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AMA CHARTER #341



**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RADIO CONTROLLERS**

## **ATTENTION ALL!!**

**ON BEHALF OF THE HCRC CLUB I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING A PART OF AND FOR SUPPORTING THIS CLUB, YOU ARE WHAT KEEPS US SOARING. – ALAN.C**

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## **BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2017**

### **MINUTES:**

Pres. Tyler brought the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and called for the attendance to be taken. Seventeen members reported present including three of the club officers. Tyler said he has been in touch with Treas. Ron who is doing quite well recovering from recent surgery. Next, he gave the financial report for the prior month with the only comments being that dues collected for this year are totally in and represent what our budget will likely be for the coming season. As is customary, the reading of the minutes was waived as they were published in the newsletter.

Committee Reports – The chair of the By-Laws Committee reported that the proposal, timely notifications and mail-in votes are right on track for final approval at the May business meeting.

**Old Business** – Al Crawford, our new newsletter editor, briefly discussed the publication of his first issue and encouraged members to contact him with ideas, articles of interest and constructive comments. Dave S. thanked him for his fine effort and willingness to help the club. He also talked about the on-line version of the newsletter which is still being upgraded and should be an expanded version of the mailed newsletter in the future. Tyler continued with a briefing on the Field Clean-Up rescheduled for 4/22 due to poor weather conditions. One of the projects proposed was the removal of part of the fence separating the pit area from the roadway (north side). It was decided to remove this section of fence after a discussion of the costs of repairs to the fence after 40 years and the actual need for this section of fence. It was also agreed that we should move the aluminum bleachers to this same location on the 22nd. Additional projects for the clean-up include: Field rolling by Bobby O., removal of excess brush, sumac trees by Mark W. with his tractor and brush hog. Gordie and Ed K. will get the two mowers operational and replace a set of blades on one. Other items on the list are resetting some of the flight line blocks, raise the flag, put picnic tables out, install the 20ft canopy over the frame and build a burn pile for the brush and accumulated wood if permit is granted on that day. The topic of lawn care and mowing came up with a suggestion we use a pre-emergence treatment to cut down on the weed growth and cutting the central portion of the landing area as low as possible and all other areas higher. The secretary reported that there are five volunteers for the mowing crew this year, however, a few more would be ideal, he said.

**New Business** - Both the Family Day/Open House and the Scale Fly-In were briefly discussed: the Family Day /Open House (6/3 – Saturday) is all about promoting fellowship, family involvement and fun flying with the public welcome to take part. There will be a simple lunch available (hotdogs & soda) and donated items. The Scale Fly-In (8/19&20) will be different this year with strictly scale models on Saturday and on Sunday a mix of scale and other types of a/c. Flying starts on Friday at noon for early arrivals. Landing fee only on Saturday.

New Member Vote – Warren (Jack) Farnham of New Salem was unanimously voted into membership tonight to thunderous applause. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordie Lauder, Secretary

### **AIRPLANE FACTS OF THE MONTH (MAY):**



**NORTHROP P-61 BLACK WIDOW: (LEFT)** Employed in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II, Northrop's P-61 Black Widow was put into service in 1944 and retired about a decade later. Equipped with two Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp radial engines spinning four-bladed propellers, the airplane had twin-booms and a center fuselage a boxier version of it. This multi-purpose fighter could be armed with cannons, machine guns, bombs or rockets and was the first dedicated American night-fighter. Later on the P-61 was employed for thunderstorm research.

About 700 were made only about 4 are left. Three are on display at museums and probably wont fly while a fourth version has been under restoration for decades by a team in Reading, Pennsylvania, that hopes to one day return this beauty to the skies.

**AVIATION FUN FACTS: MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 1937: IN 1937...** The first successful pressurized airplane cabin is achieved in the Lockheed XC-35.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS (APRIL)**

**29, April, 2017** - 6<sup>th</sup> annual giant western mass. RC flea market 9am-1pm Location: franklin county technical School, 82 Industrial Blvd, Turners falls, MA

# “AN AERIAL VIEW SHOWS THE FIELD IS NOW CLEARED FOR LANDING”

Thank you everyone who came out this past Saturday to help with our field cleanup day we were able to get a lot of things crossed off our list everything from tearing down the old fence to the left of the transmitter impound and replacing it with the



bleachers (left) . To cutting back a lot of the wooded area in the front and rear of the field and cutting the grass and being able to burn it all (right )

Although I am sad to say that we did suffer one



casualty we lost a great shovel that day (bottom)... What did this fantastic shovel ever do to deserve this (insert sad violin here) overall though we got a lot and the club greatly appreciates everyone who donated their time to out and help.



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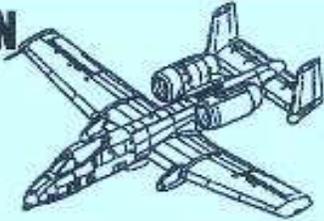
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