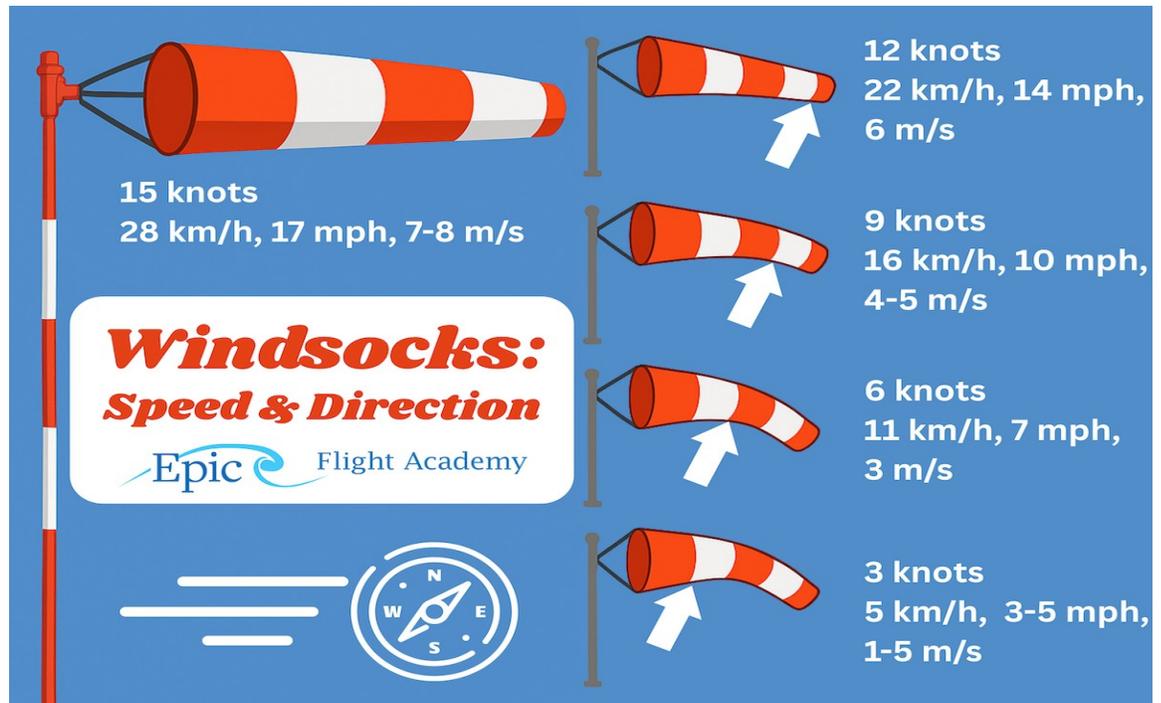


HCRC Flyer



AMA Charter #341

MARCH 2026



The picture above says everything there is about the current status of flying outdoors right now!

Thursday, January 8th, 2026 HCRC Business Meeting Notes



Quorum Present – 11 Members including 4 Executive Members present: Mike Shaw, Gus Coelho, Pat Malone, Bill Ewers, Shawn Kelsey, Mark Wasielewski, Bob Prosciak, Lou Enselek, Bill Jaciow, Dave Whitely and Karl Hathaway. Heather Gatto attended as a guest.

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

The vote for the revision to the bylaws passed – 25 yea, 8 abstaining.

All executives were nominated for re-election. Mark Wasielewski was nominated to retain his position on the board of directors for the next three years. There is a quorum and members voted to elected the slate above to their positions.

Board of Directors meeting was held on January 24th.

The Spring Field Cleanup will be on April 18th. Please plan to attend and help open the field.

Lenny is willing to give us another year to come up with the purchase price. The executive committee will be meeting with him in February.

The UMass Aeronautical Club has been using our field to test their plane. Please wish them luck if you are at the field while they are testing.

Flying News & Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/5 Business Meeting at the VFW in Florence, MA, 7pm
- 3/14 Central Penn Aeromodelers Assoc. RC Expo, Lebanon, PA
- 04/02 Business Meeting at the VFW in Florence, MA, 7pm (club dues are due by this meeting)



