



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

***** January 2, 2025 *****



Scale Planes Need Pilots!

Over my years in the hobby, I've probably seen hundreds of scale R/C planes (many of them mine!). Some of our fellow hobbyists are real artists when it comes to realistic details such as exhaust stains, antenna wires, machine guns, and many others. But sometimes, a key detail is left out: the pilot.

There's really no excuse for not including a pilot in your scale build. They can be purchased in many different sizes, either U.S. or foreign, and for every conflict since the dawn of aviation. Some extremely detailed examples can be expensive, but most are not. They can be found at most hobby stores as well as on-line. Get them pre-painted, or paint them yourself.



One issue I've found in building a number of ARF kits is that the included pilot is sometimes completely wrong for the

plane—either the wrong size or wrong era. These pilot figures are often the result of manufacturers getting rid of existing stock, sticking in something that is "close



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Scenes from the Past

RC ACES airfield, 2001—



Lew Parish at Hampton Flying Field with his Giant Aeromaster (2001)



Hobbs Field, North Hampton, NH (June 2003)



Joe Ferrah at Hampton Hobbs Field. Airplane is a Sig Tiger 60 (August 2001)



Above and Left: Lake Hobbs—Spring and Summer flooding season at the airfield. With just the right amount of rain, the wetlands surrounding the airfield tend to overflow. The result, although a challenge to wheeled aircraft, makes an excellent training venue for float models!

Meeting Notes

December 5, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with twelve members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: 40 current members. 13 have paid 2025 dues. Report read and accepted.

Secretary's Report: Meeting notes from the November newsletter read and accepted.

Safety Coordinator's Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Election results were reviewed. Congratulations to the selectees!
- Reminder: Many AMA licenses expire December 31st. Don't forget to renew. In addition, make sure your FAA license has been renewed (3-year license) and is valid for next year.
- Don still needs a name for the club AMA insurance certificate. Jeff B to provide.

New Business:

- Several items to be tackled during Spring "Clean-up" day: the old shed needs to be torn down and disposed of; the outside of new conex needs to be painted; we need to build some storage shelving inside the conex.
- Discussion on whether we should run power to the conex. Lights for inside?
- Looking for suggestions on what to put on the outside of the conex after painting. RC ACES logo, perhaps?
- The battery charging station may need maintenance. Jeff B to check and repair if necessary.
- Jeff reported that it is better to use xt60 plugs rather than older style charge plugs—higher amp capacity.

Questions / Comments / Suggestions:

- Don C reviewed the new AMA website advertising meant to attract new members to the hobby.
- Mark T will be away for the months of January and February. Frank O will run club meetings those months.
- Frank O brought up the question of broadcasting our meetings via Zoom to members at home. Frank to talk to James L to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM

SHOW & TELL: Following the meeting, Mark T showed us his yet-to-be maiden project—a Great Planes PT40 high wing plane. The model has a custom paint job and is mounted on floats. The .46 size electric-powered plane has a 60 amp ESC, will run on 5S lipos, with a separate NiMH battery for the receiver. The plane is equipped with a Sky Remote ID module so Mark can fly in non-FRIA airspace.

enough.” The end result is a box full of unused pilot figures that show up at R/C swap meets.

Even if you can’t find the perfect pilot (slightly off in scale), it’s better to have SOMEONE piloting the plane! Sure, you can’t see a pilot in a scale plane beyond about 75 feet, but it makes a difference during take-offs, landings, and sitting on the safety bench. Still not sure? Well, how many full-scale planes do you see fly by at the airport with no visible pilot?

Next time you have a scale plane on the building bench, don’t forget the pilot!

Next Month:
sound systems



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 send via Venmo (@Donald-Chase-10)

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