

# HCRC Flier



MAY 2018



AMA Charter #341



“Outstanding work crew; all out standing on their ladders as they assemble the new metal roof over the seating area. The roof went on easily and looks great. Leo and company knew what they were doing” Dave.S

The club encourages all our members to visit the club website and check out the latest content, announcements and club events at [www.hampshirecountyrc.org](http://www.hampshirecountyrc.org) or like us on [www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739](https://www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739).

Hampshire County Radio Controllers  
Business Meeting of April 5, 2018  
MINUTES

The meeting tonight was chaired tonight by V.P. Mike Shaw who brought it order at 7 p.m. with a call for attendance to be taken. Seventeen members reported present with one guest introduced by the secretary. Brian Porter of West Springfield was invited to stay for the meeting and welcomed by the group. A motion was heard and passed to waive the reading of the minutes. Next, Treas. Ron gave his financial report for the month of March with all items of expense and income detailed. He also reported that the total of dues income for 2018 is \$4215. and that the awarding of winners for the Calendar Raffle has begun for each daily drawing and will continue for the full 30 days with a list of the winners available on line in the club website. M/S/P

Old Business - Mike led into this discussion giving a run-down of the tasks to complete at the upcoming Field Clean-Up scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 21<sup>st</sup>. There were many items on the list that annually are completed or attempted, however, this year 16' of additional cover will be built over the flight line seating with metal roofing added for the entire length, courtesy of Leo Dube. Brush burning, weed whacking, field rolling, painting and general clean-up will be in the works along with needed brush-hog work by Mark W. A member has offered to take on the task of rebuilding the front of the bulletin board, another member will repaint the picnic tables and flight tables. In addition to our field equipment, Dave Matlasz has gotten permission from the land owner of the former SPARKS r/c club to remove and transport to HCRC certain items of left-over tables, ect. Treas. Ron has arranged to sell the three cages stored at the North end of the field to be removed on the clean-up day, as well. Ed Kopec will bring his utility trailer to help haul brush to the burning pile. The trailer can be hauled behind the old Toro that has a newly installed hitch, he said.

Mike asked Leo to report on the UMass School of Engineering students drone project and their needs from HCRC: he met with them recently (all six) and determined “ they want to know everything we know and learn everything about the r/c hobby “. They will join the club, the AMA and will work with Leo and a group of our members so they will have the ability to demonstrate their product and want to get started with us in a few weeks weather permitting. (Of interest is that one of the students is now a licensed commercial drone pilot.) Another project under old business is the possibility of bringing power into the property with solar energy as the source instead of a local power company. This discussion was handled by Leo with his reference to another club with details about some of the technical aspects of designing and building a solar system. He asked for volunteers to assist in forming a committee to explore this additional source of power. Several members came forward to help with the project and a date for a meeting was planned. Other items discussed re the field were a renewed emphasis on turf treatment options to improve the flying surface and the deterioration of the club sign at the entrance.

Under New Business Mike thanked Ron Paul for doing some extensive and difficult repairs to the engine of the old Toro mowing tractor. Next, Paul Voss had the floor for his special presentation of his own creation of a CNC Airfoil Machine which made its debut at the AMA Expo East recently. To give him unlimited time to talk about the new machine, we adjourned the meeting and gave him the floor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordie Lauder, Secretary

**“ NATIONAL AIR TOUR of HISTORIC WWII Aircraft”**

**Date:** June 20 – 24, 9a.m. to 5p.m.

**Location:** WESTOVER ARB METROPOLITAN AIRPORT (Civilian side of the base, off Westover Road) .

**Lineup:** The CAF will bring “FIFI” the B-29 Superfortress, B-24 Liberator, P-51 Mustang, T-6 Texan, C-45 Expeditor, Boeing Stearman and a T-34 Mentor for display.

**Pricing:** Rides are available starting at \$1600 and go down.

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## Upcoming Events:

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting at the Flying field 7pm

May 19<sup>th</sup> NCRCC Annual Swap meet(9am)

June 10<sup>th</sup> Family day and Open House

June 20/24<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL AIR TOUR of HISTORIC WWII Aircraft (9am-5pm)

August 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> HCRC Annual Fly-in "Wings Over Hadley"

## Airplane of the month



(May): **Dornier Do 335** (Left): The unique push-pull engine configuration of the "Do 335" had been patented by Dr. Claude Dornier in 1937, but a prototype warplane did not fly until 1943. Performance was exceptional but delays and diversification into night-fighter and reconnaissance variants kept production down. **Specs:** *Span:* 45ft 3.5in *Length:* 45ft 5.25in *Engine:* 2x Daimler-Benz DB 603G, 1900hp *Max Speed:* 473 mph at 26,200 ft *Ceiling:* 37,400ft *Max take-off weight:* 25,800lb *Armament* 2x 15mm MG 151 Cannons 1x 30mm MK 103 Cannon, 1x 1100lb bomb

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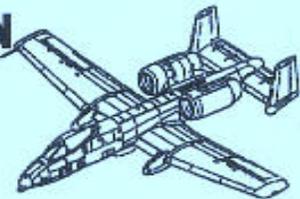
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