

# HCRC Flyer

May 2025



AMA Charter #341



Field Cleanup happened on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all who were able to come and help! There was a lot accomplished but there is still more to do. Watch your emails and the Club Facebook page for additional cleanup activities.

# HCRC Meeting Notes for the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 HCRC Business Meeting Notes



No Quorum Present – 12 Members including 4 Executive Members present: Mike Shaw, Pat Malone, Bill Ewers, Gus Coelho, Bob Prosciak, Lou Enselek, Mark Wasielewski, Bill Jaciow, Dan Kapinos, Dennis Walker, Shawn Kelsey and David Whitely

Reading of the minutes from the previous month was waived. Club finances for the month of March 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. Hiring an attorney to close the deal will be \$2,400. The attorney's fees represent ~\$2K. Does anyone know an attorney that would be willing to do this for less?

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

We are looking for volunteers to mow the field. Please contact Pat Malone to participate.

The next club meeting in May will be at the field.

NCRCC will be having a swap meet on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. FCRC will be having a swap meet on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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. 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

- **05/01** Business Meeting at the Flying Field 7pm
- **05/03** Spring Swap Meet hosted by NCRCC, Ellington, CT
- **05/11** Flea Market Swap Meet – hosted by FCRC, Turners Falls, MA at the club field
- **06/01** Business Meeting at the Flying Field 7pm
- **06/08** Biplanes and Classics Over the Swamp 2025 Fun Fly, hosted by East Coast Swamp Flyers, Northford, CT
- **06/08** Float Fly, hosted by Yankee Flyers of CT, West Thompson Lake, North Grosvenordale, CT



ATTENTION ALL HCRC CLUB MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

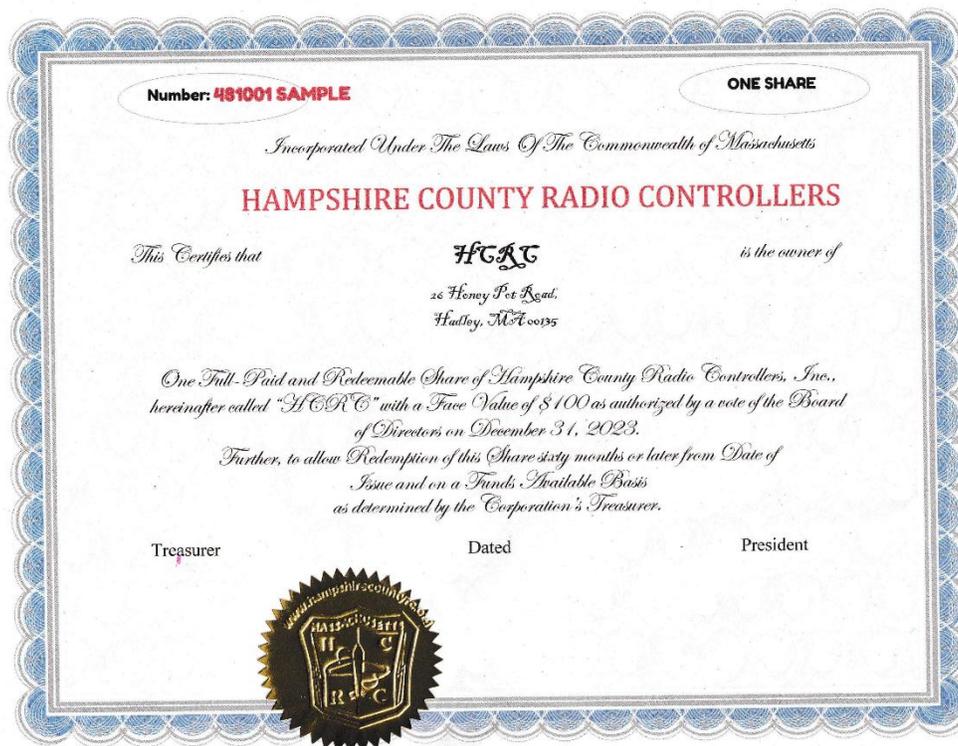
SHARES CERTIFICATE FUNDRAISER PROGRAM

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.

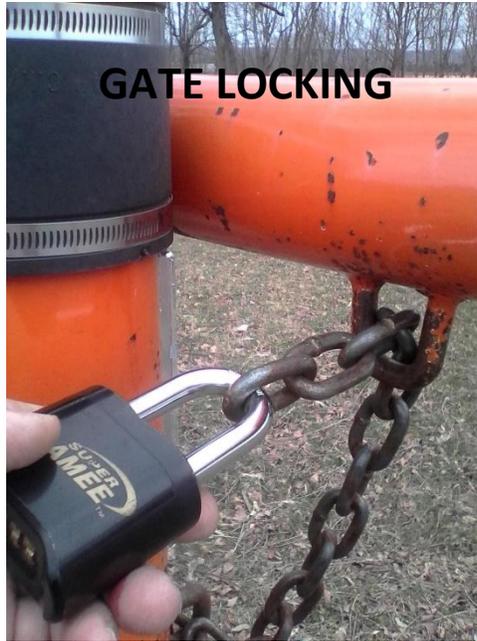
Please email this link to any and all people in your phone contact list: friends, family, coworkers, everyone. These are *your* people and will be the ones most interested in helping you/us. You can also text it to anyone you don't have an email address for. Also, share this link with any business and 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,  
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<https://gofund.me/7b63150f>





