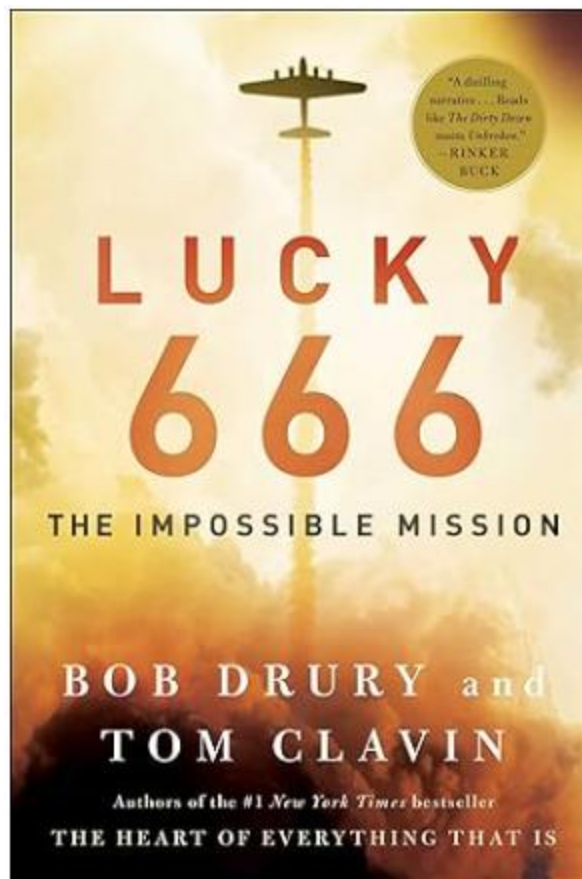


HCRRC Flyer

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Editor's note: Winter reading is a way to survive the darkness and what better way than to read about flying! If you like interesting historical aviation reading, give this book a try. Here's a short on what it's about. "Captain Jay Zeamer and the bombardier Sergeant Joseph Raymond Sarnoski, whose swashbuckling reputations precede them. Zeamer, who cannot convince his superiors to give him his own plane, teams up with Sarnoski to recruit a crew of fellow misfits to rebuild a dilapidated B-17 bomber from spare parts in the base's junkyard. They christen the plane Old 666, naming it from its tail identification numbers. In June 1943, Zeamer and Sarnoski and their crew volunteer for a 1200-mile suicide mission into the heart of the Japanese Empire that may well change the course of the war—but which only one of the two friends will survive." (I have a copy if anyone wants to borrow it!)



From the President's desk.....

Hello All,
Just a quick few words.....

New Flying Season

The new flying season right on our doorstep. It wouldn't surprise me to hear that some of you have already been out flying. We have scheduled our Spring Field Clean Up Party for April 19 starting at 10AM with a rain date of 4/26. This season we have some improvements planned for our existing runway layout. We are planning to shift the flight stations to in front of the large storage shed to shift things to the South and improve the turn on Final in the North end and we also plan to increase the landing roll out to the south towards the parking area. As well as finishing moving the remaining tree debris out of the parking area. These types of things and the regular to-do items will need to be accomplished. As usual it goes easier with more hands. The turn out the last few times has been a little disappointing. So don't leave for others to do. Stop out to help. It's only a couple of hours and then fly afterwards. Thanks.

Mowing Crew

With the new flying season comes the need for a mowing crew. Our new VP Pat Malone will be coordinating these efforts this season. Please contact Pat to volunteer to be on the crew. His contact info is on the back of this newsletter. This task is easier than ever with our reduced area that needs up keep.

Property Fundraisers

For those of you keeping score at home on the progress of the property purchase fundraisers, we are halfway to our \$90K goal to buy the 5 acres adjoining our property to the West. Several members have responded to my request to buy a certificate or two every month or so to spread out the financial hit instead of waiting to the end to try and buy many for one lump sum. As of this writing we have sold 70 certificates for \$7000 and the GoFundMe campaign still continues to grow. We are also finalizing the sale of the club property across Honey Pot Road to add to the pot. But there is still a long way to go before the end of the year gets here. Please continue to help out so we can keep chipping away. If you haven't shared our GFM fundraiser link with your family, friends, coworkers and your social media places lately please do so again. This is the GFM link <https://gofund.me/cefd5663>. We're getting there. Keep helping!! The big carrot here is the club owning all of its own property for once. A comfortable size lot like we used to enjoy. Help us make this happen!!

