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## Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. • Business Meeting, July 2, 2015

### MINUTES:

The business meeting was held at the flying site and chaired by Pres. Mark. He brought the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked for a roll call. Nineteen members reported present which included three of the club officers and a guest, former member Joan Learned. Next, a member motioned to waive the reading of the prior meeting minutes. M/S/P

Treas. Ron Paul was next with his financial report for the month of June with a summary of income and expenses. There were no questions at this time so the report was accepted as read. M/S/P

The secretary mentioned that the club newsletter was out in email form and would be in the mail the next day.

**Old Business**—A member asked when the damage to the field would be fully repaired and, as the question couldn't be answered tonight, Mark said he would find out. Some comments were made that without the ruts being fully repaired then it might be a problem for the upcoming Scale Fly-In. Many comments were heard about this issue and nothing definite will be decided until more information is available.

Mark next had Mike Shaw give the members a recap of the recent Open House event. He explained the need to go over the things that worked and the ones that may need improvement for next year. As he said, attendance was good in the a.m. but slowed in the afternoon. The club most likely gained a few members and with Leo's flight simulator and the table for the kids things went along pretty well. The food service was excellent along with the weather being perfect. One of the suggestions was that the road signs need to catch the eye more quickly so some revisions may be needed. Mike went over the organizations, media outlets, and retailers who were contacted and where the fliers were given out. He thanked all of the members who helped with demo flying, field prep and the special effects. In turn, Mark thanked him for his help in running the event and on such short notice.

**New Business**—Gordie let the members know that the By-Laws Committee is "in recess" for the summer months and will resume their work in the fall. Mark turned the discussion to field mowing, the volunteer sign-up sheet and the need to keep everyone involved aware of what is being done. D. Sherman talked about the need to make the white safety line more visible with suggestions to make it happen. Mark asked for help with the Scale Fly-In (August 22-23) with a work party on Friday a.m. to set up tents, signs, safety barriers, etc. before the folks from NH arrive in the afternoon. Advance work on field prep will take place during the week leading up to the event. Other items covered in this meeting were: a request from a scout troop for HCRC to do a flying/static demo at the Chicopee Sportsman's Club, questions about insurance coverage at flying demos away from our own field, and a specific comment on Tactic radios re the Fail Safe procedure. Mark also mentioned the Dakin Animal Shelter's need for donated pet supplies. Dave Sherman is in charge of the receipt of items.

The secretary received a flier from the John Maggs Electric Fly-In on Aug 1-2 in Scotia- NY. The event is in memory of John Maggs (former HCRC member) and brother-in-law of our own, Ray Hathaway. The 50/50 raffle was won tonight by Lynne Rudié.

Meeting adjourned at dusk. M/S/P

Respectfully submitted,

Gordie Lauder, Secretary, HCRC

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th @ 7 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING at the Flying Field**

**Wings Over Hadley—Scale Fly-In • August 22 & 23**

**WORK PARTY at the field, Friday, August 21, 8:30am until it's all done**

For more information see our web site & facebook page.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 3RD @ 7 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING at the Flying Field**

# HCRC CLUB NEWS

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS DRIVE

I'm trying to get traction for the donation to the Dakin Animal Shelters. This is an organization that does wonderful work for our community and our domestic animal partners. They are always in need of donations for the animals that they care for.

I am hoping that our members will remember Dakin when they are shopping. Toss in a can (or a bag) of cat or dog food. Pick up one of the little pet toys when in one of the dollar stores. I will post Dakin's "Wish List" of the items that they need most. Donations will be made in the name of the Hampshire County Radio Controllers.

## MOWING UPDATE

Often, by this time of year, we are mowing dust on the runway. With all the rain that we have been having this year we have a very lush runway. Which, by the way, always needs mowing. Several people have stepped up and done a great job keeping the grass in check. It really needs to be cut at least twice a week.

On a recent Friday morning I was mowing the pits area, the edge of the road along the runway and the north end of the field when two members showed up to fly. Before starting, they put the benches and safety barriers back in place, and saved me a lot of work. Want to thank them for that.

The more members we have to do the work, the better it will be for all of us. If you haven't yet signed up to mow, you can call or email Pres. Mark to put your name on the list. (413) 569-0202 or marktm442@comcast.net

## FLIGHT LINE UPDATE

A lot of work is being done to spruce up the flight line and pit area. Gordie L has dug up all the pads that we stand on to fly. These had become buried over several years, with the grass and sod growing around them until you could barely find them. Most of the blocks disintegrated. He put new, thicker cement blocks down. Now he is rebuilding the safety barriers that were destroyed by weather and vandals. These have now been completed and look great.

There has been a lot of discussion as to the safety rules: where is the line beyond which you cannot safely fly. The rule is that you cannot taxi into the pits beyond the line of the safety barriers and flight stations. There seems to be confusion about this simple safety rule and some of our new members may not even be aware of it.

There is a plan to print posters showing the safety requirements for flying and taxiing planes. We will bring this up at the August meeting and get try to have it done before the Scale Fly-In.

## SCALE MEET WORK PARTY

The scale fly-in is on Sat. & Sun., August 22 & 23. We hold a work party the day before the meet (Fri. 8/21) to do the set-up of the field and make sure that all is presentable for our guests. If you can make it, please drop by the field any time after 8:30 am. If you can bring a gas-powered weed trimmer and maybe a rake, it would be appreciated. We usually have all the prep work finished before noon. So bring a plane and enjoy a few flights after the work is done.

— Dave S., Ed.

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## CLUB LOGO TEE SHIRTS!

A reminder that Andre is still taking orders for club logo tee shirts. For more info contact Andre at (413) 786-9735 or andre9735@hotmail.com



# WINGS OVER HADLEY

HCRC's ANNUAL TWO DAY SCALE FLY-IN

## August 22nd & 23rd, 2015

Two days of fun and non-competitive flying

### ALL SCALE AIRCRAFT WELCOME

big or small – bring them all! (Sorry, no profiles or jets)

**Work Party Friday (21st) 8:30am until it's done!**

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### HELP WANTED

to prepare the field for the scale meet  
on Friday 8/21 starting at 8:30 am.

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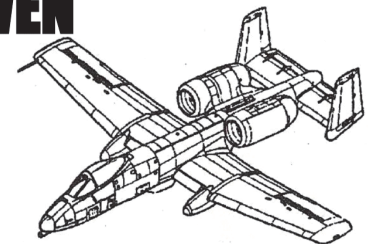
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