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January 1, 2015 — A great way to start the new year!



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Hampshire County Radio Controllers Business Meeting, January 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by president Mark Mundie. Attendance was taken with 21 members present. There was one guest, prospective member Brian Lessard.

Prior to the beginning of the business portion of the meeting, Al Chwalek presented a talk on the air show that will take place at Westover Air Force Base on May 16- 17 this year. He noted that the Blue Angels AND the Canadian Snow Birds will be in attendance as well many warbirds, both flying and as static displays. Several aerobatic pilots will put on shows as well. There will be a model airplane display table in one of the hangers. It looks like it will be a very good event!

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Bobby O. reported that the New Years Day fun fly was a success, although the weather was cold and windy. There were about 30 members present. Hot dogs and hamburgers (cooked by Bobby, Rene and Ed) and ice cold soft drinks were served. Rene Soucy made the first flight of the year and Mike Scantlen was the first to baptize the potato field with an off-field "landing."

NEW BUSINESS

An inquiry was made as to whether there was any recent field damage. None was reported.

Gordie L. called for a committee of at least three members to review and revise the club's bylaws. The following members volunteered: Gordie Lauder, Dave Sherman, Bobby O., and Dave Levigne.

Dave Sherman brought up the subject of field security and the need to prevent entry to the right of the gate. A member has a number of telephone poles available for this purpose, but a means to transport them must be found.

Reminders were given regarding the Central NH Radio Control Club auction January 17 and the Wrams RC show in February.

Discussion followed on whether we should restart our annual Christmas social. Ron Paul volunteered to head up this event. It was suggested that we might try a different venue this year, possibly at a nearby country club.

Leo Dube announced the auction of 6 tickets for rides in a Cherokee.

Dave Sherman asked if there was any progress being made on installing electricity at the field. None has recently been made.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wartel, Outgoing Secretary



AL CHWALEK DELIVERS TALK

Al Chwalek is a long time member of HCRC and is a past president and member of the Galaxy Community Council, the civilian support group for the air wing at Westover Air Reserve Base. The council tasked Al to travel to Las Vegas to arrange the aerobatic and static displays at the upcoming air show scheduled for May 16 & 17, 2015 at Westover.

Al was gracious enough to present a talk at our January meeting outlining what he had been able to accomplish. Al was responsible for lining up the civilian aerobatic acts and the planes that will be displayed on the ground. It sounds like this year the show will have some great acts and displays.

He is also arranging to have a static display area set up for HCRC at this show. We will discuss this further when more information is available.

We try to have a booth at each of these air shows. The attendees are aviation-minded and we generate a lot of interest from the public.

We want to thank Al for taking the time to give this talk. He did a great job.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY IN

I have come to the conclusion that we modelers are a strange lot, ranking right up there with deer hunters and skiers, both of which I am an occasional participant. Offer us a balmy spring day with bright sunshine and gentle breezes and nobody will show up. Yet, we hold an event in January, on a day that is cold and windy enough to discourage an Aleut seal hunting party, and we show up en masse. Just sayin!



January 1, 2015 saw our New Year's Day fly-in event. When I arrived at about 11 a.m. the weather was bright and sunny but quite cold. The temperature was in the 20's with a breeze, making it feel even colder.

Several hardy souls were flying including an excellent aerobatic demonstration by Dean Lampron.

The cooking volunteers of Bobby O, Rene Soucy and Ed Kopec had the stove working in the shed and the grille ready for hot dogs and hamburgers. Ron Paul supplied an excellent kielbasa dish.

At noon I counted about 24 members present with people arriving and departing at regular intervals.

This annual event is a very nice winter activity for the club and seems to attract more people every year. Even if one doesn't fly on this day it is a pleasant social gathering.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015 and hope we see you at the meetings and at the field when spring arrives. We hope to see even more visitors at our 2016 New Year's Day fly-in.

— Dave S., Ed.

HCRC CLUB NEWS

RON BRETТА FW190 (ON FEB. 5TH)

Ron Bretta is scheduled to bring in his FW 190 that he has been working on during the winter. **Worth seeing.** We encourage all members, especially new members who are just beginning, to bring in their projects, not to be judged but to get ideas on how to improve their building techniques.

A JOB WELL DONE

We want to take this time to thank Dave Wartel for stepping in and taking over the secretary job. It is a complicated and difficult task. I know, he relieved me of the job.

Dave will be moving out of the area at some time in the future and, for the sake of continuity, passed the job on to Gordie Lauder. While there, Dave organized records and kept information flowing. He did a great job on advertising our open house and scale fly-in.

We want to give Dave a big thanks for a job well done

NEWSLETTER EMAIL LIST

We are hoping that more people will opt to receive their monthly newsletter via e-mail. This will save the club a substantial amount of money in postage. The information update form that was sent to everyone may have been confusing. Very few members indicated how they would like their newsletter delivered. We will attempt to resolve this in the near future.

DUES UPDATE

We all know that dues are now due. The cut-off date is the March 2015 business meeting. At the time of this writing we have a 76% renewal. Let's work to make that a 100% renewal and more. Also, remember that the AMA dues are also due. Reminders and forms would have been received by mail, so get those in ASAP.

REMINDER

The annual WRAM show will be held Feb 20, 21 & 22, 2015 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, NJ.

Several of our members usually car pool to this event. Show up at the Feb. meeting if you are interested in discussing attending this great trade show with other club members.

— Dave S., Ed.

Gone West

A longtime club member, Gerard "Jerry" Brouillard passed away on Jan. 14. Jerry was a member of several local r/c clubs, was an avid golfer and worked at Monsanto for 34 years. He will be missed by the many friends he made at HCRC.

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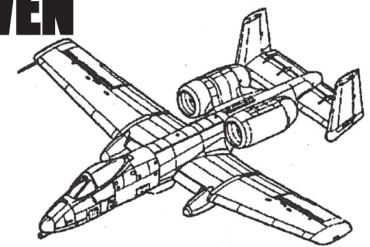
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February/March 2015 Events (Mark your calendars!)

**Thursday, February 5th at 7 p.m. at the VFW in Florence, MA
Business Meeting & Ron Bretta's award winning FW-190**

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