

HCRC Flyer



August 2019



AMA Charter #341



Hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July! Cant wait to see what everyone brings out for Wings over Hadley!



ATTENTION!

We encourage any comments as well as content for monthly issues Please email

alanhcrc@gmail.com for submissions.

Thank you.

The club encourages all our members to visit the club's Facebook page and check out the latest content, announcements and club event's www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739. Also check out the clubs website at www.hampshirecountyrc.com

From the President's desk.....

“Hello All,

As usual the flying season is....well....flying by. It's already late July and we've had more than the typical amount of rain and now lately hot and steamy weather. Pretty much a typical New England spring & summer, if there is such a thing.

We just had our Summer BBQ back on July 13th. You couldn't have asked for better weather. A good time was had by all eating chicken and fixins along with a good amount of flying. The next club event on the schedule is our Wings Over Hadley 2-day Fly-in on August 24 & 25. Hopefully the weather gods will grace us with good weather once again. That leaves the final two events of the season, a swap meet on 9/14 and a Fall BBQ on 9/28 before we start talking about Christmas parties again.

I hope you all have gotten a chance to get out there and fly. Whatever you do don't blink because the season will pass you by and the next thing you know we'll be watching the leaves and snowflakes blowing around”.

I'll see you out there..... Mike

Hampshire County Radio Controllers
Business Meeting of July 11, 2019
MINUTES

Pres. Mike Shaw brought the meeting to order promptly at 7PM with a rain storm anticipated and not much of a member turnout as a result. The secretary called the roll with 13 members reporting present including three of the club officers. There were no guests present. The reading of the minutes was waived, as is customary, when included in the newsletter. Next, Treas. Ron Paul gave his usual detailed monthly report of income and expense and was accepted without comment.

Under Old Business - Mike covered the power situation with some “not so good news” regarding both the grid power and the propane generator power proposals by the Power Committee - The cost escalation estimates by the committee resulted in the following: The committee does NOT recommend either one of these systems and considers them to be too expensive for the benefits which also includes an elevated risk of theft and /or vandalism.

Conclusion: Power for the field is too expensive when taking into account the club’s limited available finances. The other issue regarding the erection of a pavilion was cancelled due to the lack of a permit from the Town of Hadley. The pavilion will be offered for sale with a high expectation of recovering the purchase funds. A club member has already shown interest and will be given priority before otherwise advertised for sale.

Under New Business - Mike commented on Al Crawford’s training sessions during the early part of each week and his involvement with mowing. He encouraged new members to call Al if training is needed. Other issues included the Chicken Barbecue coming on Saturday, the tree cutting project and the help needed, the Annual Two Day Fun Fly on 8/24 & 25 and the Fall Swap Meet on 9/14 (Rain date 9/15).

Before adjournment, three new members were unanimously voted in as members of HCRC and they are: Bill and Liam Ewers of Florence and Richard Zglobicki of Belchertown.

Meeting adjourned after 26 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordie Lauder, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

August 1st HCRC club meeting at the field 7pm

August 24/25th: Wings Over Hadley two day “fun fly”

Airplane of the month (July): The Curtiss O-52 Owl

The Curtiss O-52 Owl was designed in 1939 as a flying observation post, and 203 were ordered by the Army.



Before it got close to combat, tactical observation and liaison duties were taken over by lighter, simpler planes, such as the Piper Cub (L-4) and similar designs. Armed with one

fixed and one flexible .30 caliber gun and with a top speed of only 220 mph, the Owl would have been an easy target for fighters. Two or three survive today in museums or private hands.

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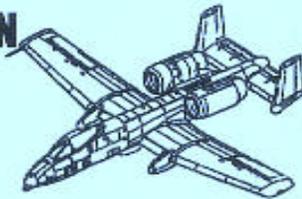
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