Bird Pranks

ATTENTION ALL HCRC CLUB MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

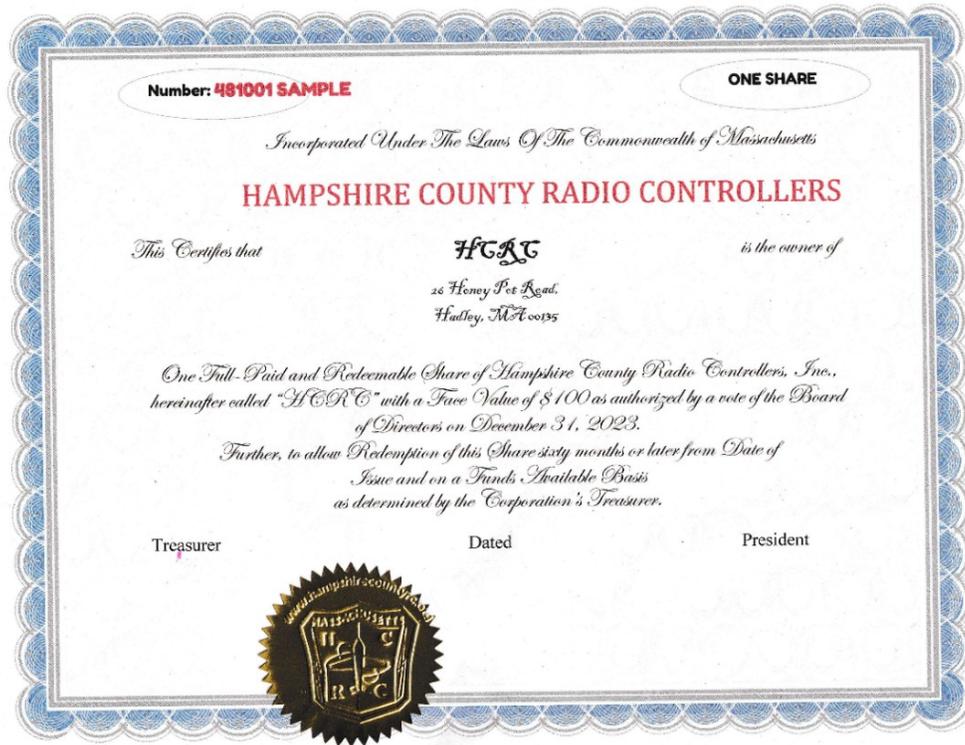
SHARES CERTIFICATE FUNDRAISER PROGRAM

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.

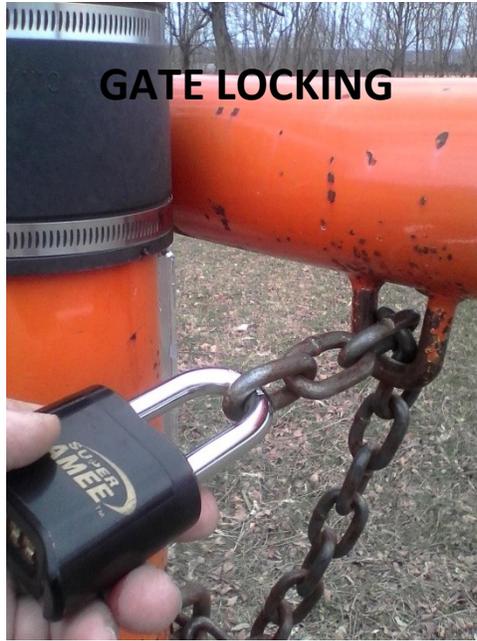
Donations have already started to come in but this program will only be truly successful and meet our goal with all of our help to promote it. All donations for the property purchase are being deposited into a dedicated bank account in the club's name and will be returned to the donor if the land purchase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

Thank You,
Management

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



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

Tips for Windy Day Flying

Flying RC airplanes in windy conditions requires a blend of skill, technique, and adaptability. Here are our top 5 tips to help you navigate windy conditions with confidence.

By [Jason Cole](#) | Dec 18, 2023, 09:54 AM



Mastering Windy Conditions

Flying RC airplanes in windy conditions requires a blend of skill, technique, and adaptability. While gusty winds can pose a challenge, they also offer an opportunity to enhance your piloting abilities. Here are our top 5 tips to help you navigate windy conditions with confidence.

1. Takeoff Techniques:

Takeoff into the wind. It's ok if it doesn't line up perfectly down the runway. Some runways are large enough that you can take off across them or at an angle. It's important to make sure you have enough runway to get off the ground, but remember the higher the wind speed, the shorter the takeoff rollout will be.

2. In-Flight Maneuvering:

Keep your control inputs smooth and gradual to counteract turbulence. Be prepared for the plane to react strongly to sudden gusts. Be careful when turning downwind. As you bank the wings over, they can act as a sail and potentially push the wing over to inverted. Ground speeds will be slower into the wind and much faster going downwind so adjust your flight path and turns accordingly.

3. Landing Strategies:

Always land into the wind to enhance control and ensure a slower ground speed. Just like with taking off, you don't have to land right down the centerline of the runway. It's better to minimize any crosswinds, even if it means coming in on an angle. For most planes, you'll want to keep the power at a higher level than you would with no wind. Keep flying the plane, all the way to the ground and through the rollout. With enough wind, a plane may start rolling backward after the landing, so be prepared to apply throttle. It's best to avoid turning after the landing. The wind can get under the wings unless you are very confident with the ailerons and it can easily flip the plane.

4. Control Surface Adjustments:

If you are just learning or don't have a lot of practice using both ailerons and rudder together, experiment with aileron and rudder mixes to enhance stability. It can also be helpful to increase your exponential settings for a softer control response since control is increased with the wind.

5. Plane Set Up:

A plane with a nose-heavy center of gravity is more stable so consider a slightly forward (CG) to make it easier to handle the wind. You can add weights or coins to the nose or shift the battery forward if possible to move the CG slightly forward.

Remember, safety is paramount. If conditions become too challenging or unpredictable, consider postponing your flight until the weather is more favorable. With practice and these techniques, you'll become a master of the skies, even when the winds are blowing strong.

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