That's it for now. I will continue to keep you updated as new developments occur.

And as always, *I'll see you out there!*

Mike

HCRC Meeting Notes for the March 6th, 2025 HCRC Business Meeting Notes



No Quorum Present – 11 Members including 3 Executive Members present: Mike Shaw, Bill Ewers, Gus Coelho, Bob Prosciak, Shawn Kelsey, Lou Enselek, Dennis Walker, Mark Wasilewski, David Whitely, Rick Thibault and Karl Hathaway.

Reading of the minutes from the previous month was waived. Club finances for the month of February were reported and approved.

Pat is continuing to negotiate the sale of the land parcel across the street. We have a verbal agreement with Dennis P. to purchase the land.

The Spring Clean Up Party will be held on Saturday, April 19th. Rain date will be Saturday, April 26th.

We are working on fundraising to support the land purchase:

1. Go Fund Me – Now live! We ask everyone to alert their family and friends and ask them to donate! Mike sent out an email asking everyone to do this. Please feel free to copy and paste the email that he sent in your emails to your friends and family.
2. Selling Land Shares – We are now selling land shares. Please consider purchasing land shares to support this club initiative. Each share is a \$100 commitment and has a 5-year maturity period.

When the club savings and selling of the land across the street are accounted for, we are halfway to our goal. There was \$2200 in land shares purchased in the last month! Please consider purchasing land shares to help us get to our goal. If everybody purchases a share each month we will be in a good position to make this land purchase.

We are asking that everyone purchase a share each month to help fund the land purchase. Please either come to the meetings or mail in your contributions.

Flying News & Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **04/03** Business Meeting at the VFW in Florence, MA 7pm
- **04/19** (rain date 4/26) Spring Cleanup Party 10am. Flying time starts after work completed
- **05/01** Business Meeting at the VFW in Florence, MA 7pm
- **05/11** Flea Market Swap Meet – hosted by FCRC, Turners Falls, MA at the club field



*"It's a bird."
"It's a plane."*

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ATTENTION ALL HCRC CLUB MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

