

# HCRC Flyer



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The Summer Club BBQ was held on July 18th to a good turn-out, great weather and delicious food after a one week weather delay. A special thanks to Chef Ron Paul and his wonderful wife for preparing and serving the BBQ chicken, homemade macaroni salad, other sides, drinks and dessert. . There was some great flying before and after. We raised a good amount of food donations that were delivered to The Holy Redeemer Church here in Hadley. Thanks to all that came out.





# A REMINDER FROM



HCRC 2020 P&M Team

There is NO trash facility at the field.

The fire pit and first aid box are not for trash.

You are responsible for cleanup of your area when you are done at the field.

PLEASE take your trash with you and dispose of it.

Keep a couple of shopping bags in your field gear, they work great.

Sometimes it's easy to drop or miss a piece of debris. If you see some trash, even if its not yours, please pick it up.

Lets keep our field looking nice.



Thanks to all.

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Meeting Notes from Thursday, July 2nd, 2020

Quorum Present consisting of 14 Members including 3 Executive Members

Executive Members present: Santiago Mercado, Mike Shaw and Bill Ewers

General Membership present: Alan M. Crawford, Alan R. Crawford, Liam Ewers, Ed Kopeck, Rick Nadeau, Dan Kopinas, Dan Hunt, Bob Prosciak, Tom Tenerowitz, Dave Wartel and Dennis Walker

Club finances for the month of June were reported and approved.

Upcoming schedule is as follows:

7/11/20 - Summer BBQ

8/22/20 & 8/23/20 - Wings Over Hadley Fly-In (**Cancelled**)

9/26/20 - Fall BBQ

10/4/20 - Great New England Electric Festival

10/17/20 - Fall Outdoor Tailgate Swap Meet

3 events have been held this year and two events have been cancelled. The next club event is the Saturday July 11th Chicken Barbecue with a Sunday, July 12th rain date. Ron Paul will be cooking and the club will provide all food and drink for this event. We will hold or cancel future events as seems appropriate at the time of the event. There is a District 1 fun fly on September 26th at NCRCC in Ellington, CT.

Rules Review:

1. No intentional flying behind the flight line (white blocks embedded in the lawn).
2. Please fly from behind the safety barriers.
3. No taxiing in the pits - only between the safety barriers and flight line.
4. Trash - Please remove all trash when you are leaving - airplane debris, pieces of tape, broken cable ties, fasteners and cigarette butts.

New Pavillion Area - Please enjoy the new area that we have added to sit and eat or socialize in.

Tom T. is interested in getting a building group together to build an airplane from a short kit of Tom's own design. This can be build as a nitro or electric plane with shoulder wing and tail dragger configuration and is adaptable to floats and tricycle gear. Please contact Tom at [tjt67@comcast.net](mailto:tjt67@comcast.net) if you are interested.

New member applications from Mike Knuerr and Chris Young were both voted on and into the club.

# A message from Tom Tenerowicz

Tom 3 semi kits available for sale. The kit is to build the plane he talked about in the meeting, This kit will include premade elevators, rudders and pushrods, main landing gear and instructions will be included all for 65\$, 100 percent of all the proceeds will go to the clubs general fund.



# Article Submitted By Ron Paul

## 10 Field & Bench Tips

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With time, experience and lots of trial and error, we RC modelers all learn good way to do accomplish workshop tasks and/or flying field repairs. The simplest things can often make the biggest difference. Be sure to leave comments about your favorite field or bench trick or tip.



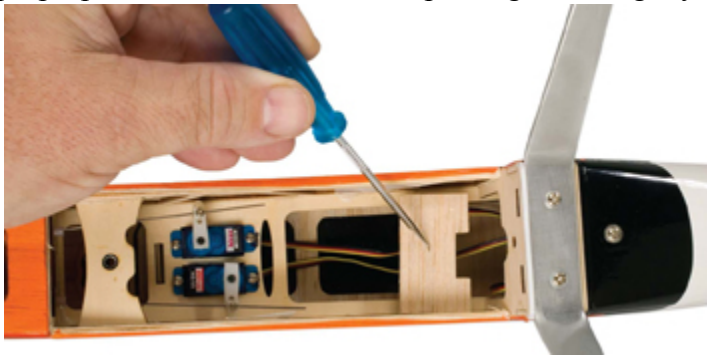
### **1 Charged Battery ID**

If you have a bunch of battery packs you use over and over, knowing which ones are charged and which are not can get confusing. An easy way to identify packs is to place a small ID sticker on the packs after you charge them. Once you've used the pack for a flight, peel the sticker off so you'll know it's in need of a recharge.



