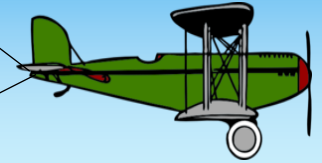




September 2024

# TAILWINDS

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The RC Aces are affiliated with the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics), Charter #1377. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, September through May at the North Hampton Public Library (6:00 PM) unless otherwise notified.

All members, spouses, potential members and guests are invited to attend.

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**THE NEXT RC ACES MEETING IS ON**

**\*\*\* October 3, 2024 \*\*\***



## Another Successful RC Auction

Many thanks to all the members who contributed to another successful auction this year. After the washout last year, it was great to luck out and get some decent weather this year.

Of course, "Murphy's Law" was in full effect as always (Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong—and at the worst possible time.)

First, the lawn tractor broke and had to be repaired. Since the auction is held outside at our flying field, it was important to have a nice well-shorn field to display to our guests. Thankfully, Bill Adinolfo stepped up to the plate and was able to fix her up.

Next, the amplifier for our speaker system gave up the ghost. A quick purchase from Amazon ensured we would have a replacement within a few days (not that Dean needs amplification).

There was some concern about our access road being blocked by rail trail riders, but with a strategic relocation of our club "no parking" signs, we ensured a clear passageway to the auction site.

Finally, I would be remiss not to thank all our worker bees: Jeff Bullock, Keith Moreau, Dean Allred, Mike Larson, Bill Adinolfo, Mark Berard, Mark Thom, Danielle Taylor, Frank O'Neill, James Lewis, Brian Barnes, Bud Blanchard, Don Dodier, Dennis Karoleski, David Kelly, Josh and Steve Quinn. And a special thank-you to the maestro himself—Don Chase. You get the blue ribbon, Don.



# *Seen at the Airfield*

*August 24—31, 2024*



Frank's new Sig T-Clips flew great on its maiden flight.



Ken's Hobbyking Walrus glider. Gliders shouldn't be named after a Walrus...



Jeff's Great Planes CAP 580



A foamy Tigercat paid a visit



Keith's Extreme Flight Raven



Foamy A-10 Thunderbolt with 80mm EDF fans



# Meeting Notes

September 5, 2024

**Attendees: 14**

**Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM**

**Treasurer's Report read and accepted. Membership total: 42 members**

## **Old Business:**

- Auction activities discussed. No incremental action required. We have 12 volunteers currently.
- Shed discussed. Jeff to recall owner to ask why lawyer hasn't called. Action delayed on container until we hear from lawyer. If we get approval, we will prep the site this year (gravel pad and footings to keep container off the ground, move gate post to improve access) and get the container next year.
- **New Business:**
- Jeff to determine owner name on AMA insurance for next year.
- Emergency access to trail and signage directing visitors to access road discussed. Don to contact North Hampton fire chief to see what they might intend to do to ensure that access to trail is not blocked by bikers and hikers vehicles. Depending on response Don may propose removable sign (between boulders) and repositioning our current signage to help ensure access to trail and access road are not blocked.
- Recommendation was made to post "property surveillance" signs along our frontage. We will seek signage costs.
- Bill Adinolfo has volunteered to maintain mowers. Many thanks to John Backhaus for his years of doing so.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM**

## **Field Tips:**

- ⇒ When you are first to the airfield and opening the gate, be sure to "jumble" the lock code before proceeding. If you simply open the lock and leave it as is, you are broadcasting the code to everyone who takes a look.
- ⇒ It is "recommended" that you open the safety box before beginning flying operations, so the 1st aid kit is readily available. Of course, don't forget to lock up before leaving.
- ⇒ When flying with others, always verbalize your actions—"on the field", "taking off", "landing", etc. Always acknowledge these calls from other pilots.
- ⇒ Don't fly over the flight line or the pits! Stay well above someone retrieving a plane on the runway.
- ⇒ Always do a quick survey of the safety tables and pilot's lounge area before leaving for the day. If you find something that was left behind, notify one of the club officers via email.



## RC ACES 2025 MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #(required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Membership \$75.00 (ages 18 to 64)

Junior Membership \$20.00 (ages 17 and under)

Senior Membership \$60.00 (ages 65 and over)

New members please include an additional \$35.00 one  
time initiation fee

(Fees are subject to change)

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### As a member of the RC ACES Radio Control Club I agree to the following:

I have read and agree to abide by the Official Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) National Model Aircraft Safety Code, the club by-laws and all rules and regulations of the RC ACES.

I agree to release club members or club officers from liability if an aircraft I am operating is involved in an accident or otherwise causes harm to another person or property or if I am injured as a result of any activity related to club activities or operation of model aircraft.

(The intent of the above statement is to keep others not directly involved with an incident out of any proceedings related to the incident)

I agree to assume all liability for any model that I am operating in case of harm to other persons or property.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent if a Junior member)

Membership renewals may be brought to the regular meeting held at the North Hampton Public Library at 6:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month, starting in September or mailed to the address below:

**NOTE: Please make checks payable to RC ACES or Venmo (@Donald-Chase-10) is available.**

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RC Aces membership period is from April 15, 2025 to April 14, 2026