



# 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**

**\*\*\* May 1, 2025 \*\*\***



## Going to an R/C Swap Meet

*After a few years of building, flying, crashing, and repairing, you may have a few more "parts and pieces" than you really need. Also, you may have a plane or two that you are ready to retire. If this sounds like you, it may be you're a prime candidate to attend an R/C swap meet or flea market.*

### Things to do before the event:

- ◆ Make a list of items you'd like to sell
- ◆ Get some sticky-back price tags and put a price on each
- ◆ Place small items in a container for ease of carrying
- ◆ If selling an entire plane, make sure it is fully functional
- ◆ Remove components you don't want to sell (receiver?)
- ◆ Write up a full description of planes on a 3x5 card
- ◆ If available, include the manual with each plane
- ◆ Pack everything in the car/truck the night before
- ◆ Don't forget plenty of water and snacks

### During the event:

- ◆ Show up a little early to get a "good" spot
- ◆ Set up the folding table, pop-up shelter (outside), chair
- ◆ Planes should be at the front of your display area
- ◆ The table should only be a few feet from the planes
- ◆ Arrange the small stuff so like things are together
- ◆ Be willing to "haggle" to a lower price
- ◆ Offer multi-purchase discounts
- ◆ CASH only, but you may consider PayPal or Venmo
- ◆ Ask you neighbor to "watch" your table so you can stretch
- ◆ Keep the cash in your pocket, not a cash box

It is important to have in mind a bottom-line price for all your items, especially the larger ones. At

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# Meeting Notes

April 3, 2025

**Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM**

**Attendees:** 18, including 2 on Zoom.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March meeting accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Thirty-seven members, and 31 have paid for the upcoming season. Three former members have decided to let their membership lapse. Report accepted as read.

**Field Safety Coordinator's Report:** The field is still very wet, and some new puddles have developed. The snow on the access road has melted, so that is clear now.

## **Old Business:**

- The primary aim of our Spring Clean-up Day on April 26th is tearing down and disposing of the old wood shed. Members are advised to "bring tools of destruction." Don and Keith will have their trailers to haul away debris. This will include the shed and any old broken tables and chairs. Mark will bring his generator for electrical tools.
- One lawnmower battery has been replaced (did not need two as authorized), and purchase/installation of the solar power display is pending.

## **New Business:**

- Dean has an old school locker he will donate for storage in the conex. Mark to provide transport.
- The field porta-potty will be unlocked on April 15th. The new gate combination will also be in effect on that date. The combination is found on our new membership cards.
- More bullet holes have appeared on both the gate and "no parking" signs. Response to be determined.
- Any new members who need to be evaluated for "solo" status: you can coordinate schedules with the trainers at Field Clean-up Day on April 26th, or contact them by email.
- We should consider some runway repair soon (loam and seed). Don to evaluate/discuss with Keith. If we do pick up some loam, the request will go out to bring shovels, rakes and a wheelbarrow or two.
- New membership cards for the upcoming season were distributed at the meeting. Members who did not attend in person will be able to pick them up from the field safety box later. Don will place a tool for punching a hole in the card in the safety box.
- We may need to look at purchasing a remote microphone for the Zoom meeting. Very hard to hear conversations with the current set-up.

**Meeting closed at 6:35 PM**

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the end of the swap (or when you decide it's time to leave) you have to decide which is more important to you—taking a little less for your plane or packing it up again to haul back home.

But here is the biggest thing to remember: nobody every breaks even at a swap meet (or an auction for that matter)! You have to expect that the money you get from the sale will be less than half the amount you invested in the model. Think yard sale, not antique shop. Once you make peace with this reality, you'll be more likely to price things accordingly, and so sell them at the swap meet.

Of course, the other side of the coin is that these events are definitely a buyers market. I've been to quite a few (well, nowhere near as many as Dean has), and it's always the same story. Sellers just want to get rid of their planes - they're sick of flying it, they don't have room for it at home, or they really want to buy something new. If you go to these events looking to buy, there's a chance you'll score a great deal. Of course, buyer beware. These models have often been "ridden hard and put away wet," meaning they probably have many flight hours on them, and they don't come with warranties.

It's often very helpful to go in pairs (two club members) when attending the swap. This way, when one person watches the table, the other can check out the other "vendors." This should be done fairly early in the day because you may find the deal of the century—and they only have one to sell. This is not to say that you can't leave your table alone for a few minutes. The chances of theft are pretty low (but do keep your cash in your pocket).

When you're ready to leave, pack up everything neatly, and make sure you don't leave behind any trash. Thank the meet coordinator on the way out and head back home.

OPTIONAL: If there's a hobby shop along the way, pick up some more stuff!

## **FOR SALE**

Skywing rc 48" hybrid slick 360, in great shape. It comes with (unattached) a Dualsky motor GA 800, and Hobbywing 40amp electronic speed control.

100 bucks!



More Info? Contact Frank O'Neil

# 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)***

**RC ACES  
26 Holmgren Road  
Stratham, NH 03885**

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



# SWAP MEET



**BUY!  
SELL!  
TRADE!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27  
9AM-NOON**

**Italian Heritage Center  
Parking Lot  
40 Westland Avenue in Portland, ME**





## RC FLEA MARKET



**Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Rain Date: Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**10:00AM – 1:00PM**

**1 B ST Derry NH**



**Flying enthusiasts are invited to our field to sell and/or purchase RC aircraft related items new or used. This is a cash only event:**

- \$15.00 seller fee per 6FT space, includes tables (Tables Are Limited)
- \$10.00 seller fee per 6FT space if providing your own tables
- Ample parking and porta potty available at the field. Bring your own food and beverages
- Sellers: Arrive at 9:00AM for table set-up. Open to buyers at 10:00AM
- Sellers: Please reserve a table no later than May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025.

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**  
**[www.nhflyingtigers.com](http://www.nhflyingtigers.com)**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Directions: From North or South**  
**Take route 93 to exit 4 Derry (Rt.102)**  
**Head East on 102**

**Turn left Crystal Ave. (Rt. 28 N)**  
**Turn left on A St. (Seven Eleven on the corner)**  
**Turn left onto B St.**

**Turn right on the dirt road just after blue building (Total Air Supply)**