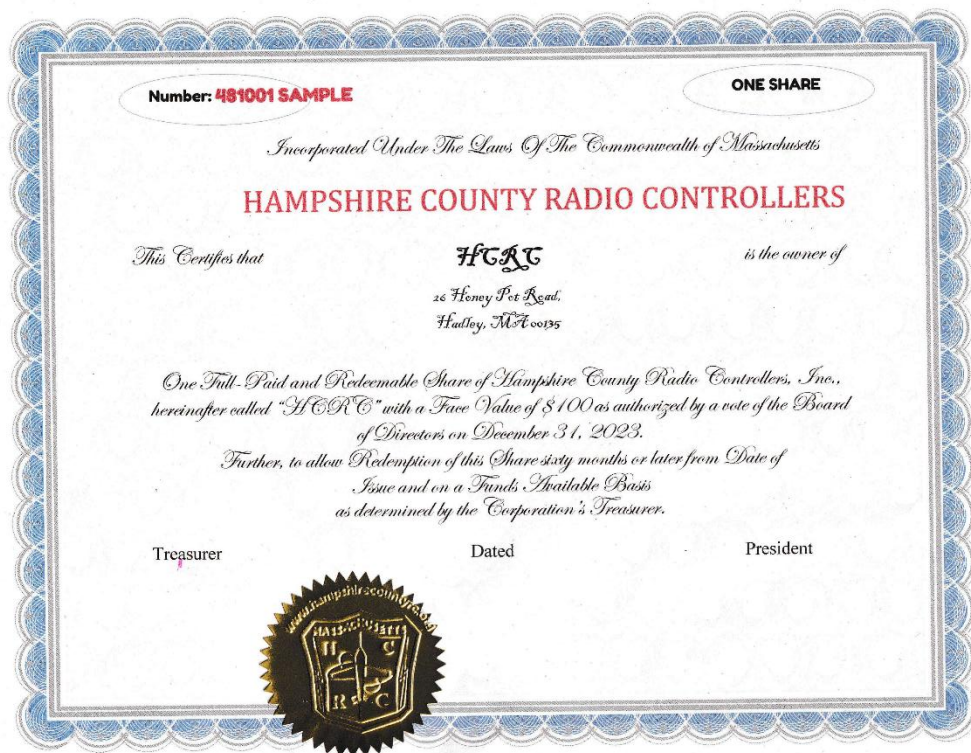
SHARES CERTIFICATE FUNDRAISER PROGRAM

Hello all,

Your club has now opened a shares certificate buying program to raise funds to purchase 5 acres of property next door to our old home on the opposite side of our 2.1 acre (70' strip) on Honey Pot Road. We only have two short years (01/01/2026) to raise the funds needed to purchase this property. These certificates are valued at \$100 per share. They will mature in 60 months to be able to be redeemed at face value on a funds available basis. Please purchase as many as you can reasonably afford. You can acquire these certificates one of two ways. Either bring cash or a check made out to HCRC to a business meeting and hand it to our Treasurer Gus Coelho or mail your check to Gus at 141 Holy Cross Circle, Ludlow, MA. 01056. Your certificate will be available by the next club business meeting or will be mailed out to you. All donations for the property purchase are being deposited into a dedicated bank account in the club's name and will be returned to the donor if the land purchase is unsuccessful. I thank you in advance for supporting this important funding program that will allow our club to continue well into the future.

Thank You,

Management



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GOFUNDME FUNDRAISER PROGRAM

Hello all,

Your club has a secondary fundraising program in place for anyone that may wish to donate to our cause. It is through *GofundMe.com*. The link to our fundraiser page is below. This program is very important to supplement our in-house Shares Program.

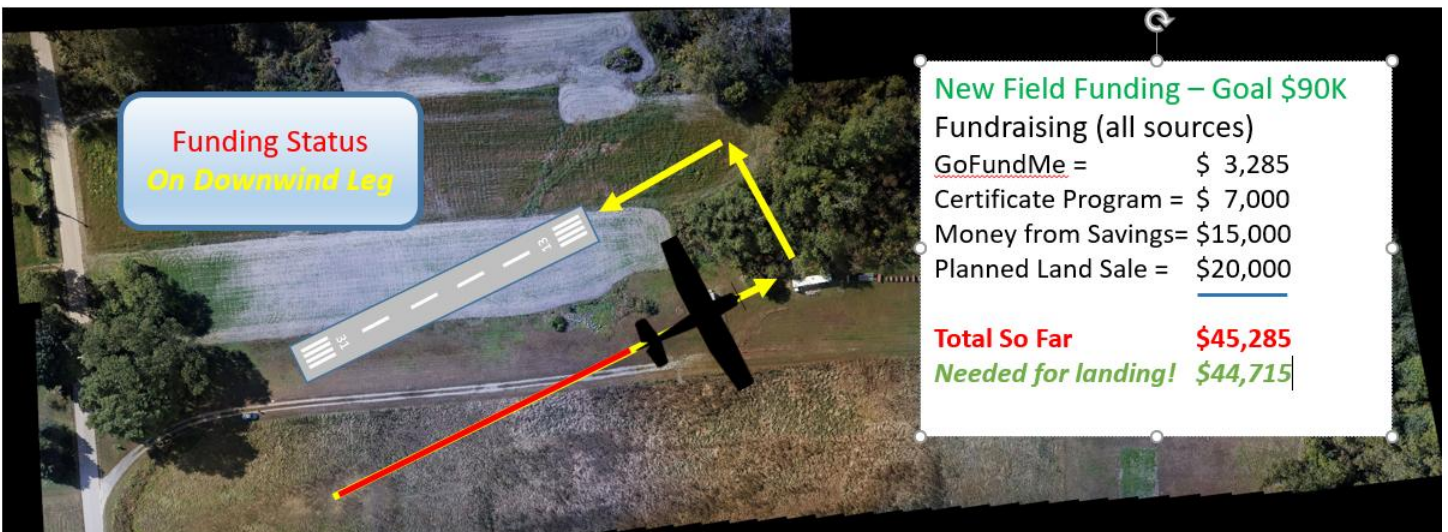
SHARING: This GFM program will only be successful by sharing the link below with everyone you know and some that you don't.

