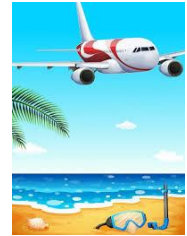


# HCRC Flyer



AMA Charter #341

JUNE 2026



Off the coast of Norway in the Lofoton Islands, our 'Sea Eagle Safari' adventure started with some amazing flying (and landings!) by the other bird of the sea.... We did end up seeing almost 30 Sea Eagles some whose wingspans exceeded six feet! - *editor*

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# Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 HCRC Business Meeting Notes



Quorum Present – 10 Members including 3 Executive Members present: Mike Shaw, Pat Malone, Bill Ewers, Karl Hathaway, Mark Waskielewski, Dave Whiteley, Stephen Therrien-Smith, Dennis Walker, Bob Prosciak, and Shawn Kelsey. Reading of the minutes from the previous month was waived. Club finances for the month of April were reported and approved.

Lenny increased the purchase price for the land to \$95,000 due to the delay. He has indicated that he would divide the land to give us additional land that we would fly off but would not sell us as much of the gully/wooded land.

Lenny has a friend who is interested in purchasing an acre of river front land to launch kayaks onto the river. He would pay \$20,000 for the acre. He would want access through the existing gate down the shared road to access the property. He stated that he would put the land into a trust and the club would have first right of refusal if it was to be sold.

We are looking at getting a loan for ~\$20,000 to complete the land purchase. This would put the club in the position of paying the loan back over the next few years. We would be looking at raising club dues to cover the cost of paying back the loan.

Pat will be generating a mowing schedule and distributing it to the mowing crew.

We will be holding a work party to move some logs on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Flying News & Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **06/04** Business Meeting at the club field, 7pm
- **06/07** Biplanes and Classics over the swaps fun fly hosted by East Coast Swamp Flyers, Northfield, CT
- **06/07** Float Fly hosted by Yankee Flyers of CT, Thompson, CT
- **06/12 – 06/13** Memorial Fun Fly hosted by RC Propbusters, Salem, CT
- **06/27** HELI Smackdown, hosted by CCRCC, Farmington, CT
- **07/02** Business Meeting at the club field, 7pm
- **07/11 – 07/12** Dawn Patrol over Green Road Sector, hosted by NCRCC, elington, CT
- **07/12** Summer BBQ hosted by FCRCC, Turners Falls, MA
- **07/12** ECSF Invitational Fun Fly Event & Picnic, hosted by East Coast Swamp Flyers, Northfield, CT
- **07/18** All Electric Fun Fly & Swap Meet, hosted by RC Propbusters, Salem, CT

To find detailed location of any of these events, go to

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/club-finder>



AT THIS TIME WE'D LIKE TO SEAT STUDENTS SEATED IN  
ROWS ONE TO FOUR.

