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Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. **Business Meeting, September 3, 2015 — MINUTES:**

The last field meeting of the season was called to order by Pres. Mark at 7p.m. who asked for the roll to be called. Sixteen members were reported present including all of the club officers and one guest, Jeff Norcutt of Hadley. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was heard and passed. Next, he had the treasurer give his financial report for the month of August. As there were no questions the report was accepted as read. M/S/P. Additionally, Treas. Ron gave a complete report of income and expense for the Scale Fly-In. Special mention of donations to the Fly-In by a number of members helped to contribute to the overall financial success of the event, he said.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports, however, D. Sherman reviewed what he and Leo discussed regarding the drone situation. Much of the discussion centered on what is known about the Academy rules concerning FPV (First Person View) flying at AMA chartered club flying sites and what has not been ruled upon yet by the AMA and the FAA. The consensus of about twenty minutes of this discussion was that the whole issue will have to be worked out in a special board meeting before the end of the year with new safety/operational rules to be ready for the 2016 flying season.

Old Business: Questions were raised about any changes with the website and the club picnic scheduled for 9/20. The website issue had not been settled and scheduling of the CAP visit by about 35-40 cadets and parents led into the decision to not hold the picnic but to shift resources to the Christmas Social on December 3rd.

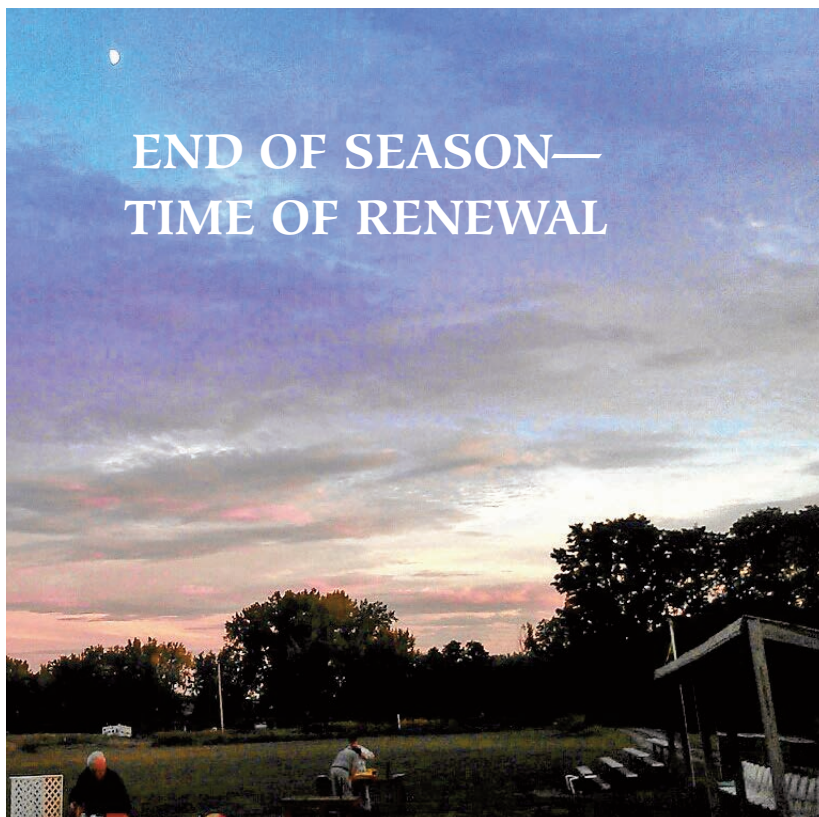
New Business: Andre presented Mike Shaw with his solo wings for successfully and safely piloting a model airplane from take-off to landing. Thunderous applause was heard.

D. Lampron reminded everyone of the upcoming Fly-In at the Wintonbury Flying Club in Wintonbury, CT on the 4th & 5th.

New Members: Two new members were voted in tonight: Jeff Norcutt of Hadley and Brandon Hubble of Sunderland. Both are experienced r/c pilots and were welcomed with warm applause and an affirmative vote.