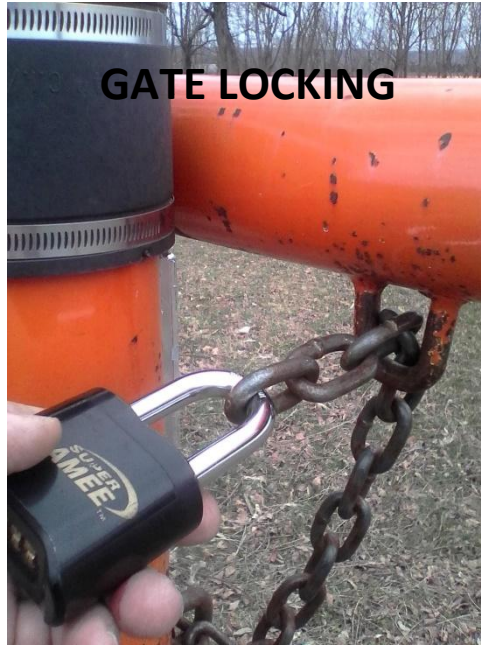
Please email this link to any and all people in your phone contact list: friends, family, coworkers, everyone. These are *your* people and will be the ones most interested in helping you/us. You can also text it to anyone you don't have an email address for. Also, share this link with any business and organization. You may have to do this a few times over a period of time to get people/organizations that meant to donate but may have let it "slip through the cracks" the first time. Friends and/or family members may come up to you and hand you cash to donate on their behalf. You can transfer these funds into the fundraiser as an "anonymous" donator as well. Another easy way to share this link is on your personal social media page, if you have one. After you post it, leave yourself a reminder to re-share it to yourself every 2-4 weeks and it will go back to the top of your timeline for all your peeps to see.

Donations have already started to come in but this program will only be truly successful and meet our goal with all of our help to promote it. All donations for the property purchase are being deposited into a dedicated bank account in the club's name and will be returned to the donor if the land purchase is unsuccessful.

Thank You,
Management

<https://gofund.me/7b63150f>





The picture above shows the proper method of securing the gate. The Hannigans are using this gate to access their property as well. They have the combination to let themselves in. Also, be aware that they drive to the north end of their property by passing right behind the far side of our runway. Be extra cautious when you're flying and this happens. Last one out lock up if they are not there.



Editor's note: I was so impressed by this guy's workshop! This article is from the online blog <https://www.giantscalenews.com/threads/workshop-tips-for-better-building.9282/>

For several years now I have been highlighting my projects and workshop builds online to share some of my building tips and Techniques I use. In the long view, I have always thought that learning how to fly RC planes was a lot harder than the actual building of the planes, even when kit-building. MAN readers are always asking what is needed to produce the airplanes so I've highlighted some of the basics here. So, let's take a look backstage to see what I use in my hobby workshop.

A workshop is what you make it. From a basic table to custom built-in cabinets and shelves, you want a special place to work on your planes.

If you have a spare room, or an unused garage bay, you have the space, and an old table is all you really need for a workbench. Take the time and with practice, your building skills will improve with each airplane you build. Like anything else, learning what's involved is the first step and becoming an experienced modeler is really just applying new techniques that you've already learned. Start with a simple plane and in no time you'll become get the hang of it.

Here are some of the basics I have picked up along the way.



Building Boards

I do not build directly on my workbench. I use a building board with a cork top surface. It is called a Wright Building Board. You can also use a piece of 2-inch foam insulation foam board or even a ceiling tile. These surfaces make pushing modeling pins into the parts to hold them on place ease. The important thing is to keep your building surface flat and straight. My WrightFlyer building board is made from particle board under the 1/2 inch cork top with aluminum angle pieces under it to keep it straight. It is about 48 inches long by 20 inches wide.

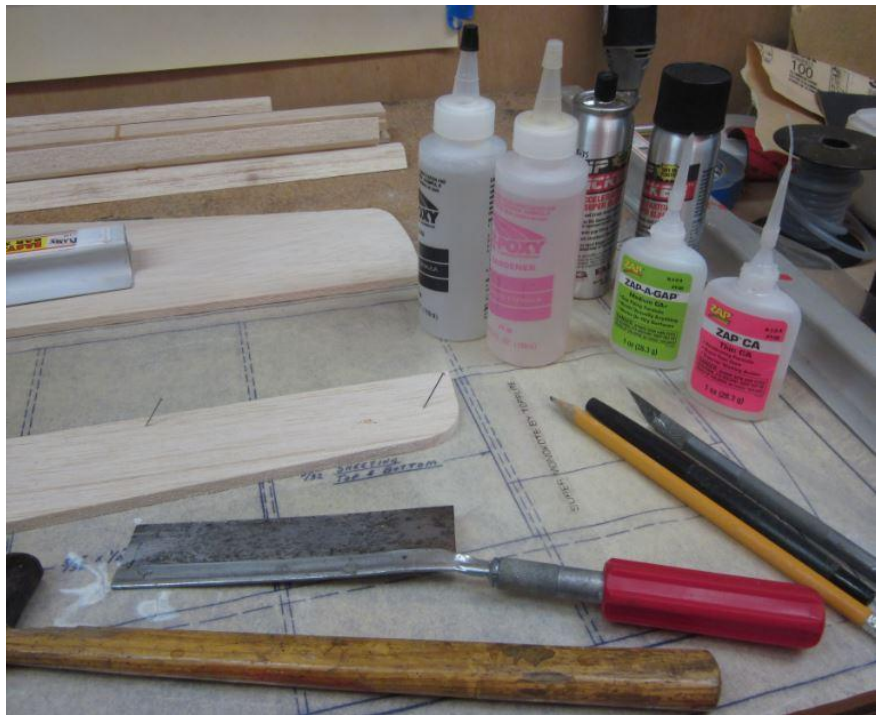
I used a raised cork covered building board for most of my building. It is much straighter and level than my workbench so makes straighter models.

