



# 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.

## Club Contacts for 2023-2024:

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THE NEXT RC ACES MEETING IS ON

\*\*\* November 7, 2024 \*\*\*



## Dead Stick!

I had the pleasure of seeing Dean's recently updated **Rascal 110** (110" wingspan) at the field. After a rather sudden meeting with a tree, Dean's plane need a bit of a facelift.

The resulting design and color scheme is amazing to behold! Even more impressive was the flying skill Dean demonstrated



while flying this big beauty. It was like the plane was made for him. However, what amazed me the most

was his final landing approach. It was beautiful! I remember noticing the perfect turn to base, the smooth steady landing approach, and his perfect alignment with the landing strip. It was only just before he landed that Dean announced "DEAD STICK!" That perfect approach and landing was completed with no engine power from that glow-fueled 1.60 cc beast!

All this brings me to the point—when's the last time you practiced a dead-stick landing? You can start by practicing a descending 360 turn at a safe elevation. Start by traveling down the runway at about 100' elevation, cut the throttle to nearly zero, and complete a large horizontal circle that lines you back over the runway. After you're comfortable with this exercise, practice completing an actual dead-stick landing.

Not necessary for electric planes you say? Wrong—it can happen to anyone. Practice your dead stick skills now so you know how to handle things when the unexpected happens.

# Scenes from the Past

*RC ACES airfield, circa 1988*



# Meeting Notes

October 3, 2024

**Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm with seven members in attendance.**

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

**Secretary's Report:** Meeting notes from the September newsletter accepted.

## Old Business:

- We spent some time talking about the new shed - cost, timeframe, what tools and heavy equipment we may need. We need a good turnout for this as it's going to be a lot of work. We agreed to at least get the pad ready for the container (CONEX) this year. Estimated cost is around \$3200. We set the work date for the shed foundation for Oct 19. Jeff is bringing his tractor to dig the hole. Keith is going to haul stone. It does not look like we will have to move the gate post for now.

## New Business:

- Nominations: Mark Thom has volunteered to be our next president. Ken Kennedy is willing to remain as Secretary and newsletter editor. Frank and Don agreed to hold their current positions. Dean is going to take over as Safety Representative. The Board of Directors will remain the same. All nominations to be voted on next month (November meeting) provided there is a quorum.
- Jeff is going to recontact the airfield property owner to see who's name should be on the insurance cert.
- The club Porta-Potty will be closed around October 15.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM**

## Not familiar with the term "CONEX"?

Conex boxes – also known as shipping containers, intermodal containers, or storage containers – are great for storing almost anything. They are used by both residential and commercial customers because they are large in size, made of durable weather-proof steel, can be either rented or purchased and conveniently delivered to you, as well as very cost-effective. By replacing the existing rotting, wooden shed with a steel container, we hope to get many years of storage at the field.



# RC ACES 2024 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**

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RC Aces membership period is from April 15, 2024 to April 14, 2025.