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Late winter at the flying field. Surely spring is on the way.

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## **Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. Business Meeting, March 3, 2016**

### **MINUTES:**

The meeting was brought to order tonight by newly elected Pres. Tyler West at 7 p.m. He asked the secretary to call the roll with 23 members reporting present with two guests in attendance.

A motion was heard to waive the reading of the minutes. M/S/P Treasurer Ron gave a detailed report on the clubs finances for the month of February without comment. (Note: any member, not at a meeting, can request to view the reports.) M/S/P

Pres. Tyler mentioned a few items of Old Business, including the Gate Access Code change to take place before the Field Clean-Up on April 16. The change is to be handled by the secretary with an insertion in the April newsletter and a special letter to those receiving the newsletter by email. A question was asked and answered about further efforts to block certain areas around the entrance gate with the work to be done at the Field Clean-Up. Tyler gave the dates for the Clean-Up (Sat. April 16 –(rain date 4/23), the Open House –Sat.June 4 and the Two Day Scale Fly-In on the 20th & 21st of August. He also indicated that he and Mike Shaw were going to apply for Contest Director (CD) status from the Academy of Model Aeronautics. In the interim, Mark Mundie has agreed to use his CD status to insure that application for a contest sanction goes through quickly. Discussed further was the need for interested members to help with the planning/tasking of the various events. Bob O. offered to grill hotdogs & hamburgers for the work party at the Clean-Up usually ending around noon. Mike Shaw wants to set up a meeting on Sat. April 2nd to decide what needs repair/replacement during the clean-up. For the Open House, it was felt the club should use a vendor as we did last year and to search for and use a food vendor for the Scale Fly-In. The discussion then centered on the FAA registration requirement with Ed Kopec warning the members against fake websites that are using the FAA name/logo and charging much more than the \$5 fee. Go directly to the FAA website, he said.

Other items of business discussed were: the need for a coordinator for the Scale Fly-In, someone to handle publicity and, as mentioned, a food vendor. Tyler introduced the idea of an exploratory committee made up of four to five members to explore new technology affecting our hobby (drones for instance) and ways to cope with and regulate in the best interests of our club. This led into a very long discussion with more questions than answers. He then asked for a motion to hold this discussion for a future meeting. M/S/P

Before the close of the meeting Dave Sherman complimented and thanked former Pres. Mark Mundie for his help with club business during the period when he was out of office.

New member, Paul Paschetto from E. Longmeadow was unanimously voted in and returning member, Roy Beals from Williamsburg was quickly signed up as well and then the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gordie Lauder, Secretary

**Here is your new GATE ACCESS CODE for the coming season.  
The change will be effective April 7, 2016 at 9 a.m.**

# HCRC CLUB NEWS

## FIELD CLEANUP

The field cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016. The rain date is the following Saturday, April 23. Bobby O and company have agreed to cook hot dogs and burgers for the work party. We usually assemble at the field around 8 a.m. There are several tasks at hand. We have some serious trash removal to take care of. We have to replace the sun shade tarp over the seats. We are hoping to get a power post-hole digger on site and place security posts at the end of the runway to prevent people from driving onto the field. We hope to cut a lot of our sumac back from the sheds to prevent damage in case of fire. We need the usual supply of rakes and shovels. Extra weed whackers would also be a big plus. If well planned out, this shouldn't take more than the morning.

## INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

We are in serious need of qualified instructors and intro pilots. Our training night is Tuesdays. If you are a good pilot and wish to do some training please check with Ed Kopec. If we have enough instructors it makes it easier on all the other instructors. Andre and Ed spent most of their Tuesday nights and a lot of time on Thursday nights just instructing and not being able to fly their own planes. Let's try to give them a break and lend a hand.

Ed can tell volunteers what will be needed.

We are going to limit training to Tuesday nights if at all possible.

We should also call for a discussion about training requirements and limits. We have had some people show up every Tuesday and Thursday asking for instructions who, at the end of the season, never joined the club. This is not fair to the men who volunteer their time and equipment.

## PROPOSED WORK GROUPS

Pres. Tyler and VP Mike are hoping to gather work groups who want to work on the Open House and the Scale Fly-In. Publicity will be the focus for the Fly-In and somewhat for the Open House. We need people who can brainstorm and come up with ideas.

The actual work parties to run these events will be formed closer to the event dates.

The Open House isn't very labor intensive other than for the instructors. The Scale Fly-In is a lot more labor intensive. Let's not make the same people run the event every year. If at all possible, pitch in and lend a hand. Makes everything go a lot smoother.

## MARK MUNDIE COMES THROUGH AGAIN

We were running out of time to get a contest director for the Scale Fly-In. Mark has been taking care of this task for a number of years. As we didn't have time to get new CD's signed up and trained, once again Mark stepped up to the plate and filled in temporarily. This allowed us to lock up our usual date in August. As soon as the papers come through from AMA, Mark will be relieved of duty.

Thanks again, Mark for all your help and patience.

## GATE ACCESS CODE CHANGE

The gate access code change is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016 by 9 a.m. All club members in good standing will receive the new code as an attachment to this newsletter. A separate mailing will go to all the members who receive the newsletter by email.

There will be a brand new lock with a longer shackle that will be much easier to lock and unlock.

## LAST INDOOR MEETING OF THE WINTER

The April meeting is traditionally the last indoor meeting of the winter season. If you have a project that you have completed or a project still in progress, please bring it to the April business meeting and let us take a look. This is always a fun event if people bring their show-and-tell.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

The website is being updated and improved as we go along.

The email link is now set up so that three of us will receive club emails from the site. Gordie Lauder is the lead in answering any emails that come in. VP Mike Shaw and I will do the posting to the site.

I'm figuring out how to get photos uploaded to the website photo album. We look forward to being able to share member photos soon.

We plan to use the updated site as an active link to our membership. The Facebook page is still operating and can also be used to communicate. (See "Hampshire County Radio Controllers" on Facebook.)

Let us know how you feel about this online presence and how to improve it.

—Dave S., Ed.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH @ 7 P.M.  
**BUSINESS MEETING**  
at the VFW in Florence

SATURDAY APRIL 16TH @ 8 A.M.  
**FIELD CLEAN UP**  
Rain Date April 23rd

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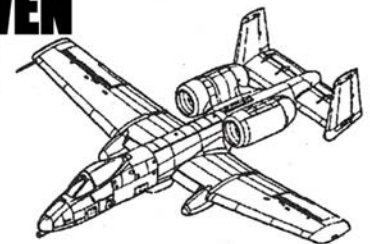
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