



TAILWINDS

March 2016

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

Meeting minutes from 2/4/2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with 16 members in attendance and one guest.

There was a motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter and it was seconded.

The treasurers report was given and we are solvent with 24 members at present.

Old business

Jeremy reported there were no updates on the "Rails to Trails".

We revisited buying a generator for the field, a 2000 Watt bought locally would be \$609.

There was a motion to do more research as it was felt by some a larger one would be better so Dean will look into the price for a 3000 Watt and we will discuss further and vote on which to get at the next meeting.

We discussed buying an electric trainer to have on hand and Mike Ryan reported his findings from Hobby King and there are some good ones to consider. It was decided to set a spending limit of not more than \$250. We will discuss the further at the next meeting and decide.

New business

There was much discussion on the new FAA rules, need to register etc. Keith suggested that the safety officer should check all planes for compliance with the new registration. It was further reported that Senate Bill 459 in NH was squelched for the time being. Jeff asked for suggestions on any field improvements members were thinking of we will further discuss what may be needed as it gets closer to the flying season.

There was a motion to adjourn and it was seconded.

For show and tell Dean brought in a Pica Duelist Twin and Mike Ryan brought in a scratch built tube / foam board plane that he saw built on You Tube that he went ahead and constructed from scratch.

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To follow is an E-Mail that was sent from Darren Hudson of the Freemont Flyers to John Backhaus of our club. Darren has an interesting take on the FAA requirement to register and the types of folks we must deal with as fellow hobbyists. Read carefully as he has outlined a drone operator who resides close to our field. I would also like to point out we need to be thankful for folks like Darren who not only have full time jobs but work tirelessly after hours to help maintain our continued enjoyment of the hobby

Dean

John, hope all is well. Happy New Year.

Sorry it's a bit long but wanted to give you the scoop as a long time responsible modeler with a good group at RC Aces.

I've been advocating for AMA and modeling the past week or so. Soon to be CD, Lead Member and District 1 Assoc. VP. In that spirit I wanted to share a conversation Ted Wojcik had with a business neighbor. He's a warehouse Mgr at Enco in Plaistow, his first name is Wayne. Here are his comments as a heads up. He lives 3 miles from Hampton field so I wanted to let you, RC Aces and fellow pilots know.

As far as modeling is concerned he IS the problem.

"Just had an interesting conversation with an abutting business owner in the industrial park here where my shop is. He saw my post on Facebook about the work in Concord and tells me there are 6 drones in his household. He has no interest in joining the AMA or an R/C club. He and his kids need no help flying them and will continue to do so regardless of what "stupid" laws are put in place. He says that he can't see there being any anti-drone storm troupers hunting him down to seize his drones. "Another group of politicians taking our rights away." By the way, he lives about 3mi. from the Hampton airport."

I see a few groups emerging from this and a separation may be necessary. The existing definition of "drone" (all small Unmanned Aerial Systems- everything we fly including autonomous drones and quads) is at the heart of the issue but redefining is going to be tough. So we have AMA members and clubs, what I've been calling RMs- "responsible modelers" not affiliated with AMA, non modelers/ commercial ventures; photographers, real estate agents, journalists, law enforcement, etc, most of which are seeking information and training but some don't care, and lastly the "real threat" as perceived by all the regs and media hype- the individuals like this guy who don't give a damn about learning to operate safely "because of the damn gov't, bla bla bla..." The type who will eventually cause a serious issue and claim "I didn't know what happened, I didn't know what to do, I didn't know there was an airport there, etc"

The last group is a tough one to engage in any intelligent conversation as was Ted's experience. So "Know before you fly" campaigns are great for the RMs and the non modeler RMs but not the last group.

We have to work hard to separate ourselves from that group while embracing all the RM quad and multi rotor fans- tough since we try not to regulate the technology but the action.

In case you didn't hear the news here's the update on SB459 I posted. Please share with the club.

