



TAILWINDS

Oct. 2017

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 6:30 PM unless otherwise notified. All members,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY AIRCRAFT CONTROL BY ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

Meeting minutes from 9-7-2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 with 11 members in attendance and no guests.

There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the last library meeting in May and it was seconded.

There was no treasurers report as Keith, our treasurer, was absent.

Old news

No new items to discuss regarding the rails to trails project.

We discussed the 275th celebration for the town of North Hampton on October 14th at the airport. The coordinator wants a static display only. No flying!

We had another discussion on whether to have classes of membership denoting what each member is able to fly, with no firm decision so it was tabled for now.

New news

A friendly reminder to all to please follow the rules about where to fly your planes and quads. All aircraft should be taking off and flown from the runway or heli pad only, no flying over or in the pits or near other people. Safety first please!

As a result of overwhelming donations and support of the club Dean suggested we put forth a motion to make Tom Kirby a lifetime member and it was unanimous.

There are some field improvements we are looking into and they are to aerate the runway and loam the dead spots as well as plant grass as well as mowing the outer field area.

We will be doing our yearly closing down of the field on Oct. 28th and some of these items will be done on that date. It was also decided to call meetings at the field in the summer to have new "potential members" met pursuant to acceptance in the club.

We will be voting for officers at the Oct. meeting so please come and nominate and vote, we need a quorum to do this. We need your support!

There was a motion to adjourn and it was seconded. For show and tell Norm brought his newest build, a Balsa USA Taube kit that he built.

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TRAINING

We have managed to solo another person this season. Mike Larsen is our newest member to be given the gate combo. He purchased a large foam "Smart" plane from Jeff and has been putting it through its paces under Jeff's tutelage for a few weeks. Mike has also found that repairs are an integral part of keeping a plane at the ready for some relaxing flying. He has learned this so well that he has purchased a second plane such that the relaxing flying can still proceed while repairs are mending on the number one plane. I overheard him discussing motorized gliders so maybe he is even thinking about number three!

To the right is Norm with his kit built Taube. Jeff recently made the maiden flight for Norm and it flew well although not the precise flyer Norm was thinking it might be so a sale may be in order.

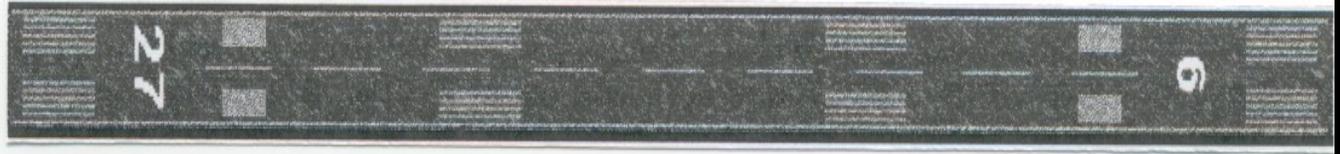
I sent an E-Mail to Tom Kirby shortly after he went to Florida as Irma came calling. I received the following message a couple days later. "We survived Irma. Very little damage. A tornado ripped right by our townhouse by several feet and took down several trees and damaged neighbors on both sides. We just got power back. We had evacuated to a friends house in central Florida. No surge here and it saved our butts. Very heavy damage all around us. Very scary event. But no real loss of life we were very lucky this time. Tk



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You need to make a trip there asap. Whether you are looking for something for yourself or a part or perhaps something for a grandchild you can find it there. I made a visit recently and was very impressed with the expansion and the amount of stock. There is more being added every day and it is truly a full service hobby shop. Whether your into airplanes, RC trucks or cars or rockets, FPV or helis or multi rotor (drones) or need repairs Bill and Fred can help you. If they do not have what you need on hand they will most certainly order it. There is nothing quite like the experience of looking at something you might want and being able to talk to someone who knows all about it. These guys are hobbyists too. Don't forget we really need to support them to keep them around.

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NEXT MEETING 10/5/2017 6:30 at the Library

COMPLACENCY-----and SAFETY

noun, plural complacencies. 1. a feeling of quiet pleasure or security, often while unaware of some potential danger, defect, or the like; self-satisfaction or smug satisfaction with an existing situation, condition, etc.

Do we practice complacency in our flying activities? I have to admit I am guilty at times! Safety was brought up at our last meeting and discussed briefly. I don't think we are un-safe as a group but more likely Complacent. That is to say we get too familiar with our surroundings and our habits change such that a little fog rolls in and we are less likely to be 100% safe. As a banner on our web site says "A good day of flying is no accident". Thus complacency is not an option. Some of the things observed are taxiing back into the pits after a flight. Aircraft need to be shut down at the end of the taxi way and carried or wheeled into the pit area. Similarly after starting your engine the plane needs to be wheeled or carried to the taxi way. Flying while standing in the active runway is also unsafe for you as you can experience the "deer in the headlights" effect while landing and not to mention it becomes extremely unsafe if others are trying to fly, take off or land. While flying from the runway and particularly when others are also flying let those folks know who may be looking in the opposite direction that you are about to take off or about to land or are about to go out on the field to retrieve your plane. In addition it is always wise to announce "Clear" once you and your plane are off the active runway. Flying over the pit area is definitely unsafe and one activity we don't do on an intentional basis I am sure but it is necessary to mention when discussing safety. All efforts must be made to avoid this.

Dean, Field Safety Officer