## 2 Propeller Safety Tips

To prevent accidents, full-size aircraft are equipped with propellers that have brightly colored tips. Do the same with your model airplane propellers. Mask off the tips and spray on some bright yellow or white to make the prop tips more visible while it's spinning. The finger you save might be your own!



## 3 Small Parts Sticker

When building (or repairing) a model, it is sometimes hard to place a wooden part properly inside a narrow fuselage. An easy way to do this is to use a sharp awl as a "part sticker." Now, simply add glue to the part, stick it with the "part sticker" and guide it into position.



## 4 Emergency Screwdriver

It never fails that whenever you need a specific tool for the job, you'll find that tool anywhere but where you need it. If you find yourself in need of a common, straight-blade screwdriver, you can always take a modeling blade and place it backwards in its handle. The exposed part of the blade can now be used to tighten that screw.



### **5 Throw-away Epoxy Mixing Pad**

While mixing epoxy, use a pad of Post-It notes for the mixing surface. Then after applying the adhesive to the model, simply throw the used note away and you're ready to mix some more adhesive. No clean up required.



### **6 Easy Control Surface Alignment**

When you install and adjust your pushrods, it is better and easier to do if you lock your control surfaces in their neutral positions. Use a pair of coffee mixing sticks and a couple of clamping clothespins to keep the surfaces from moving.



### **7 Easy Clevis Keepers**

If a clevis were to pop off one of your model's control horns, you could lose control and crash. A simple and

cheap way to prevent this from happening is to add a clevis keeper. Simply slice a thin section from some model fuel tubing and slip it over the clevis. It will act like an O-ring and keep the clevis securely in place without binding.



### **8 Handy Clamp**

There are a hundred tasks in modeling during which you simply need a third hand. Soldering connectors to wire leads is a good example. In a pinch, you can use a pair of pliers with its handles wrapped with a rubber band. The pliers are heavy enough to act as a steady base and the rubber band provides enough clamping force to hold delicate items without damaging them.



### **9 Simple Building Board**

You don't need a complete building bench or table to build model airplanes; just use a straight piece of pine board. But to make it easier to insert pins to hold the wood parts in place while the glue dries, get some cheap Peel-n-Stick cork sheeting from a hardware store or a convenience shop and stick them to the building board. Place your plans on top and protect it with some clear kitchen wrap or wax paper. Should the cork get damaged or you get some glue on it, simply peel the cork away and replace it with a new piece.





### 10 Sheet Separator

If you build from plans or kits, you have to cover your model. Often, it is very difficult to separate the covering film from its backing sheet so you can iron it into place. The easiest way to do this is to apply strips of masking tape to each side and use them as pull tabs to separate the two thin layers of plastic.

## *Upcoming Events:*

August 6<sup>th</sup> HCRC Business meeting at the field 7pm

August 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> Fly in **CANCELLED**

## Airplane of the month : The Pregnant Guppy Airplane

With its bloated look and fish-like appearance, it is easy to see how this aircraft got its nickname. Only one Pregnant Guppy was ever built, but it flew for 15 years from 1962 to 1977. It is a very large, wide-bodied cargo plane that was used most frequently by NASA to transport components of the Apollo moon program.

The Pregnant Guppy did a great job of [ferrying](#) many other outsized cargo items, not just those needed to be transported by NASA, and it even inspired other airplanes into existence, most notably the Boeing Dreamlifter and the jet-powered Airbus Beluga airplanes. It was built by Aero Spacelines and had a maximum loaded weight capacity of 141,000 lbs. and a maximum flying speed of 320 MPH.



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