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SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING CONCERNING DRONES

The issue of drone flying or the use of First Person View aircraft at the field has been an issue for some time. The AMA and the FAA have been developing rules for the use of these aircraft. This summer the final rules were announced by these organizations.

In the meantime we banned the use of FPV flying at the field until these rules were made clear.

Our club members have been anxious for HCRC to announce the club rules for the use of these aircraft at our specific field.

These rules were discussed at the October 22 special Board of Director's meeting. The final draft of these rules is being published and we plan to present it to the general membership at a business meeting this winter. We will follow the basic outline that has been announced by AMA. We have discussed the rules that will be specific to our own field. We hope that this will facilitate the use of drones at our field and, if followed, will prevent issues with our neighbors on Honeypot Road.

The rights and sensitivities of the land owners, campers and the farmers who work in the adjacent fields must be honored.

Remember, one bad experience with our aircraft could end our flying at the field.

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**DUES ARE DUE!
PLEASE RENEW!**
(see Ron Paul at the meeting)



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 6:30 PM VFW FLORENCE, MA
BUSINESS MEETING/CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 @ 10 AM at the FLYING FIELD
NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY-IN**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 @ 7 PM at the VFW, FLORENCE, MA
BUSINESS MEETING**

HCRC CLUB NEWS



THE CLUB WELCOME SIGN

At the November 5 field work party we planned to take down the club welcome sign at the entrance to the field. We used to take this sign down every fall to protect it. In the past several years we have left it in place and it has weathered.

We believe that we have a professional sign painter lined up to touch up the paint.

Just because the sign will be missing doesn't mean that the field is closed to flying for the winter. We will fly as long as the weather permits. Plus we have the annual New Year's Day Fly-in that has become very popular.

NOVEMBER WORK PARTY

A work party was held on Saturday, November 5 and several members showed up. The machines were winterized and stored for the season. The batteries were removed and Ron Paul will store them at his shop. The sheds were cleaned out and organized. In general, the field was put to bed for the winter.

We still want to take the welcome sign down and get it cleaned up and repainted.

Gordie Lauder discovered that the roof of the large shed was leaking and repaired it.

We want to thank all the members who showed up to work at the work party and thank all the members who help keep the field running and in great shape throughout the year.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

November is the month when we nominate officers for elections in December. So far there is only one opening for Director. This could change if someone decides not to complete his or her term. Any member can be nominated to run for any office or any open Director position.

HCRC T-SHIRTS ETC.

Contact Andre at (413) 786-9735 or see him at a meeting or at the field.



HELP WANTED!

SEEKING NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I want to remind everyone that I am retiring as the newsletter editor as of January 1, 2017. We are seeking someone who would like to take up this challenge.

I will still be available as needed to write articles, help with the newsletter or answer any questions that I can concerning publication.

Dave S., Editor (Retired)



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THURSDAY, DEC. 1ST @ 6:30 P.M.
Business Meeting & Christmas Social
at the VFW in Florence

SUNDAY, JAN. 1ST @ 10 A.M.
NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY-IN
at our Flying Field

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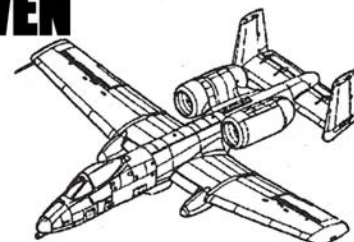
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