



HCRC Flier



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AMA Charter #341



Message from Eddy Kopec:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! so much to everyone who sent me get well soon cards it meant a lot to me and I wanted to say thank you to everyone!

The club encourages all our members to visit the clubs Facebook and check out the latest content, announcements and club events www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739.

The meeting tonight was chaired by Pres. Tyler and brought to order at 7 PM with a call for the attendance to be taken. Thirteen members reported present with one guest, Gus Coelho of Ludlow, introduced as a prospective new member. The secretary gave a reading of the minutes from the prior meeting. As there were no comments or corrections the treasurer then gave his monthly financial report also without comment.

Old Business – Tyler reminded us that our annual election of officers/directors will be at the December meeting and that nominations for open positions will be accepted at that meeting. Nominees so far are: Mike Shaw for Pres., Santiago Mercado for VP and Mark Mundie for the one open director position. (Note: voting would have taken place tonight but for a lack of a quorum.) Tyler encouraged anyone planning to attend the “ Christmas At East Mountain” party to send in their check to Mike Shaw before the RSVP deadline of 12/1. As Leo mentioned - the party last year was a good time for all and the food was excellent. Next, our website was discussed again with a call for interested members to create a working group to seek a new site either from vendors or another source. Several members volunteered at this meeting including Mark Wasielewski who has, on his own, developed a prototype of a new site for the club (hampshirecountyr.com) to consider. Members are encouraged to visit the site that is under construction and to comment. The present site (hampshirecountyr.org) has been shut down as it was not adequate for our needs. Treasurer Ron discussed again the need for a final push on the Calendar Raffle to complete the sale of 100 tickets sold before starting the raffle for 30 consecutive days of drawings. He also said we would order Pizza for the December meeting. Tyler reviewed where we are on the power project: (1) the original vote to move ahead with phase one of grid power still is in effect.(2) Power Committee has met and explained the different power options.(3) A need exists to communicate the options and recommendations to the entire membership for comment. (4) The committee will do a proposal, once again, for discussion at the next meeting.

New Business – Ron reported that winterization of the field and equipment will take place on 10/10 and that the new mower is being repaired by RJ's in Chicopee. An issue about improving the field turf was tabled for another meeting and Ron urged members to get their annual dues payments in early and notices are being sent. Other items/issues discussed included: New Year's Day flying at the field, winter indoor flying in the region, an update on Ed Kopec's condition (he's doing very well), and Santiago presented a program called “Dine for Donations” a program sponsored by Applebee's restaurant that would donate a percentage of a customers check back to an organization (such as ours) that participates. One final discussion was about the newsletter and suggestions that we go to a bi-monthly edition instead of quarterly or, possibly monthly during the winter months, and an email only version that would go out to all members with email addresses. An emailed version is the most cost effective and allows for more pages of news and information was the consensus of opinion. To wrap up a long meeting, Gus Coelho of Ludlow introduced himself as a lifelong mechanic, former pres. of the SPARKS model club, presently working on a turbine powered F9F Panther and wants to get back into flying. He was voted into the club unanimously and to thunderous applause!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Gordie Lauder, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

December 6th: Meeting at VFW in Florence at 7pm/website committee at 6pm(Free food will be provided)

December 15th:Christmas Party: East Mountain Country Club, Westfield (6pm)

January 1st: New Year's Day Fly in (Weather Permitted) 9am

Article written by Ron Paul about Field improvements

HCRC Field Improvements

The flying season may be over but we are working on field improvements for next year. The club has purchased an 18x18 metal carport for our picnic area. The plan is to level out the area next to the small shed and install crushed stone. That should be about a 30x30 square when it's done and then we will construct our carport on that. We should be able to put all picnic tables under it with no problem.

Another improvement is to electrify the field. This has been talked about for years and it needs to be finalized. Getting power will open up many options for us, including some night flying. How cool will that be on a nice calm evening in the summer.

Next up will be to either re-seal the roof on the larger shed or to construct a roof for it. Weather is taking a toll on it and we need some type of repair.

We also talked about a re-seeding project for the field. We need to find the proper type of grass for our field, one with deep roots that needs little water and can be cut short without damage. We should check with several local companies and get some type of estimates to work with.

If anyone can think of other things that need attention then please come to the next meeting and we can discuss it.

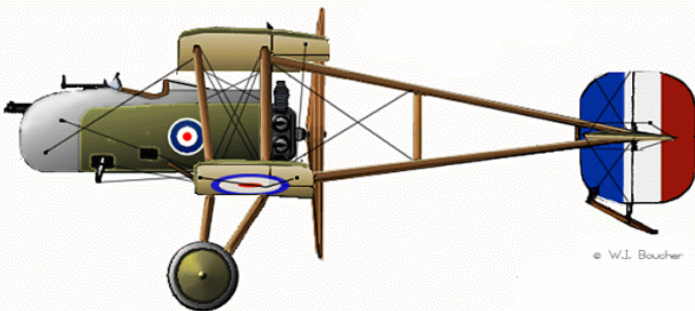
Don't forget the December meeting. We will be serving pizza after the meeting so come and enjoy.

Ron Paul, Treasurer HCRC

Airplane of the month (December):

British Vickers F.B.12

"The pusher layout effectively expired with the D.H.2 and F.E.8 but Vickers produced a rotary engine powered pusher fighter prototype, the F.B.12 in late 1916. Thirty were ordered in November but poor performance and improved tractor types curtailed any further development" *Span:29ft7in Length:21ft10in Engine: Le Rhone, 80hp Max Speed:86mph at 6500ft Ceiling:14,500ft Armament: 1x Lewis Mg*



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