

# HCRC Flyer

April 2021



AMA Charter #341





## HCRC Meeting Notes from Thursday, March 4th, 2021

No Quorum Present. 12 Members including 3 Executive Members present

Executive Members present: Mike Shaw, Dan Kapinos and Bill Ewers

Members present: Mike Booth, Alan Crawford Sr. Leo Dube, Gordie Lauder, Pat Malone, Ed Kopec, Tracy Page, Dave Matles, and Bob Prosciak.

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

Alan Crawford is stepping down as lead flight instructor. We are looking for a volunteer to lead the flight instruction program next year. Alan will be available for guidance.

Mike Shaw has placed the club merchandise order. No additional orders at this time.

The gate code has been changed. Paid up members have received the new code. This is priviledged information and not to be given out to anyone. If you forget the code, please call or email one of the officers and request it.

Spring clean up will be April 17th with a raindate of April 18th. All mowing team members should be there for training in using the new mower and issuing keys to the shed.

The project and maintenance team is looking for volunteers. The major push this year is to get 10 mowing volunteers and to paint everything behind the flightline.

Club Website: We are looking for a new webmaster to maintain the website. club communications will be through the the facebook page until a new webmaster has been found. Edit: Mark Wasielewski will be staying on as our club Webmaster.

Hog Heaven Hobbies is having a sale March 12 - 21.

The field sign has been painted for this year but may need replacement in the next few years.

Upcoming schedule is as follows:

1/01	New Years Fly-In
<del>2/20</del>	<del>Winter Indoor Swap Meet</del> - Cancelled
4/17	Spring Field Clean Up
5/1	May Day Outdoor Swap Meet / Fly-In / Open House
6/19	Summer Club BBQ
8/21-22	Two Day "Wings Over Hadley" Fly-In
9/11	Fall Club BBQ
9/25	Fall Outdoor Tailgate Swap Meet
10/3	All Electric Fly-In

Safety Review:

No safety items discussed this month.

New Member Applications:

No new members applied/were voted into the club



# Spring Cleanup

Spring cleanup at the field is scheduled for April 17 (rain date 4/18). Please come out and help us get set up for another season of great flying. Starting time 9:30 am. Tools will be provided. Bring gloves and personal PPE.

There will be a brief meeting for the mowing team around 11 am. Team members should make every effort to attend.

Clean out fire pit. Cut up big branch and stack wood in the pile near the pit. Prep all tables for paint. (light cleaning). Paint, paint, paint. All the tables until paint is used up. Paint runway markers. Paint runway safety line. Clean the BBQ grill. Put up large canopy. Put out first aid kit, xmitter impound pins, flag on pole. Put up club sign. General cleanup of sticks, leaves, etc. Wash spectator seats. Assist with brush cleanup.

# The Safety Zone

by Dan

Kapinos

Welcome to the Safety Zone. A monthly brief discussing safe operations of our aircraft. With the purpose of keeping safety in our thoughts while at the field. Each month during the flying season, there will be a safety tip. Or something safety related to our hobby. If anyone has a topic they would like to see here, please let me know.

This month lets review the club safety rules. I think its a good way to start the season.

1. Models must be started facing the runway.
2. Models should be held by an assistant or restrained mechanically when being started.
3. Pilots should have a spotter / caller when they are flying. All FPV (First Person View) Pilots must have a spotter to maintain a line of sight view of the aircraft.
4. Models will not be taxied through the pit areas.
5. Take-off and landing must be made on North / South runways, never across the runway.
6. All model aircraft flying in a standard flight pattern shall have the right-of-way.

7. Flyers will ensure that their models yield the right-of-way to full scale aircraft, and that the models altitude will remain well below the full scale aircraft.
8. Additionally, HCRC has an FAA imposed 400' maximum altitude flight restriction at all times.
9. All flight operations will stop when: (A) During an electrical storm, and (B) Persons are working in the two farm fields immediately East of and parallel to the runway.
10. Children will be permitted in the pit area only when under the direct supervision of an adult.
11. Deliberate flying behind the White Safety Line is prohibited.
12. Flying at high rates of speed directly at the spectator / pit area is prohibited.





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# May Day

**Come for the Swap Meet**

**Stay for the Fly-In**

When: Saturday May 1st 2021

Rain date Sunday May 2nd

Where: at Our Club Field

26 Honey Pot Road, Hadley, Massachusetts

## **Outdoor RC Tailgate Swap Meet** 9AM to 1PM

All clubs, members and guests are welcome

**SELLERS \$10 per car load - BUYERS enter for FREE**

Limited number of rental tables available \$10.00/table - First Come - First Serve

## **Non-Competition Fly-In** 9AM to 3PM

All Fixed Wing Models Welcome Including

Minis, Micros, Rotary & Drones

Gas turbines not ideal for our grass field

**NO AMA Sanction - Current AMA Required - 1500' Grass Runway**

**All Clubs, Members and Guests Welcome**

**NO Landing Fee**

## **Open House** 12PM to 3PM

**SPECTATORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Social Distancing to be enforced. Face coverings required within 10' of other people**

**Please bring one item of nonperishable human or pet food to donate to local charities**

Food & Drink available for sale

For More Information & Rain Delay Announcements Visit

Our Club Web Site at [www.hampshirecountyrc.org](http://www.hampshirecountyrc.org) or

Our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739/)

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## Upcoming Events:

- April business Meeting 4/1 7:00pm at the Florence VFW
- Spring Field Clean up 4/17 (Rain date 4/18) at the club field
- May Day Outdoor RC Swap Meet/Fly-In/Open House 5/1 (Rain date 5/2) at the club field
- May business Meeting 5/1 7:00pm at the club field.

## Airplane of the month : McDonnell Douglas/Boeing C-17 Globemaster III

The **McDonnell Douglas/Boeing C-17 Globemaster III** is a large [military transport aircraft](#) that was developed for the [United States Air Force](#) (USAF) from the 1980s to the early 1990s by [McDonnell Douglas](#). The C-17 carries forward the name of two previous piston-engined military cargo aircraft, the [Douglas C-74 Globemaster](#) and the [Douglas C-124 Globemaster II](#). The C-17 commonly performs tactical and [strategic airlift](#) missions, transporting troops and cargo throughout the world; additional roles include [medical evacuation](#) and [airdrop](#) duties. It was designed to replace the [Lockheed C-141 Starlifter](#), and also fulfill some of the duties of the [Lockheed C-5 Galaxy](#), freeing the C-5 fleet for [outsized cargo](#).

[Boeing](#), which merged with McDonnell Douglas in 1997, continued to manufacture C-17 aircraft after the merger. The transport is in service with the U.S. Air Force along with air arms of [India](#), [United Kingdom](#), [Australia](#), [Canada](#), [Qatar](#), [United Arab Emirates](#), [NATO Heavy Airlift Wing](#), and [Kuwait](#). The final C-17 was completed at the [Long Beach, California](#) plant and flown on 29 November 2015.



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