ATTENTION ALL HCRC CLUB MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

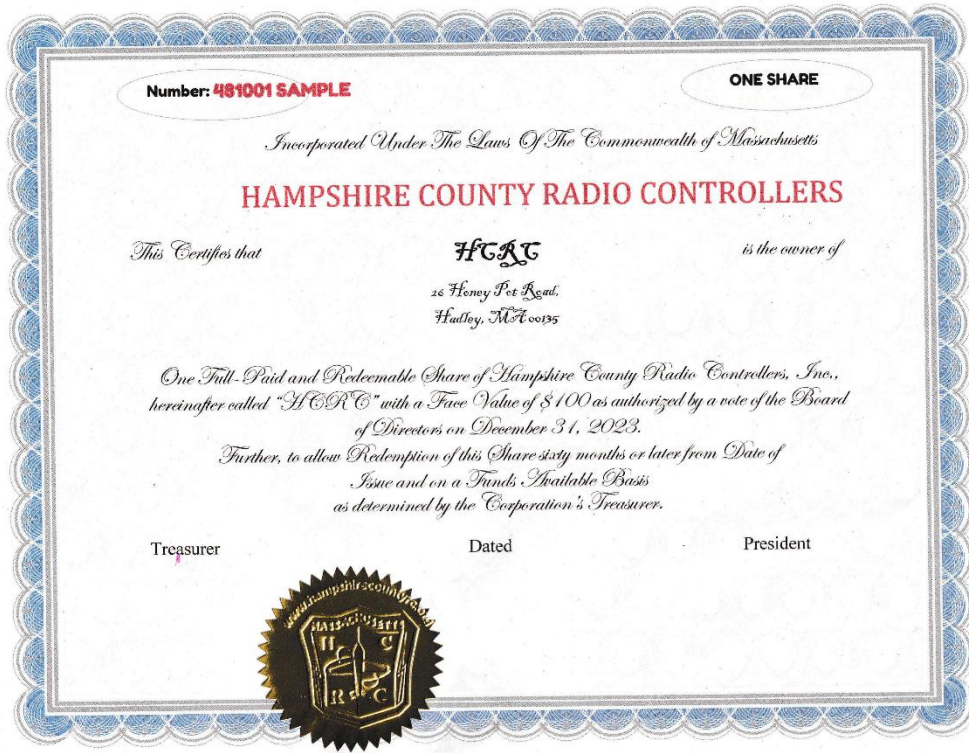
SHARES CERTIFICATE FUNDRAISER PROGRAM

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>

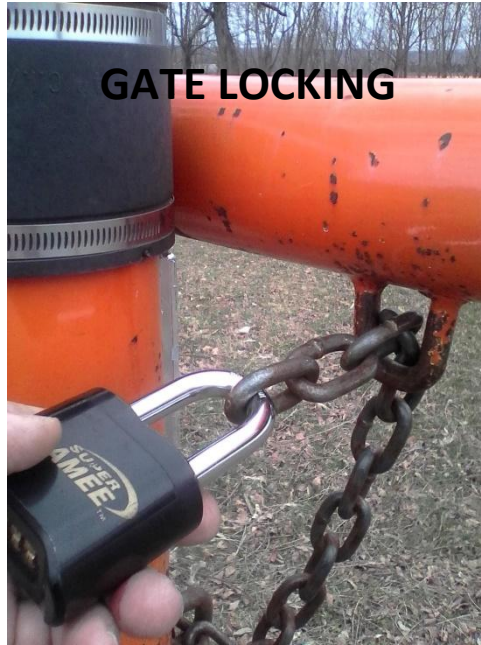


The image shows an aerial view of a runway with a small airplane on the tarmac. A blue box with yellow text reads "Funding Status Entering to Base Leg". A red arrow points from the bottom left towards the runway, and two yellow arrows point from the runway towards the plane. A white box on the right contains a funding summary table.

New Field Funding – Goal \$90K	
Fundraising (all sources)	
GoFundMe =	\$ 3,870
Certificate Program =	\$ 9,200
Money from Savings=	\$15,000
Land Sale Proceeds =	\$22,300
<b>Total So Far</b>	<b>\$50,370</b>
<b>Needed for landing!</b>	<b>\$39,630</b>



**Land Sale has been completed, above goal! We are on the base leg! Please consider a donation to let us land!**



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

# 8 Things You Can Do to Become a BETTER RC PILOT!

by FliteTest | August 22, 2018

**Here are eight straight-forward, no-nonsense, bite-sized tips to help you become a better pilot.**

There is always the opportunity to become a more skilled Radio Control pilot, you just have to provide yourself with the best environment for picking up these new skills one-by-one. With that being said, here are 8 top tips for all RC pilots; from complete beginners to aces.

## 1. Have a 'throw around' airplane

You should get yourself a plane that you really don't care for much. What I mean by that is: you get better at flying when you stop worrying about crashing. This plane should have:

- Low mass
- High survivability
- Enough agility to learn new skills

Essentially, get yourself a plane you don't need to fix up after every flight. Keep it in the back of your car and always have the batteries charged.



## 2. Fly to crash

You should try dusting off an old plane nearing retirement and use it as sacrificial aircraft. Now, hold up, I know this seems extreme but hear me out! Most of us pilots who've been flying for at least a few years probably know that you acquire quite a collection of old planes very quickly. Before you throw them away, try bodging one back together and get it into the air. As the plane's nearing the end of its life, you can now fly daringly without fear. Try flying inverted, see how low you can go, put your plane into a combat event! Fly knowing that **even if you end up crashing, you'll definitely learn something along the way.**

## 3. Keep spare airframes

If you have a favorite plane, invest in some spare fuselages, wings and props to keep it flying if you do happen to suffer a crash. Get familiar with your plane too: dismantle it, clean it, go over how it fits together. This is how you go from having a brand new airplane to a well-loved airplane.

#### 4. Land, land, and land again

Ironically, landing is one of the trickiest parts of flying. It takes a lot of practice to judge airspeed, to keep your wings level and flair at just the right moment. To get better, just keep landing! Choose a plane that can keep taking those hits for when you mess up. Progress to something with flaps and gear, if you wish, to give yourself more to think about. Like everything in life, you just have to keep trying - and often failing.



#### 5. Fly a ton of different airplanes

You'll become a more experienced RC pilot if you can get your hands on lots of different kinds of RC aircraft. If you don't have a lot of different planes available to you, you can always get a simulator. Simulators are always good ways to practice, especially if you have over fifty different models on there to fly.

#### 6. Buy some more batteries

If you have yourself a good number of Lipos, you'll be able to fly more when out at the field. For this reason, try building up a decent collection of batteries. Get lots of the same types too. A 2200mah 3s is an extremely versatile type and a good to have lots of. Having standardized batteries will encourage you to build/buy planes that all fit the same battery types, so you can choose to fly one plane more or many different airplanes equally for hours at the field. It gives you that added flexibility.





### 7. Take more planes to the field

Make a day of it instead of just flying one battery in one plane. I used to fall into the trap of waiting days for some nice weather and then simply flying for just 20 minutes when favorable conditions rolled around. As with the last point, take lots of batteries and fly lots of different planes. Take your friends and family, some food and coffee and have a brilliant time. You'll find that, when you pack more flying into one day, you'll learn new skills much faster.

### 8. Learn about aerodynamics

I would hope it be obvious that knowing more about how airplanes fly, and the less common nuances of aerodynamics, makes you a better pilot! Lucky for you, there's an ongoing series of articles on flitetest.com called *Aerodynamics Simplified*. Here are all of the articles so far:

- [Wings](#)
- [Wing Chords](#)
- [Acting Forces](#)
- [Scary Stalls](#)
- [How Flaps Work](#)

With the extra knowledge of how complex airframe shapes cut through the air, such as swept wings and stubby fuselages, you'll find yourself better equipped to meet the challenges of flying more advanced aircraft types.



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