

HCRC Flyer

August 2021



AMA Charter #341



A model of a B25 Mitchell on display next to a real B25 in the New England Air Museum. This particular model was built by our very own Gordie Lauder. This flying model is a scale replica of the North American B-25 "Mitchell" Bomber flown from the aircraft carrier Hornet on the daring raid over Tokyo, Japan in April 1942. Sixteen of the raiders were led on this historic mission by Lt. Colonel James H. Doolittle who was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



HCRC Meeting Notes from Thursday, July 8th, 2021

No Quorum Present. 6 Members including 3 Executive Members present

Executive Members present: Ron Paul, Dan Kapinos and Bill Ewers

Members present: Pat Malone, Mike Booth, and John Uribe.

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

The club barbeque went well. Multiple members attended and flew before and after having lunch.

There is a concern that the canopy will hold rain. If you see puddles on the canopy, please drain them.

Mowing days are posted on the facebook page. Please check the page prior to heading to the field. If mowing is taking place, please be patient while the mowing is completed. It should be less than an hour to mow the field. Please charge batteries or go out for coffee if the field is being worked on.

The field is looking good and it is important that everyone continue to remove their trash when they leave the field. Please also consider packing out any other trash that might be loose on the field.

The gate was recently discovered open by the first club member to arrive in the morning. Please remember to lock the gate if you are the last one out.

Please consider volunteering for our Wings Over Hadley Fly-In. We need multiple volunteers both days to help make our event a success. Please remember that you do not have to volunteer for the full day. Please consider working a shift and then flying or vice versa.

Thanks to Area VP Andy Argenio for writing up our recent swap meet and open house. Andy's article in the AMA magazine. Please have a look at his article.

It is with a heavy heart that I communicate the passing of past club president Fran Mitchell. Fran was a club member from the 60's and was instrumental in moving our club from a control line club operating out of Look Park to a Radio Control club operating out of our current field. Fran was also a speed record holder with a 240+ mph flight set in the late 60's.

Our upcoming event schedule:

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

New Member Applications:

John Maher was voted into the club.

Our Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that I related the passing of a former president of our club. Fran Mitchell passed away this month (July) . His obituary is below.



Francis Theodore Mitchell, 84, of Westfield passed away on July 6, 2021. Son of the late Raymond T. Mitchell and Agnes (Killips) Mitchell, with grandparents Theodore and Blanche (Nana) Mitchell. A 1955 graduate of Westfield High School he served in the U.S. Airforce until 1962 as a jet engine mechanic. He was a lifetime affiliate of the Academy of Model Aeronautics who recognized him for his 70 years of contributions as a model airplane enthusiast, having competed at the local and national level with great success and widely recognized for his craftsmanship and innovations that advanced this sport. Francis also served as President and in other various capacities of the Hampshire County Radio Controllers (H.C.R.C.) having both competed in and organized events for more than 50 years. He was also a longtime member of the

Westfield Sportsman Club where he held several offices and was a Range Officer. He is well known for his marksmanship and gunsmithing craftsmanship, and as with model airplanes, his willingness to help and teach anyone who had an interest. Francis leaves his loving wife of 63 years, Barbara Jean and his children, Raymond T. Mitchell and his sons Derek and Brett, Robert J. Mitchell and Richard A. Mitchell and his wife Carrie of Southington, CT and their 3 children, Talia, John and his wife Kelly, and Alexa. He is survived by his sister Sandra Matyseck, predeceased by her husband Robert Matyseck, and their children Robert, William and Patricia; Sister-in-law Joan Learned, her son Kevin and predeceased son Kenneth; Elizabeth Ann Janek and her husband Robert; Predeceased by his brother-in-law William M. Brown and his wife Marcia, with children Michael and

Jennifer. He also leaves many nieces and nephews and their families. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, MA.



Hampshire County Radio Controllers
Invite you to attend our

WINGS OVER HADLEY

HCRC's ANNUAL TWO-DAY FLY-IN

A Non-Competitive Event

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

August 21st & 22nd 2021 9AM to 4PM

26 Honey Pot Road, Hadley, Massachusetts

All Fixed Wing Models Welcome

Minis, Micros, Rotary & Drones Welcome After 2PM

Gas turbines not ideal for our grass field

AMA Sanctioned - Current AMA Required

1500' Grass Runway

All Clubs, Members and Guests Welcome

Landing Fee \$10 per Pilot per day

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

Awards - Pilot's Raffle - 50/50 Raffle

Primitive Weekend Camping & RV Parking
at the field - No Hookups

For More Information Visit our club web site or Facebook Page

<http://www.hampshirecountyrc.org>

www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739/

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SPECTATORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



Upcoming Events:

- August Business Meeting 8/5 7:00pm at the field(COME EARLY FOR HOT DOGS)
- Wings Over Hadley 8/21 & 8/22

OUTSIDE CLUB EVENTS

- Nall in the Fall: October 2nd- 9th Triple Tree Aerodrome, Woodruff, SC
- NCRCC Pylon Racing 8/7 /8/8

Airplane of the month: Handley Page Victor



The **Handley Page Victor** is a British [jet-powered strategic bomber](#) developed and produced by [Handley Page](#) during the [Cold War](#). It was the third and final [V bomber](#) to be operated by the [Royal Air Force](#) (RAF), the other two being the [Avro Vulcan](#) and the [Vickers Valiant](#). Entering service in 1958, the Victor was initially developed as part of the United Kingdom's airborne [nuclear deterrent](#), but it was retired from the nuclear mission in 1968, following the discovery of [fatigue cracks](#) which had been exacerbated by the RAF's adoption of a low-altitude flight profile to avoid [interception](#), and due to the pending introduction of the Royal Navy's submarine-launched [Polaris missiles](#) in 1969.

With the nuclear deterrent mission relinquished to the Royal Navy a large V-bomber fleet could not be justified. A number of Victors were modified for strategic reconnaissance, using a combination of [radar](#), cameras, and other sensors. Prior to the introduction of Polaris, some had already been converted into [tankers](#) to replace Valiants; further conversions to tankers followed and some of these re-purposed Victors refuelled Vulcan bombers during the [Black Buck raids](#) of the [Falklands War](#).

Due to its technological sophistication and superior capabilities, the Victor was the last of the V-bombers to be retired from service on 15 October 1993, following the earlier retirement of the Valiants in 1965 and Vulcans in 1984. In its refueling role the Victor was replaced by the [Vickers VC10](#) and the [Lockheed Tristar](#).

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