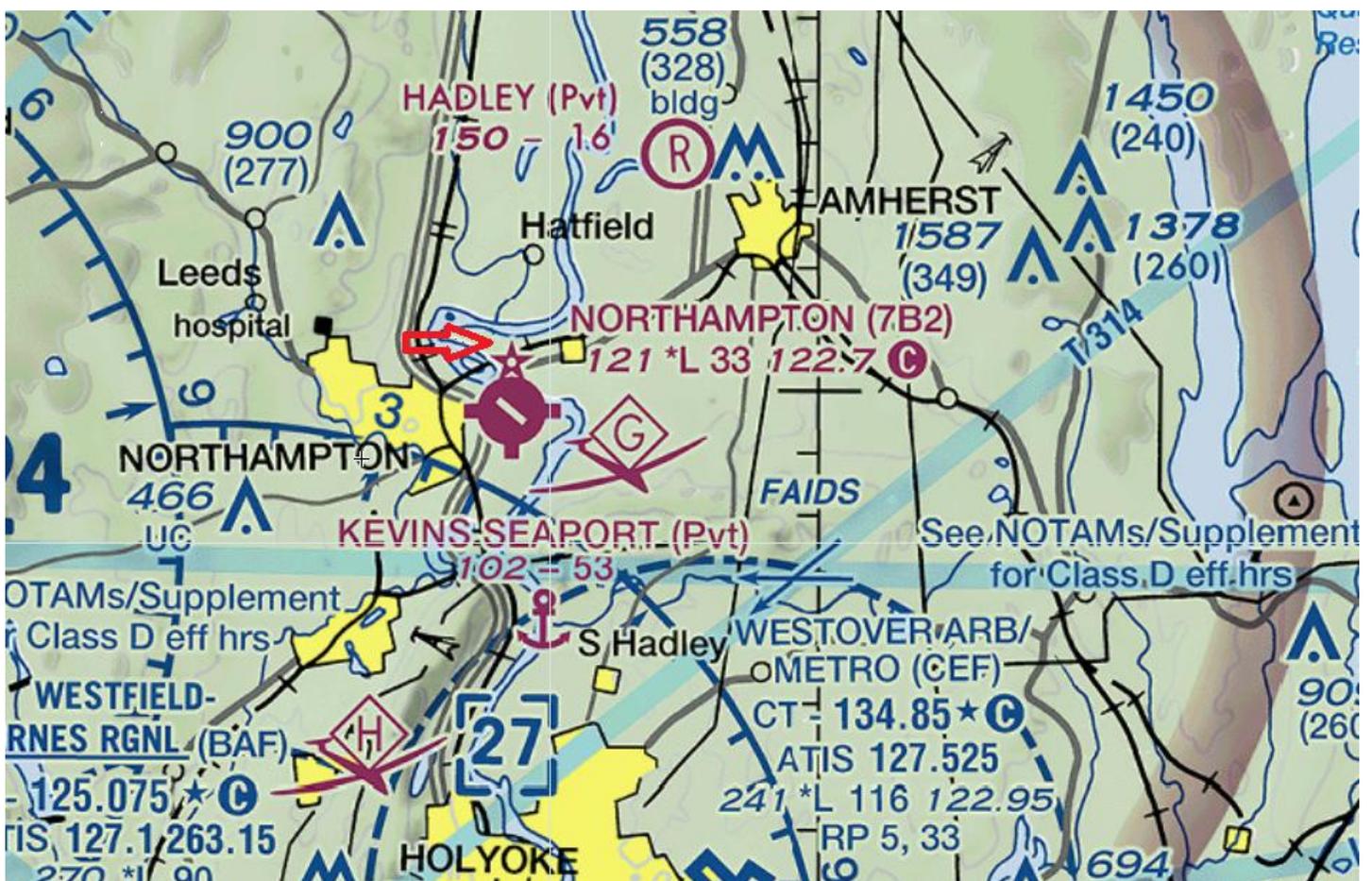
The picture above shows the proper method of securing the gate. The Hannigans are using this gate to access their property as well. They have the combination to let themselves in. Also, be aware that they drive to the north end of their property by passing right behind the far side of our runway. Be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

## News from AMA and FAA

The club has received an airspace authorization waiver to allow flights above 400'. Our club field is located in class G airspace and as such is normally restricted to 400' AGL for all flights. The document below lists an extension to either 700 or 1200 based on airspace. Our flying field is in Class G that is overlaid with a Class E and we are on the shaded side of the Class E (Magenta colored). The shaded side is also known as transition airspace so the Class E space inside the shading starts at 700' AGL. Our field then would have a maximum altitude of 700' AGL unless we get a specific 'event waiver.'

