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Ron Bretta brought his latest, most detailed giant scale FW190 to the March meeting. For his efforts over the last 1.5 years he was presented with the Builders Award trophy by Pres. Mark. He gave a briefing on what went in to the making of the WW2 German fighter. He said it was built from a short kit by Roy Valliancourt, laser cut, all balsa and covered with glass fiber. He then surface detailed the entire plane with panel lines and rivets followed by Hobbyoxo paint in the correct color and markings. It weighs 31 lbs and did not require any extra weight for balance. He used a Zenoah GP80 gas twin for power, flaps and has retracts by Sierra. He answered questions for the rest of the evening—one in particular: what was the hardest part of all? His response: avoiding “hanger rash” when moving the large model around his workshop!

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Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. • Business Meeting, March 5, 2015

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Pres. Mark Mundie who asked for the roll to be called. Twenty-one members reported present with several spouses of members attending as well. Reading of the prior meeting minutes was waived by voice vote. M/S/P A question arose re the waiving of the minutes. (Note: to save time it is customary to waive the reading when they are published in the newsletter.) Next, Ron Paul gave the monthly financial report which was detailed and included a report on annual dues collections to date. His report was accepted as read. M/S/P

Old Business: Dave Sherman and Pete Cincotta gave a short briefing on a meeting they recently attended chaired by member, Prof. Paul Voss of Smith College. This led into a general discussion re drones, model aircraft, the FAA and the involvement of our AMA in pending legislation. The rule making is in a comment period at present with many issues still unresolved.

Andre reminded us to keep in mind that he has club shirts available and that the vendor can provide really good quality embroidery on jackets, shirts, etc. at a reasonable price.

Dave Lampron asked for more project ideas for the Field Clean-up day in April, in addition to the regular tasks that are completed each year. Bobby O. said he would cook for the crew as in the past. Ed Kopec thought we should build safety barriers from some of the metal removed from the racing cages that are stored on site. Also, at this time more ideas were exchanged on the need to keep a watchful eye on the spring runoff of the Ct. River to prevent damage to any of our equipment.

Discussion then went to the upcoming airshow in May at Westover ARB. Some of the details were outlined again by Ed. Kopec with a strong request for help with organization. Many of the members said they would be willing to participate, bring airplanes and be there either one or two days. Dave Lavigne offered to help with the coordination/planning.

New Business: D. Lampron Asked for an opinion on the request for HCRC to participate with a demonstration/static display at the annual Granby Charter Day event in June. Discussion followed with questions about crowd safety and HCRC members willing to participate. Members should contact any one of the club officers if interested.

Ron Paul has secured the date of December 3rd for our Christmas Party at the VFW. The date is our regularly scheduled meeting date. He has volunteered to run an event similar to what the members enjoyed in the past and to include awards, good food and music. More details will follow.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m so that we all could talk to Ron Bretta about his FW190.

Respectfully submitted, Gordie Lauder, Secretary

DRONES

On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, Peter Cincotta and I attended a seminar at Smith College in Northampton concerning the FAA's proposed regulation on drones. The seminar was sponsored by Smith College and presented by Paul Voss, whom many of us know as a club member. The target audience for this meeting seemed to be people who are most concerned with the privacy aspect of drones.

The seminar raised some very interesting questions: what is the proposed legislation targeting; what are the new definitions of 'navigable airspace;' and what impact will the proposed rules have on hobby and commercial use of drones? One interesting point made was that, until recently, 'navigable airspace' was loosely defined as airspace down to tree top level. Without passing a law, the term has been re-defined as airspace all the way to the ground. This could have vast implications for all of us, private citizens and hobbyists alike.

However, as far as model hobbyists are concerned, little has changed. We are not being targeted. A few questions have arisen concerning our proximity to Northampton

Airport and any requirements for us to report our operation to the airport. This matter is best left to the AMA for further clarification.

There is a comment period in which anyone can make a comment or recommendation concerning any proposed government regulation. When we know more about the impact of this proposed legislation it is strongly recommended that all of us submit our comments and concerns. The FAA really does listen.

