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Tyler West presents the winner of the Pilot's Choice Award
to Dick Smith from Bow, New Hampshire

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Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc.
Business Meeting, August 4, 2016

MINUTES:

The meeting was brought to order at 7 p.m. by Pres. Tyler who asked for the role to be called. Twenty-three members reported present with former members David Fogg, Bill & Ron Rakaska and Mark's friend, Erin as guests. The reading of the minutes was waived by a motion (as is customary) (M/S/P) , and then the financial report by Treas. Ron for the month of July was given and accepted by a motion (M/S/P).

Old Business – Tyler had planned to use this meeting to review the progress and details of the upcoming (8/20 -21) Scale Fly-In along with other items of business if needed. He and Mike Shaw discussed what had been agreed on at prior meetings including publicity, food/beverage catering, field preparation, registration issues, announcing/music, raffles/pilot incentives and the final clean-up. Publicity started early in the year with the AMA Sanction request that includes our event appearing in three Model Aviation magazines prior to 8/20 and automatic 100 mile protection from any other similar fly-in from by another AMA club. Five hundred Annual Scale Fly-In flyers were printed and distribution started to many locations throughout the area. Letters were sent to all non-member participants in the 2015 Scale Fly-In and one member offered to contact other AMA clubs in the District 1 (New England) via email to club contacts. Other publicity would include: contact with a local TV station arranged by Ron Bretta and an invitation to the District 1 VP – Andy Argenio. Also, to attract the local community and spectators in general, highway signage will be put out prior to the event in the Hadley area. Under Food/Beverage catering: Mike has arranged for a food truck and an ice-cream vendor to be at the event for the two days. Field preparation will include a work party on the afternoons of 8/18 and 8/19 and a final set-up in the morning of 8/19 with informal flying to start at noon time for those who arrive early. Member, Leo Dube, once again has offered to handle the music and announcing for both days along with the use of his golf cart. Raffles and incentives/giveaways include 50/50 raffles for both days, a Pilots Choice Award for Best of Show to be given on Sunday at noon and a free raffle for the pilots of merchandise donated by the club, club members and many outside sources such as hobby distributors, hobby shops and manufacturers. Most of the rest of this was too detailed to present here so the meeting concluded with a short discussion about FPV's (first person view), and recreational sUAS (model aircraft). Further discussion of this important issue was tabled for another meeting. In closing the meeting a reminder from Dave Sherman: all members must lock the gate, on the way out, if they are the last person at the field, no matter the time of day.

Meeting adjourned in one hour and nine minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordie Lauder, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

THURS, SEPT 1 — BUSINESS MEETING — 7 PM — FLYING FIELD

THURS, OCT 6 — BUSINESS MEETING — 7 PM — VFW, FLORENCE, MA

(This is the first indoor business meeting of the 2016/2017 season)

HCRC CLUB NEWS

WINGS OVER HADLEY SCALE FLY-IN

The 2016 edition of the scale fly-in was held on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21. A lot of effort went into the planning and preparation for the event and everything went about as planned. Members showed up three days ahead of the meet and did a great job in prepping the field.

Some of our distant guests showed up as early as 10 AM on Friday and set up shop in the camping area. This has become a fun event on their annual schedule.

The weather held for both days. Saturday was sunny and quite warm. Conditions were outstanding. Sunday was mostly cloudy and a bit windy but conditions remained excellent.

A number of very nice items were donated for our prizes and raffles. (See the insert to this newsletter for more info.)

The food and ice cream trucks did a steady business from participants and drop-in visitors.

The Pilot's Choice Award for best-of-show was awarded to Dick Smith of Bow, NH for his 1/3 Scale Nieuport 17 crafted from a Balsa USA kit and using a DLE 64 Twin engine and Spectrum Radio. Dick also brought his 1/4 scale Cub, another work of art.

We want to thank all those members who contributed their time, effort and money to make this event a success.

President Tyler West and VP Mike Shaw stepped up to lead the organizing and directing of the event and made it

a great success. Lots of thanks to them. We are already looking forward to Wings Over Hadley 2017.

DRONE DISCUSSION CONTINUED

We will be having a continuing discussion about the use of drones at the field at our monthly meetings. September is the last outdoor meeting of 2016 and the sun somewhat limits the time we have for discussions. The ongoing discussion will be taken up at our indoor meetings beginning in October. We want to make sure that all members are aware that this is to be a continuing topic.

— Dave Sherman, Editor

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Dick Smith's winning 1/3 scale Nieuport 17 from a Balsa USA kit with a DLE 64 twin engine and Spectrum radio

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 1ST @ 7 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING at our Field

THURSDAY, OCT 6TH @ 7 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING
at the VFW in Florence

First indoor business mtg. of the 2016/17 season

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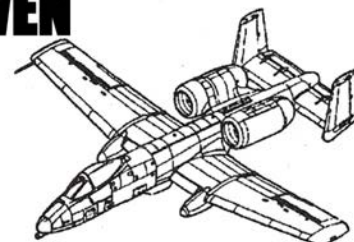
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