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December 27, 2014. A beautiful day for early winter flying.
Don't miss the New Year's Day Fly-In!



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Hampshire County Radio Controllers Business Meeting, December 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Mundie at 7:10 p.m. Attendance was taken and 22 members were present. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived. The treasurer's report was read by Ron Paul and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

A request was made to extend the time the chemical toilet is left at the field, possibly into mid-November. Climate change deniers were opposed.

Gordie complemented the new, improved look of the newsletter.

It was reported that the field has again been vandalized at the south end. Although not as bad as in the past, this is an on-going, annoying and expensive problem. Various remedies were suggested for preventing entry to the field on the right of the gate. With the owners' permission, additional barriers may be placed in this area to accomplish this.

NEW BUSINESS:

The schedule of events for 2015 was announced and is as follows:

- January 1 — New Years Day Fun Fly
 - April 18 — Field Clean-up (Rain date: 4/19)
 - June 7 — Open House
 - August 22 & 23 — Scale Fly-In
 - September 20 — Club Picnic
- The date for the holiday social was not decided.

The Concord (NH) Aeroguidance Society will have their annual auction on Saturday, January 17. This is the club whose members regularly attend our scale meet and it is hoped that many of us will reciprocate by attending their event. Details should be posted elsewhere in the newsletter or contact Dave Lampron for more information.

A long discussion took place regarding the supervision of events. It was noted that a small core of members has, for years, taken on the tasks required to make events successful. We are looking for new people to step forward and take over some of the responsibilities. The picnic did not take place this year, mostly due the lack of someone to supervise it and the fact that the usual people worked hard putting on the open house and scale meet. It was generally decided that if no one volunteers, or is put in charge, to run an event by six to eight weeks before its scheduled date, it will be cancelled. ANYONE can volunteer to run an event! The person does not have to be a club officer.

ELECTIONS:

There were no contested positions. The current president and vice president agreed to serve for another year. The secretary agreed to continue until moving to the west coast. Gordie agreed to take over afterwards.

Dean Lampron and Leo Dube were installed as new members of the board of directors. Bobby O's and Rene S's. terms expired and Andre Bouchard is stepping down. This leaves the board with the desired odd number of members.

A discussion took place regarding the club making charitable donations, particularly at events, both to aid charities and to boost the impression of the club in the eye of the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Wartel, Secretary



JANUARY 8 AT 6:30 P.M. PRESENTATION BY AL CHWALEK

The Galaxy Community Council is a Chicopee, MA civic organization supporting the men, women and mission of the Westover Air Reserve base. The GCC is a co-producer of the Great New England Air Show due this coming spring. Several HCRC members have belonged to this group including Al Chwalek who was recently in Las Vegas contracting for numerous civilian aerobatic performers and warbird display aircraft. Al is going to share some of this experience with us at the January meeting and it should be interesting. Hope all members can attend the meeting.

HCRC CLUB NEWS

OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS were held during the December meeting with the following results:

President: Mark Mundie

Vice President: Dave Lampron

Secretary: Dave Wartel

Treasurer: Ron Paul

Directors: Gordie Lauder, Dave Lavigne,
Leo Dube, Dean Lampron

Ed Kopec: (flight instructor)

Peter Cincotta: (flight instructor)

Dave Sherman: (newsletter editor)

AN INVITATION

OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH, the Concord Aero Guidance Society and Concord Skyhawks will be holding their 14th anniversary auction on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Bow Community Center and fire station, 2 Knox Road, Bow, NH. Doors open at 8 a.m. and auction starts at 10 a.m.

This club attends our Scale Fly-In every year and are big supporters of our event. We hope that some of our club members can reciprocate and attend some of their events.

REMINDER

FOR ALL MEMBERS who have made reservations, our club Christmas party will be held at The Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

If you need more information please contact Ed Kopec at (413) 539-6941

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2015

New Years Day Fun Fly: Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 10 a.m. (weather permitting)

Field Cleanup: Saturday, April 18, 2015
(Rain Date- 4/19)

Open House: Sunday, June 7, 2015

Scale Fly-in: Sat. & Sun. August 22 & 23, 2015

Club Picnic: 2015 Sunday, September 20, 2015

The picnic will take place if we find someone willing to run the event and volunteers willing to staff the event. Remember, nothing happens without participation by the membership.

— Dave S., Ed.

From President Mark

Dec. 4th was our meeting with our annual elections. We have 2 members who were nominated to the Board of Directors—Leo Dube and Dean Lampron. Leo has expertise in electronics and Dean knows a bit about flying RC aircraft. Between the two of them we can look forward to a better club. Also running unchallenged were Dave Lampron as VP, Dave Wartel as secretary, Ron Paul as Treasurer, and me as President.

We gave out two awards for this year. The first was the annual **Broken Prop Award** which was given to Eddie Kopec and Gordie Lauder for their work on the field and for scheduling the mowing and maintenance.

The second award was the HCRC **Builder's Award** which is given to a builder who constructs a plane from a kit, plans or scratch built. Ron Bretta has built an exceptional scale model FW-190 which was finished in a single year. If you see Ron's plane you will understand why he deserves the award.

The last time the Builder's award was presented was 2011. It is an award that we are reviving to encourage more members to begin building again.

Our next business meeting will be the second Thursday in January, the 8th, since the first Thursday is New Year's Day. On New Year's Day, weather permitting, we will hold our annual fly-in. So, if you can, come to the field and start the year off right.

Have a safe and peaceful New Year!
Mark

DUES ARE DUE!

Reminder that dues are now due. Treasurer Ron Paul reports that dues are coming in steadily at this time. If you haven't yet paid your dues please send the membership renewal form and a check to

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Please include your email address. If there are any changes, cancellations or postponements we will try to contact all members by email.

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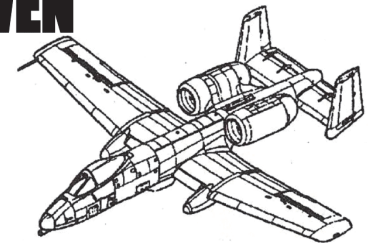
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January/February 2015 Events (Mark your calendars!)

Thursday January 1st at 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Day Fly-In — at the Flying Field

Thursday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. — Note the change in time!
Business Meeting & Guest Speaker — VFW in Florence, MA

Thursday, February 5th at 7 p.m. at the VFW in Florence, MA
Business Meeting & Ron Bretta's award winning FW-190