If you use insulation foam boards you can spray it lightly with some 3M spray adhesive to affix it to the top of your workbench and keep it straight. Just use a little bit so when it get worn out and needs to be replaced, you can pop it up with a long knife or a saw blade.

Also, don't actually cut things on the building surface. I built my workbench so it was about 8 to 10 inches wider so there is a wood surface to use as a cutting and work surface. Keep the building board clean and neat and it will last a long time.

Plans protection

OK the plans should be flattened out and placed on the building board. I cut the plans apart into sections so only the part of the plans I need is used and I tape it in place. (You can also use a craft glue stick for this.) I then protect the plans from the glue with either some clear "Plans Protector" from Great Planes (less than \$10 for 25 feet.) You can also use clear MonoKote or even the clear backing sheet from regular Monokote covering material. The Plans Protector by far works the best even with thin CA glues. Using the Plans Protector also cuts down on the sanding of parts. The adhesive will smooth out and there's no paper glued to the parts that has to be removed for a smooth covering job later on.



A common problem with all modelers, no matter how neat you might think you are is "hangar rash". Dents, cuts and dings caused by placing wood parts and structures on top of hard things like pins, screws, nuts etc. So what I try to do (and believe me, this is by no means easy,) is to clean up scrap and waste from work secessions right when I complete them. It is a bit much to do this after every single task, but when you call it quits for the evening, stop and clean up everything. Put the tools away and sweep up the dust and chips. If you don't do this, the amount of time needed to "fix" hangar rash is always greater than the cleanup effort.



use a glue caddy to prevent spills on your workbench.

Stay organized

Finally, divide your building sessions so you have only the parts and tools you need for the task at hand. If you are building the wing, no need to have formers or fuselage sides and engine mounts on the bench getting in the way. I also like this approach as it gives you that accomplishment feeling quicker.

Organize all your hardware to make them easy to find. This saves building time and prevents hangar rash. RTL Fasteners (www.rtlfasteners.com) have lots of excellent hardware and handy organizer boxes.

I look at any model project as a series of smaller, minor assembly tasks or mini projects. This keeps the motivation up and you don't get dragged down by thinking you have 75 or 80 percent of the plane to finish. I take 10 percent of the whole and finish it before moving onto the next 10 or 15 percent of the whole. It works for me anyway.



I could not live without my roll-away tool boxes. Keeping tools safe and handy is protecting your investment and helps save time.



Another good thing to do if you have the room is to have utility benches or tables where you have larger tools like sanders, drill presses or bandsaws located. This keeps your immediate work area cleaner and less crowded.

Whenever using power tools like this 14 inch bandsaw, always provide plenty of light so you can see what you are doing.

A drill press should be in every workshop. Add a machine vise to hold your parts and you can increase your precision 5 fold.



The biggest dust maker is the belt sander. I keep it away from the model workshop and have it in my garage. Always use a shop vac to collect the fine dust



It is true that you can build any model with just hand tools but for me, the investment in basic power tools is a good thing because they speed work and increase accuracy. Plus, you can use them for non-hobby related tasks as well.

Nothing beats a good bench vice for holding parts while your work on them. This small vise has a clamp mount so it is portable and can slip over the edge of a table or workbench.

Finally, start with the more simple tasks and then work up to the bigger more involved ones and before you know it, your model will be built and ready to cover and finish... But that's another article.





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