need an active field safety officer. The VP duties are described in the by-laws. Dave Lampron can provide more information about the responsibilities of the club officers. (413) 247-3357 or AllSeasHVA@aol.com

The job of the club president is varied. The president supervises the general running of the club. He/she delegates authority to maintain the field and equipment, communicates with outside vendors, assigns tasks to club volunteers. The president makes comments for the newsletter and web site.

It may require a few hours a week of your time. Again, I am asking for someone to step up and lend a hand to the club. You will have plenty of support.

Also, on Dec. 3rd we are having our Christmas party at the VFW in Florence, starting at 6 PM. It will be potluck so please call Ron Paul and let him know how many will be attending and what food item you would like to share.

Our new web site will be up and running in a week or so. Please be patient; it will have a nice new look. Also we are trying to get more involved with helping the needy, so please bring canned or dry dog or cat food or cleaning supplies to be donated to the local animal shelter.

Come join us for the Christmas party and have a good time.

Thank you, Mark

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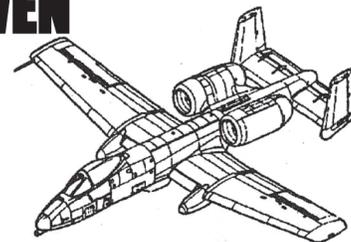
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