The meeting was adjourned at dusk.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordie Lauder, Secretary



**END OF SEASON—
TIME OF RENEWAL**

It's sunset on another successful flying season at HCRC. The days are getting shorter. For those who work regular hours, there is little time to get to the field before dark. We no longer have to worry about mowing the runway. Soon, we will call a short work party to put the equipment away.

We will need a new flag pole or try to fix the old one. The mowers will be winterized and the batteries stored for the winter. A lot of moving and storing has to be done.

We did have a great season. We had a huge turnout at the open house. The scale fly-in was very successful. We trained a number of new pilots. Some older members whom we hadn't seen in some time came back to fly. We had visits from some of the young men who grew up with our club and moved on to successful careers in aviation.

Next year the reigns of power must pass to someone new. We need members to step forward with their time, ideas and leadership skills to continue the success of HCRC.

HCRC CLUB NEWS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016

We will be needing candidates for some important positions that will become vacant on the first of January, 2016. President Mark Munde will not be running for office again. Dave Lampron will not be running for Vice President and at least one director's seat will be vacant. It is imperative that we find candidates who are willing to run for these vacant positions. Without these officers the club cannot function.

If you are willing to try your hand, please attend the October meeting and let it be known or contact any of the club officers to submit your name for consideration.

FIRST INDOOR MEETING OF THE FALL

A reminder that the first indoor business meeting of the fall for HCRC will be held Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 7 PM at the VFW in Florence, MA. The next two meetings will be very important because we have to gather candidates for critical club offices. Try to attend and consider running for these open offices.

— Dave S., Ed.

A NOTE FROM DAVE WARTEL:

At the risk of being accused of bragging, HCRC had a good showing at the Central Connecticut Radio Control Club's Big Biplane Bash on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Bill Sitler's Pitts S2 took best of show and my Nieuport 11 took best military plane. Dean Lampron flew both planes and did, of course, a great job.

There was, admittedly, not a lot of competition as most of the planes there were ARF's and the event was not as well attended as in the past. I'd guess that out of the 30 or so planes, only five or six were built from plans or kits.

See you at the field.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Attention all members:

We are trying to bring back our Christmas social this year. It will be held at the December meeting at the Florence VFW at our regularly scheduled time of 7 pm.

I am asking that all members let me know if they are attending and how many people they will be bringing.

I would like a response before the November meeting so that I can get a feel of how many we will need food for.

I am in the process of putting a menu together and I will contact members who are coming so they can bring the food that we need.

The Broken Prop award will be given out at this time also.

We should have music playing and a good time for all. Hope to see you there.

Let me know by email if you are coming or call me.

Thanks. —Ron Paul

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A NOTE FROM GORDIE:

I received a really great email from the parents of Everett Brown outlining their lives since leaving HCRC in 1999. This is another example of how family support and the hobby of model aviation has influenced (my opinion) the future of a young lad who belonged to the club. Just a paragraph from the letter and you will understand: "Everett graduated from Marquette in 2013, with a double major in American Military History and in Philosophy. During the summers he trained with the Marine Corp. in their PLC program. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and was selected for flight school. He is now a 1st Lt. and is in his basic pilot training in Pensacola, Fl." The last sentence was very special. "The HCRC club has had a lasting influence on Everett and me as well! We really have the best memories of our time spent at the field, with all the successes and crashes that go with the sport."

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—OCTOBER & NOVEMBER


THURSDAY, OCT. 1ST @ 7 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING
at the VFW in Florence

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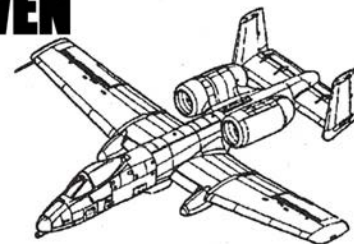
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