



# 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 7 PM unless otherwise notified. All members, spouses, potential members and guests are invited to attend !

## *ROCKINGHAM COUNTY AIRCRAFT CONTROL BY ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS*

The summer is flying by now for sure and I for one am not complaining about the weather. No minutes due to no meetings for June, July & August. Training on Thursday nights is ongoing so if you are so inclined please join the group. The field has never looked better especially now that all of the work tables have been re-built & a couple new ones added. (See page 2) Mark Berard has been doing a great job on mowing with help from Norm & Bill. It is very strange when other lawns are so dry our field, Hobbs field, is always green. There is nothing major that is new on the Rails To Trails project although the scoutmaster who was at the field on the 26th & is a part of that team did mention at a one of their meetings our access was questioned where folks thought we should walk in from Joes or get smaller planes. Don't know where that will go. If your looking for an event to attend related to RC well the best source I know of to find one is our very own web page ([www.rcaces.org](http://www.rcaces.org)) maintained by Mark Berard. He keeps it more current than the media does on what Donald & Hillary said today. There's plenty of summer left so come out to the field & enjoy some flying!!!



### RC ACES AUCTION

Don't forget our annual auction on the 17th of July. President Jeff recently sent out an E-Mail request for folks to commit to their helping make it a success. There was good response although the more the merrier. Please pray for good weather. We have grown our yearly fundraiser to be a successful endeavor & it is only with strong club participation that it continue. It's always a good time getting rid of something your tired of & getting a new toy or just the camaraderie.

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### **IN PURSUIT OF EAGLE SCOUT STATUS**

**Joe Berard, club member and active boy scout, is pursuing his Eagle Scout badge. As a requirement he had to undertake a project which included planning, fundraising, organization, material acquisition, labor organization & other skills. He chose, as a way of giving back to the club, the refurbishing of the work tables at the field. So on June 26th Joe & his team descended on the field with tools and materials & did a fine job which is very much appreciated by the club!!!**





The Happy Cub Scout to the left was the general look and feeling of approximately 60 scouts on June 28th who were attending a week long camp at the Portsmouth YMCA where the theme was "Take Flight". Yours truly was honored to have been asked to speak about RC Model Aircraft, the RC Aces and AMA. Judging from the smiles and questions asked I think it was a successful outing. I brought along a Spacewalker ARF with its radio and a 4 stroke engine with a servo. They were a most appreciative and a well behaved group. Dean

**The message below was received from the AMA on the release of FAA's final ruling on drones and model aircraft. There is a link on our web page, please check it out. It appears much of our activities will continue as in the past.**

Dear Members,

We are pleased to share that today the FAA [released](#) its final rule for small UAS, which will apply to commercial and civil operations. We believe these rules will be highly beneficial to the UAS industry overall and look forward to seeing widespread commercial and civil operations of unmanned aircraft take flight.

It is important to understand that the final small UAS rule does not change model aircraft operations for AMA members. In fact, the rule affirms Congress's intent in the Special Rule for Model Aircraft that the FAA not promulgate any additional regulations on our community. We are very pleased that the rule helps to maintain this exemption for model aircraft.

For more on the FAA's final small UAS rule, we encourage you to read this USA Today story, [%FAA completes landmark rules for commercial drones](#),+ which includes a mention of AMA's [analysis of UAS sightings](#) released earlier this month.

We also wanted to share an update on our work with Congress to strengthen and improve the Special Rule for Model Aircraft in the next FAA reauthorization bill.

As you may remember, the Senate version of the FAA reauthorization bill includes language that could be problematic to our members who have been flying safely and responsibly for decades. As of today, the entire legislative process has stalled and we have learned that Congress may delay the legislative process further by extending the current 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act for a third time.

Congress is expected to make a determination and finalize plans for an extension in the coming weeks before the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. If an extension is passed, hobbyists can continue to operate as they do now, under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft passed in 2012.

Thank you for your continued support of AMA. We will continue to be engaged in the process and share updates as they become available.

Kind regards,

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4TH OF JULY**