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=934132120010760&id=411037272320250

Thanks,
Daren Hudson

NH HOUSE BILL SB-459 To follow is an update taken from Darren Hudson's Facebook page stating what happened when a group of RM's "RESPONSIBLE MODELERS" made a visit to the NH Statehouse to take a stand against a bill which would have severely restricted our hobby requiring flight Below 100 foot altitude. It's important I think to share these things and everyone should be aware of what goes on often behind the lines. Dean

Last week a Senate bill surfaced in NH - SB459 , an amendment was attempted to be added to language of a house bill that passed after being tabled for months! The bill was on "drone" operations and it was duplicating FAA regs and AMA guidelines recognized by the FAA and introducing extremely restrictive legislation that would effectively halt RC flying as we know it in NH. For example- requiring Licensing or certification of all operators of "drone" (as presently defined- ALL small Unmanned Aerial Systems, or all the things we fly!) and no flts above 100' (currently a "guideline" recommended by AMA and FAA of 400'). It was obvious the legislators were uninformed. AMA district 1 VP Andy Argenio called on myself and another active member in the region, Ted Wojcik to represent him at the senate hearing (Andy was unable to attend). With Andy's help via email and phone we scrambled putting together a fact based, directive statement with recommended wording and networked an email letter campaign to the sponsors of the bill and the transportation committee in a week. I am so proud of our region- district 1 and specifically the NH modelers, the AMA members who advocated by letters and the 20+ showing up at the hearing (filling the board room and making a big impression on the committee). Of them 10 spoke including the prepared statement I read. The bill is now being sent to "interim study". When a bill has issues as this one certainly did it is sent to "interim study" and most often will not pass as written and just dies there. So SB459 will most likely die silently in this session of the Senate as expressed to me by the transportation committee.

We not only were successful at blocking the legislation but by handling it in a professional, proactive, informative and cooperative manner we came away with allies in state gov't. We intend to try to "package" our methods to help in other states as well through AMA as a resource. I want to remind all, what I like to call "RMs"- Responsible Modelers whether AMA members or not that AMA is the Federally recognized "Community Based Organization" representing the modeling hobby. We were there for "RMs" and not separating different segments. We did it successfully as a "community" of modelers "organized" for a common goal- to preserve modeling. AMA Club members (and I blame myself as an officer) must remember that our charters are provided by a community based organization and the bylaws of those clubs include involvement in club activities beyond showing up and flying your plane and leaving, this can also include advocacy. Please spread this message when you hear someone bashing AMA for what they haven't done or what they should have done. The members of AMA AND "RMs" ARE the modeling hobby. If you took the 180,000 + members of AMA you would find a very small percentage actually DOING anything to promote and preserve the hobby on a state or federal level. Given those small numbers put up against the federal and state governments there is a need for advocacy from the rank and file membership. Thanks for reading.

Fly hard, fly often, fly safe and have fun.

Daren Hudson
Pres. Fremont Flyers
Share at will please!

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NEXT MEETING 3/3/2016 AT THE LIBRARY



On the left is Dean with his latest a Pica Duelist a balsa and light ply built up kit and on the right Mike Ryan with a foam board built design that he saw on the internet and fabricated with locally purchased components.

Photo's by Jeff

SOLAR POWER OR GENERATOR POWER

At the February meeting we discussed the thought of purchasing a small portable generator for the purpose of charging the ever growing number of batteries that power our electric airplanes. This would negate the need to run our vehicles in the parking area for extended periods and thus make us more environmentally friendly. Since the meeting Mark has made inquiries to other clubs and received some good feedback as to their "solar" set up and a couple of our members have sent E-Mails to others stating that they are in favor of solar over a generator. The cost of both looks to be slightly higher for the solar and solar unfortunately has much more of a probability for vandalism. The generator would be quicker to set up initially and to also secure at the end of the flying session. Please come to the next meeting and voice your ideas so that we can perhaps come to a decision.

Dean