

# HCRC Flyer



AMA Charter #341

DECEMBER 2025



Shown above are some of the UMASS Aeronautics Team members. They gave a comprehensive presentation about their upcoming AIAA design, build, fly competition scheduled for April 2026 in Wichita, Kansas. The team has already made several test flights at our field in preparation for the contest. The objective for this year's competition is to design, build, and fly a banner-towing bush plane!



UMass Aeronautics Club team giving our club a presentation of their current AIAA 2025-2026 competition details



Both clubs group picture



Entire UMass Aeronautics Club Members

# Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 HCRC Business Meeting Notes



No Quorum Present – 13 Members including 4 Executive Members present: Mike Shaw, Gus Coelho, Pat Malone, Bill Ewers, Mark Wasielewski, Dave Whiteley, Shawn Kelsey, Bill Jaciow, Bob Trombley, Rick Nadeau, Lou Enselek, Bob Prosciak, and Karl Hathaway

Reading of the minutes from the previous month was waived. Club finances for the month of October were reported and approved. There was a proposal to look at investing club funds to get a better return on our money.

All executives were nominated for re-election. Mark Wasielewski was nominated to retain his position on the board of directors. There is no quorum and thus no vote at this meeting.

The Springfield Thunderbirds are looking for a blimp pilot to fly a blimp at intermissions and timeouts.

The fall cleanup day went well. The field was extended approximately 100' to allow for easier operations.

The renewals will be going out and include a vote for the proposed revisions to the bylaws.

The New Year's Day Fly-In will be January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come out, fly and stand around the fire!

The January business meeting will be delayed by a week to January 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for a new meeting room for winter meetings as the VFW has doubled our room rental to \$50.

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 well over halfway to our goal. 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

- **12/04** Business Meeting at the VFW in Florence, MA, 7pm
- **01/01** HCRC New Years Day Frozen Fingers Fly In at the club field (weather permitting)
- **01/08** Business Meeting at the VFW in Florence, MA, 7pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)
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! EITHER WE ARE TOO HIGH OR HQ'S TOO LOW,  
CAPTAIN ! //



Hey Everyone  
It's that time of year again for.....

# Our Annual New Year's Day Fly-in!!

When: **Thursday January 1st 2026** (Of Course)

**10AM to 3PM**

**Come fly, eat and freeze your fingers off!**

Where: at the club field

The club will provide grilled hot dogs and drinks

Please feel free to bring something extra such as  
soup, chili, coffee, stew maybe, something hot is the theme as long as it can be brought to the field hot  
or reheated on the grill

We will also have a **PIT FIRE** to help stay warm as well

Check the club social media resources before coming out to make sure the weather  
isn't too, well, **weathery** at:

watch your emails obviously and check the club web site [www.hampshirecountync.org](http://www.hampshirecountync.org) and  
our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/148353592007739/)



ATTENTION ALL HCRC CLUB MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

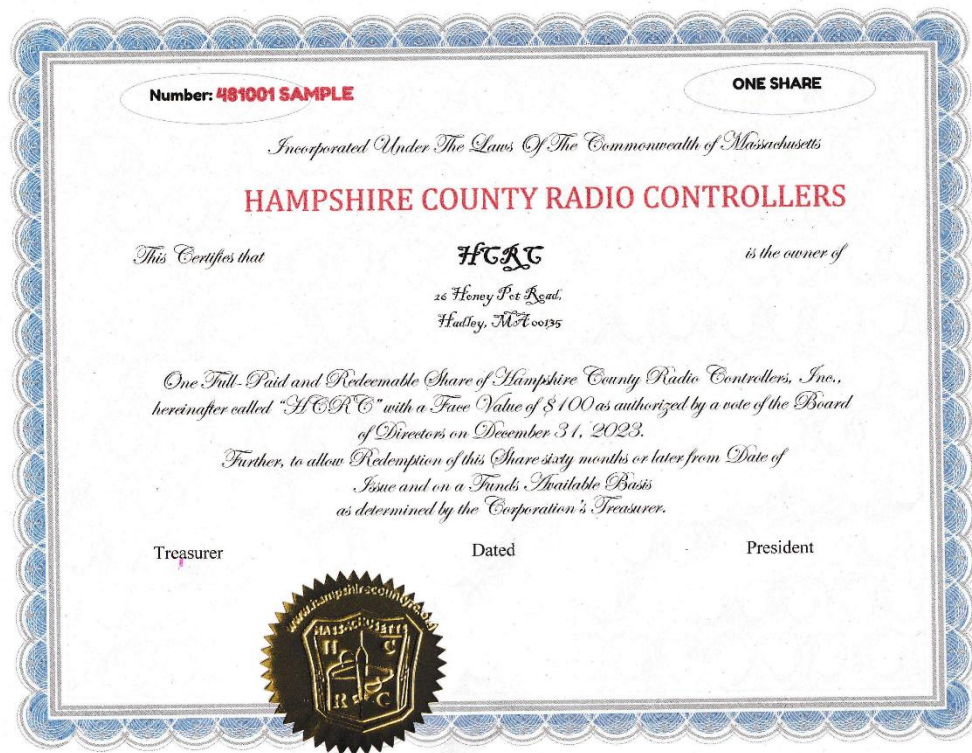
## SHARES CERTIFICATE FUNDRAISER PROGRAM

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



ATTENTION ALL HCRC CLUB MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

**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.

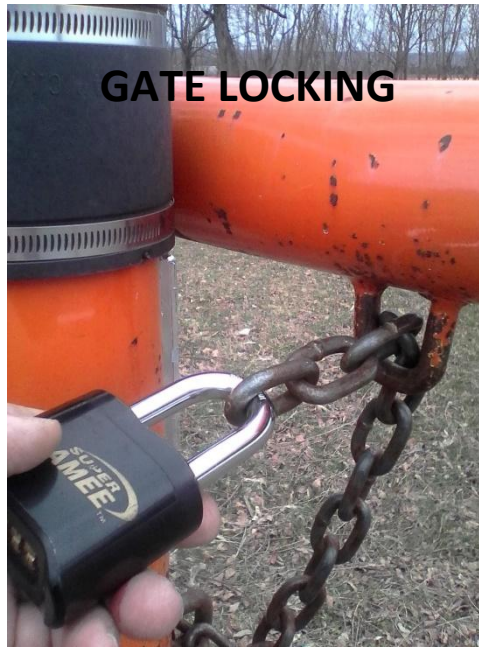
Thank You,  
Management

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



**Land Sale has been completed, above goal! We are past the halfway mark!**





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.



Seems like a good time for some crazy models....

## Santa's Sleigh

(foamboard  
plans at

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3mfwj> )



Another one for you!



<http://rc-plans.com/load/url=-aHR0cDovL3JjLXBsYW5zLmNvbS9wbGFucy9yYy1wbGFucy1TYW50YS1DbGF1cy1UZWFtLnppcA==>

One more...now get building



<https://tinyurl.com/chnz2ueu>

Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas to all!



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