



TAILWINDS

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The RC Aces are affiliated with the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) Charter #1377. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month, Sept. through May at the N. Hampton Public Library at 6:30 PM unless otherwise notified. All members,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY AIRCRAFT CONTROL BY ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

No Meeting Minutes for January due to the lack of a meeting being held and that was due to the impending snow storm. I think all will agree this turned out to be a good idea since the roads were quite messy after the storm ended and of particular note to the fact that the Library was closed. There were E-Mails going back and forth most all day between officers trying to decide weather or not we should try and have the meeting. One of our more astute members decided to look at the Library web site and found that it was closed and sent me an E-mail. It was just about the same time that the powers to be decided in favor of not having the meeting due to the apparent severity of the storm. Maybe next time we should just take a look at the library web site. Funny how sometimes the basic rule of thumb winds up being the most logical thing on which to base a decision. Now for the February meeting which will hopefully be a happening event, why not get out of the house for an evening and bring your latest RC project.

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THE PROP IS LIVE

Or could be!

This is a story (true) that I would like to tell in the hopes that it can save someone else from being potentially hurt. I was watching You Tube the other day and there was a video warning of I think seven different things to be careful of when dealing with a full sized airplane. One of which was to always treat a prop as if it were live. A man was shown wiping down and checking the edges of his three bladed prop and he decided to pull it through to check the next blade and the engine, low and behold, kicked and started up. Fortunately he being startled and lucky he backed up real quick and was not hurt. Well this reminded me of an incident about a week ago when I was setting up an electric airplane in my shop. I had the airplane on a 10 model memory Airtronics 2..4 Ghz radio. I had pretty much finished setting it up and went to another airplane setting to check the set up on that airplane as the two were similar. I re-energized the airplane I was working on but soon realized I had the radio still set for the other plane. I went into the programming and started to scroll through the menu to get back to the airplane I was working on when all of a sudden the motor with the prop on it went to full speed and the plane launched from my workbench and headed for the desk behind me. It hit the desk, broke the motor mount and pulled the wires from the speed control there-by stopping the flight. Thank God nothing seriously damaged and no blood to be seen. The older Airtronics radios unlike newer radios transmits a signal while you scroll through the models and if one of the set ups your scrolling through has a reverse throttle setting to what your current aircraft requires - - Oh Oh!

It's still the best idea and most important to

REMOVE THE PROP!

When you are doing any testing or programming.

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NEXT MEETING 2/1/2018 6:30 at the Library

Is The Hobby Dying?

Wow, I sure hope not. I have attended all the recent and relatively close (within 100 miles) auctions and swap meets and have noticed that there were less attendees than at the same events held a year ago. If you couple that with the recent closing of RC Buyers, then add the news last week of Hobbico filing for bankruptcy followed by similar news from Tower Hobbies and one might think that that is a true statement. In the case of Hobbico and Tower they are very closely tied together along with Great Planes, Revell, Cox products and a couple others. I gather their filing was a restructuring to obtain protection from creditors while they get their financial act more in tune. I don't know how it gets out of tune but I do hope they get it straightened out because there are some valuable and reliable products involved and services that I have used and would not like to see gone. Lets hope it's just an adjustment period. Last weekend a swap meet was put on by the Wingbusters RC Club in Hanson Ma. This event was a well attended event in spite of other auctions being a bit down from years past. I had a large number of small RC items for sale that I feel were priced right and the activity around my two tables seemed evident of that fact. You can't take it to the grave with you and coupling that with a good presentation of the items you want to sell can be key to having fun and making a few bucks. It doesn't finance the hobby entirely but keeps one out of trouble. You all know how expensive the hobby can be and it enables one to make repairs and stay relatively up to date with products with out buying new all the time. Kind of like buying that new car (new to you) with out getting hit with the heavy depreciation the first year. Well let's hope the hobby isn't dying. I finally retired and have the time to devote to having fun with it and knitting just isn't my thing!!