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## FIELD CLEAN-UP 2015



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

### MINUTES:

**Pres. Mark chaired** the meeting tonight at the VFW and brought it to order at approx. 7 p.m. He asked for the roll to be called and 26 members reported present indicating a quorum. No guests were present at this time. He requested a motion to waive the reading of the prior meeting minutes. M/S/P

Next, the treasurer, Ron Paul, gave his **financial report** for the prior month with expense and income detail that included a total of dues collected for 2015. The report was approved without comment. M/S/P (Note: for those not attending regular club meetings the report is always available from the treasurer upon request.)

The **By-Laws Committee** chair gave a quick update on the review of the by-laws undertaken by the group: he said that the meeting before the regular business meeting made some headway but further meetings need to be held in another location.

**Old Business and New Business:** Dave Lavigne asked for those wanting to take part in the club static display at The Great New England Air Show (May 16-17) to contact him before May 1st to be included. On Friday (May 15) there is a breakfast planned by the Galaxy Council (tickets can be purchased) and attendees can stay to see aircraft arriving until noon. Guest speaker for the breakfast is Col. Charlie Brown, a former member of HCRC.

The secretary reported on another possible applicant for membership who inquired by email and also answered a question re the Ct. River flood report in the Northampton area. He said the river was in Low Stage and holding steady at 103.11' above sea level.

More discussion on the FAA proposals and rule making concerning the National Air Space (NAS) followed without much change since the last meeting. Club members were encouraged to send letters to their congressmen and to the FAA in support of the AMA's position on this issue while it's still in the public response period. As was mentioned, there are sample letters available on the internet (AMA site: modelaircraft.org) for those wanting "talking points".

D. Lampron, in response to a question about bringing electricity into the field, talked about fund raising as a way of paying the costs to include the benefits of charitable giving and the AMA as other sources of discounts and grants.

Mark discussed the need for help and tools to make the Clean-Up day a success for those able to be at the field on April 18. The treasurer mentioned he has been negotiating with United for the best deal on Sani-Cans and said one would be delivered before the 18th. Mark asked that anyone interested in running the Open House to please contact him or Dave Lampron soon. Also, D. Lampron requested a small group (board members and others) get together at the field before clean-up day to decide on things to be done.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9 p.m. after Ron Paul won the 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordie Lauder, Secretary

## EVENTS—MAY/JUNE

**THURSDAY, MAY 7th @ 7 P.M.**

**BUSINESS MEETING at the Flying Field**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 16 & 17**

**Great New England Air Show at Westover ARB**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4th @ 7 P.M.**

**BUSINESS MEETING at the Flying Field**

**PENDING: SUNDAY, JUNE 7th @ 10AM**

**Open House & Family Day at the Flying Field**

The Open House needs a volunteer to run the event.

**SAVE THE DATE—August 22 & 23**

**Wings Over Hadley—Scale Fly-In**

More info on our web site & facebook page.

## ESTATE SALE

Ed Kopec is helping the family of the late Dominic Goncalves sell a large amount of r/c hobby equipment, including:

6 airplanes; two gliders (ready to fly);

2 Sr. Cadets; a Hog Bipe; 2 field boxes

loaded with tools & accessories; many

new props; boxes of small parts.

Everything must go —  
no reasonable offer will be refused.

**Saturday, May 9 — 9am–3pm**

**5 Glenn Drive, South Hadley**

For questions or more information:

call Ed Kopec at 413/532-7071.



# HCRC CLUB NEWS

## A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE

President Mark has had an idea. We have club members who have been here since the club began. They have seen it all over the years. This is a wealth of knowledge that should be shared with our newer members and anyone who is interested in the hobby.

Mark hopes that some of those members would want to jot down their memories and thoughts about the club and RC modeling in general through their time in the hobby.

We could also accept articles from newer members and those new to the hobby about why they joined the club and what their ideas and thoughts are concerning their participation in the hobby. You don't have to be a Hemmingway to write these articles. We have all kinds of help with the editing.

Give us your thoughts on this. We can run these stories as a regular feature in the newsletter and on the web site.

## IDEAS FOR CLUB CHARITIES

We have been gathering ideas for club charities. Ron Paul won the 50/50 raffle at the April meeting. Ron donated the proceeds to the American Cancer Society in the name of the club. This was a great idea and leads into the idea of charitable giving.

In the past the club has sponsored various drives for local charities. We have collected canned foods for local food banks and have sponsored various other collections.

We hope to coordinate these efforts into a regular organized drive to help our less fortunate neighbors.

Lets get some ideas generated. They can range from food collections at our meetings and events to raffles and drives for targeted charities. We need someone to coordinate these ideas and help lead the events.

Present these ideas at any of our regular meetings.

## REPORT ON FIELD DAMAGE

The culprit has been found out. We received word that the person responsible for the field damage has admitted it and has agreed to fix the damage. At this writing information is still a bit sketchy but it appears to have been a teen-ager joy riding. In a note sent to the club officers the youngster has admitted to the damage and has agreed to repair it.

More information will be presented when it is made available.

In the meantime, some temporary security work was done during the field cleanup to help prevent future occurrences. We will continue our efforts to improve field security. We are always interested in ideas and seeking input from our membership.

## FIELD CLEAN-UP

Our annual field clean-up day was Saturday, April 18. We had a great turnout of members and even a few potential members who haven't been voted in yet showed up to add their support. Several people worked on moving logs from the area around the big shed to the end of the runway where the vandalism occurred. We hope that this will temporarily discourage anyone else from driving onto the runway from Honey Pot Road.

Leo Dube provided his backhoe to help with this work. Dean Lampron showed that he isn't just a master pilot but can also do a mean job with the backhoe. Mark Wasielewski brought his tractor with the brush hog attachment and cut back the brush along the edges of the parking lot and along the edge of the property. Bobby O rolled the runway with the big roller again this year. We want to thank everyone who provided equipment to help with this work.

The covers were installed on the shelters, the sheds were cleaned out and organized. The crew chipped in with garden tools and strong backs to get the field presentable for the opening of the season. Bobby O, Rene S, Ed K and the cooking gang provided the lunch. Our thanks to everyone who participated for making this a success.

## TEE SHIRTS

Keep in mind that Andre is still taking orders for club logo tee shirts. Come to the meeting to place your order or call Andre at (413) 786-9735.

## UPDATE ON THE WEB SITE

For a number of years Mike Scantlen has served as our webmaster. Mike has done a fantastic job and we all owe him big thanks. Mike's business has expanded to the point where he can no longer afford the time to administer our webpage and has announced that he must move on. Again, we want to thank Mike for a job well done.

Pres. Mark has been in contact with the person who handles websites for other model airplane clubs. This person has the experience to handle our website and Mark is in negotiations for him to take over the responsibilities of our website before we lose the domain name that we now enjoy. We will keep the club posted on the progress.

## HCRC FACEBOOK PAGE

Angel Ruiz has set up an HCRC Facebook page. If you have Internet access & a Facebook account, check out this terrific way to communicate with other members and stay informed about club events and other items of interest.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739/>

—Dave S., Ed.

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### REMINDER:

Our next Business Meeting is  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7th @ 7 P.M.**  
at the Flying Field

See page 2 for a full schedule of events.

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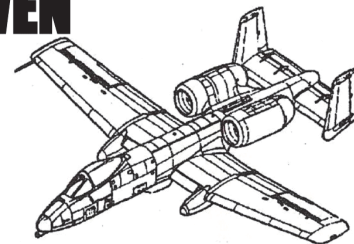
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