The page to **submit comments** can be found on the following web page: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FAA-2015-0150-0017>

A copy of the **full proposed regulation** can be found at the following web page: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FAA-2015-0150-0005>

By mail, send comments to: Docket Operations, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001

—Dave S., Editor

HCRC CLUB NEWS

DUES REMINDER

The deadline for paying your annual dues was the business meeting in March. We have a few members who suffer from the same condition that I suffer from: CRS— Can't Remember Squat. So, browse through your check book register and see if you remembered to pay your dues. If not, please pay them now! We will thank you. Please make your check out to HCRC and send it to HCRC, c/o Ron Paul, 367 Ware Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Better yet, show up at the April 2 business meeting, pay your dues and get caught up on all the goings-on at the club. We need your input.

CLUB SHIRTS

Andre Bouchard is again handling the orders for club logo tee shirts and sweatshirts. He is gathering orders and will submit them when we have enough to get a good price. The shirts and hats we ordered last year were great. Members who have ordered custom embroidery have been very happy with the results. Andre can take orders at business meetings or at the field when it finally opens for flight operations or by phone at (413)786-9735.

- Polo Shirt (no pocket) — S-Lg \$12 — 1X-5X \$15
- Sweat shirts (crew neck) — S-XL \$22 — 2X-3X \$26
(shirts & sweatshirt colors: Red, Black, White, Light Gray, Forest Green, Light Blue, Navy Blue, Maroon)
- Hats (adjustable) — one size (red or black) — \$14

WESTOVER AIR SHOW

The Great New England Air Show will take place at Westover Air Reserve Base on May 16 & 17, 2015. We have been invited to participate again this year. We will have several tables set up in the main hangar. Ed Kopec has been working with The Galaxy Council to make the arrangements.

We will need some help with the display. Volunteers will be allowed to park next to the main hangar. They will be expected to spend at least a few hours during their volunteer time answering questions from the visitors and explaining our hobby to the public. I always find this a really fun and inter-esting time.

Dave Lavigne will be the contact/coordinator. If you are interested in help-ing with the event call Dave Lavigne at (413) 547-6358 or Dave Sherman (413) 774-7375. We will need your name, email address, date of birth and social security number. Air Force security has a strict ID policy to allow us to drive onto the base. I have suggested that either Dave or I collect this information in person to protect privacy.

—Dave S., Editor

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT MARK

2 EVENTS OF INTEREST TO THE CLUB:

Saturday, April 18th at 9:30 is our annual field clean-up. Come join the work crew to help get our field ready for the flying season. Please bring rakes, shovels, hammers, weed whackers, and other useful tools to help eradicate the damage from winter weather and vandalism. There will be hot dogs and cheeseburgers from the grill for the work crew. Rain date is April 19th.

The Great New England Air Show will take place at Westover Air Reserve Base on **May 16 & 17**. Al Chwalek has arranged for us to have several tables to display planes and helicopters. This is a good way to introduce new people to our hobby and interest them in joining our club. Our display space is 10ft x 20ft located in the Base hangar. Members who work at the display will be allowed to park next to the hangar. On Friday, after set up, we will be able to walk around and visit other displays before the weekend crowds so be sure to bring your camera! The Blue Angels will be performing so we will be able to watch them practice. Dave Lavigne is in charge of setting up the staffing schedule for the weekend—if you are interested, please talk to Dave at a meeting or call him at (413) 547-6358. Come help the club, show off your plane, and enjoy a great show!

—Mark



Ron Bretta (and others) admiring Dean Lampron's awesome work-in-progress.

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APRIL 2015

TO:

April/May 2015 Events

BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 2nd at 7 p.m.
at the VFW in Florence, MA

FIELD CLEAN UP
Saturday, April 18 at 9am
at the Flying Field
(Rain Date is Sunday, April 19)

BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, May 7th at 7 p.m.
at the Flying Field
(if you show up at the VFW
for the meeting, have a drink for us.
We'll be at the flying field!

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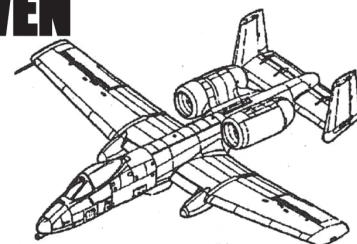
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