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### NEW MEMBER SHOWS HIS SKILLS

We voted in a new member at the February meeting; Brian Lessard of Springfield, MA.

Brian brought in a beautiful J3 Cub that he is building. He is doing a great job on this airplane. Brian is seen here with some of the club's master builders. If he needed any advice he came to the right place. HCRC takes pride in being able to give support and guidance to new modelers and anyone who has a question concerning modeling.

**REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE BY THE MARCH 2015 BUSINESS MEETING!**

Please help the Club by keeping your membership up to date.

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## **Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. — Business Meeting, February 5, 2015**

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by president Mark Mundie. The roll was called with 15 members reporting present. One guest and an applicant for membership was Brian Lessard of Springfield. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.(MSP) Treasurer Ron Paul gave his monthly report detailing income and expense items for the month. He commented on the better than average dues returns indicating that about 80% have paid before the due date in March. His report was accepted as read.(MSP)

Under Committee Reports the secretary reported on the newly formed By-Laws Committee consisting of G. Lauder, D. Lavigne, R. Olszewski and D. Sherman. They met for 10 minutes before the regular meeting with the purpose of electing a chairman and to set another meeting date. The chair was chosen, instructions given and a date set to meet again for an hour in March (3/5/15 at 6 p.m.).

### **Old Business**

A question was asked about the need (or not) to change the combination on the lock at the new club gate. It was decided that, at this time, there would be no need for a change as it just recently became operational.

The secretary talked about the club going through the re-chartering process with The Academy of Model Aeronautics . This is an annual questionnaire and club certification for HCRC and its members. Some of the questions from the AMA were about our proximity to the Northampton Airport and the club's relationship with the airport owners. The AMA is working nationwide with all chartered clubs who are located near airports to assist and to help alleviate some of the issues surrounding the new effort by the FAA to control the national airspace. As D. Lampron pointed out, "Our hobby has had an excellent safety record with model flying over many decades". We will now have to wait for the new rules and how they affect HCRC. Members, at this time, got into a discussion of meetings, how the hobby has changed so quickly and how we can possibly benefit or take advantage of the changes taking place.

### **New Business**

The Great New England Air Show (May 16-17) generated a lively discussion with positive interest in HCRC's participation. Ed Kopec and Gordie L. will follow with more information as soon as some of the details are worked out with the show manager at Westover ARB.

Mark had a reminder, to all those interested in helping with the Scale Fly-In (8/22-8/23), to let him or Dave Lampron know as soon as possible.

### **New Member**

Brian Lessard was voted in unanimously tonight and, after the meeting adjourned, he brought in a gorgeous J3 Cub he is building for questions and help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordie Lauder, Secretary

## **A board of director's meeting was held on Sunday, March 1, 2015.**

A fund raising raffle was discussed to help raise funds for the club.

The new FAA rulings were discussed. The AMA has done a great of job advocating for our hobby. More information will be available.

The possibility of spring flooding at the field was discussed and emergency procedures for moving the equipment are being developed.

The field mowing schedule will be organized. Anyone interested in helping to mow should sign up when the plan is finalized.

Preliminary plans are being formed to run the Open House and Scale Fly In. We need food committee helpers, scale meet helpers, and volunteers to help organize and run these events.

We discussed getting members together to visit events at other clubs in the northeast. Other clubs have been attending our events and helping to make them a success. Let's reciprocate.

We are trying to generate ideas and interest in reviving our Christmas parties. Lots of talk about this party, now we need ideas and volunteers.

# HCRC CLUB NEWS

## TEE SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

Andre Bouchard reminds us that tee shirts, sweat shirts and caps with the club logo are still available. He can take orders for these at the monthly meetings or at the field. If we get a sufficient number of orders submitted at one time the price will be less. They come in a number of colors and most sizes. Custom orders are also available.

## AROUND THE FIELD

At the moment of this writing it is 16 degrees out. The thought of flying at our field may be in the distant future. However, like every other year, spring is coming and we will have to begin planning for the work ahead.

Our spring cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 18 (rain date is Sunday the 19th). The more members who show up for this work party, the easier the work goes. Bring rakes, shovels and other garden tools. **Gas powered weed whackers are always in big demand.** The more the merrier. Work starts around 9am. The tasks include raking as much of the parking and meeting areas as possible. Brush is cut and burned. Grass is trimmed around the pit area. The shelters are erected. We paint whatever needs painting. The storage trailers are cleaned and organized.

We need a volunteer to organize the field mowing and we also need volunteers to do the mowing. Gordie did a great job last year and can advise on how to organize this year. Last year the mowing was a great success. We had several members volunteer to work, usually two at a time and the mowing goes very well. We had enough people so nobody had to mow more than three or four times during the entire mowing season which lasted quite a while into the fall. We will provide sign-up sheets at the meetings or you can contact a club officer.

We have a lot of snow in our area and up north. This may be a year of flooding in the valley. As spring approaches we will have to keep that in mind and make preparations for moving the equipment in the sheds if the need arises. This should be planned for now before there is an emergency.

The Great New England Air Show will take place at Westover Air Reserve Base on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 & 17. We plan to have a booth set up both days and will need volunteers to staff it. Plans are in progress.

We have had several very successful years of events and hope to make our events even bigger, better and more exciting. It takes a group effort to do this. We have some new members with new ideas and new skills. Let's all step up and do our part.

—Dave S., Editor

## NOTE FROM PRESIDENT MARK

March 5th will be our meeting where, hopefully, Ron Baretta will be there to accept his trophy for builder of the year for his scale FW109. From what I have been told he has done an amazing job building it.

We should talk about the new FAA ruling that has recently been announced and which supposedly is not meant to affect model aircraft. From what I can tell, drones and possibly r/c planes cannot fly within 5 miles of an airport without notifying the airport operations, cannot go over 500 ft. and must stay in line of sight of the operator. Also, operators must take some kind of written test. I do not know if that is for commercial drone flyers, people buying drones at a hobby shop or Walmart, us, or everyone. While we fly a pattern at our field, I would not like to see a drone be in someone's line of sight out over the houses or flying near the Coolidge bridge to take videos. This will need serious discussion.

The other item that needs to be discussed is that Mike Scantlin is stepping down from being webmaster due to work and other reasons. He has done a really amazing job. Mike has also paid for the site himself. He will be missed. I have talked to another webmaster who runs the websites for a number of clubs and his sites look good. If any member knows someone who can do this task, please talk to a club officer with your ideas.

Please come to the meeting. The more members who get involved the more fun it is.

—Mark

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## THE GREAT NEW ENGLAND AIR SHOW



Talked with Eddie Kopec last night about the airshow on May 16-17. He and Al Chwalek have met and outlined the event for our purposes. He said also that both the Galaxy Council and the Air Force are really enthusiastic about our club's participation. Al has arranged for a space of 10' X 20' to include tables in the main display hanger (it's usually the base hanger) and parking nearby for those signed up to participate. The club and the hobby for many years has benefited from this exposure at Westover and should again. More details will follow but our task now is to find members willing to spend some time on that weekend with or without display aircraft. It's always been fun and rewarding (my opinion) being with folks who have an interest in aviation... you can count on it.

—Gordie

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MARCH 2015

TO:

## March/April 2015 Events

### BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 5th at 7 p.m.  
at the VFW in Florence, MA

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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)

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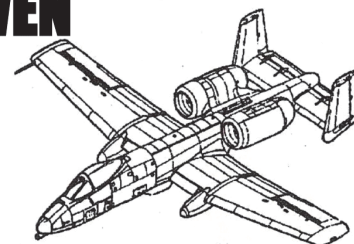
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