Last point, we have written to our AMA District person Daren Hudson, about the requirement for a letter from Northampton Airport. We will require one to exceed 400' AGL operations according to Section 2.H. Daren has forwarded our info to Tyler and the AMA Gov. Affairs Team. So until then, stay below the 400' maximum.

Sectional Chart with RED arrow added showing approximate location of our field.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION</b>	
<b>ISSUED TO</b> Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)	<b>POC PHONE NUMBER</b> 765-287-1256
<b>Responsible Person:</b> Lucas Rodden	
This certificate is issued for the operations specifically described herein. No person shall conduct any operation pursuant to the authority of this certificate except in accordance with the standard and special provisions contained in this certificate, and such other requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations not specifically waived by this certificate.	
<b>OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED</b> Authorizes the establishment of Fixed Sites for the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for the purposes of conducting limited recreational operations of unmanned aircraft pursuant to 49 USC 44809 and consistent with the current version of AC-91-57. Class of Airspace: Class G Location: Nationwide, establishing FAA-authorized AMA fixed sites. See Attachment 1. This Authorization is issued under the authority of 49 USC 44809(a) and (c).	
<b>LIST OF WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE</b> None.	
<b>STANDARD PROVISIONS</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A copy of the application made for this certificate shall be attached and become a part hereof.</li> <li>2. This certificate shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Federal Aviation Administration, or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations.</li> <li>3. The holder of this certificate shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein.</li> <li>4. This certificate is nontransferable.</li> </ol>	
Note-This certificate constitutes an authorization pursuant to those Federal statutes, rules, or regulations specifically referred to above. It does not constitute a waiver or authorization with respect to any State law or local ordinance.	
<b>SPECIAL PROVISIONS</b>	
Special Provisions are listed below.	
This certificate 2025-CBO-SPL001 is effective from Apr 11, 2025, to April 30, 2027, and is subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or his/her authorized representative.	
BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR	
<u>FAA Headquarters, AFS-750</u> <small>(Region)</small>	 <u>Derek W. Hufty</u> <small>(Signature)</small> <b>DEREK W. HUFTY</b>
<u>April 11, 2025</u> <small>(Date)</small>	<u>Manager, General Aviation and Commercial Branch</u> <small>(Title)</small>

### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

#### **1. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

- a. Lucas Rodden is the person responsible for the implementation and administration of this Authorization on behalf of AMA. The overall safety of each unmanned aircraft system (UAS) operation under this Certificate of Authorization remains with the individual operator of the UAS in accordance with 49 USC 44809.
- b. The aviation event director is responsible for the overall compliance with the AMA's safety guidelines for any aviation events i.e. airshows, air races, etc.

#### **2. FLIGHT OPERATIONS:**

- a. Unmanned aircraft operations are permitted up to the maximum altitude of Class G airspace based on FAA aeronautical charts, 700ft or up to 1200ft AGL as applicable. See Attachment 1 for specific altitudes authorized at specific sites. "Ground level" begins at the Earth's surface and does not include man-made structures, trees, or any obstacle. The applicable 700ft or 1200ft AGL altitudes are an absolute value and shall not be added to the height of any structures or obstacles.
- b. This Certificate of Authorization, including the Special Provisions, is limited in effect to the hours between civil sunrise and civil sunset local time. Night-time operations are authorized only up to 400ft AGL and in accordance with AMA guidelines.
- c. The responsible person must ensure all AMA members and AMA club officers are familiar with and comply with the responsibilities and procedures in this authorization.
- d. The responsible person must ensure all AMA rules and applicable safety guidelines are used by all participants and enforced by AMA officials.
- e. AMA, in accordance with its established safety guidelines, must request a NOTAM covering operations at fixed sites prior to any AMA-aviation event permitted at fixed sites by this Authorization. Such events are not authorized until FAA issues an appropriate NOTAM in response to AMA's request.
- f. Aviation events operating under this Authorization must have 3 miles of visibility and a ceiling of 3000ft AGL or greater.
- g. All operations must be within VLOS of the fixed site reference point (See Attachment 1) and conform to all applicable federal, state, and local governmental laws and regulations.
- h. For operations at fixed sites within 2nm of an airport in Class G airspace, the AMA must have a letter of agreement with the airport owner/operator

regarding the conduct of AMA operations.

- i. The responsible person must ensure AMA members are briefed for awareness of possible increased aviation activity in the area before conducting operations at fixed sites within 2nm of charted manned aeronautical activities.
- j. The responsible person must ensure AMA members are briefed on any operational limitations based on fixed site field size, location, and proximity to congested areas.
- k. If a conflict exists between this Authorization and any other guidance governing recreational operations, the more restrictive provisions will apply.
- l. Any modifications, additions, or deletions to Attachment 1 must be submitted as an amendment through DroneZone. Please reference this authorization number when submitting any amendment.

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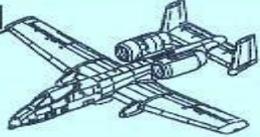
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