



November 2024

TAILWINDS

www.RCACES.ORG



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 2024-2025:

PRESIDENT:

Mark Thom, bonzai1959@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT:

Frank O'Neil, f2datank@outlook.com

SECRETARY:

Ken Kennedy, usma82@verizon.net

TREASURER:

Don Chase, dhchasenh@comcast.net

NEWSLETTER:

Ken Kennedy, usma82@verizon.net

SAFETY COORDINATOR:

Dean Allred, nada2@comcast.net

CLUB CONTACT:

Don Chase, dhchasenh@comcast.net

BOARD of DIRECTORS:

Jim Tilton, John Backhaus, Mike Larson

WEBMASTER:

Mark Berard, grampyb@comcast.net
James Lewis, designercom@hotmail.com

THE NEXT RC ACES MEETING IS ON

***** December 5, 2024 *****



A New King is Crowned!

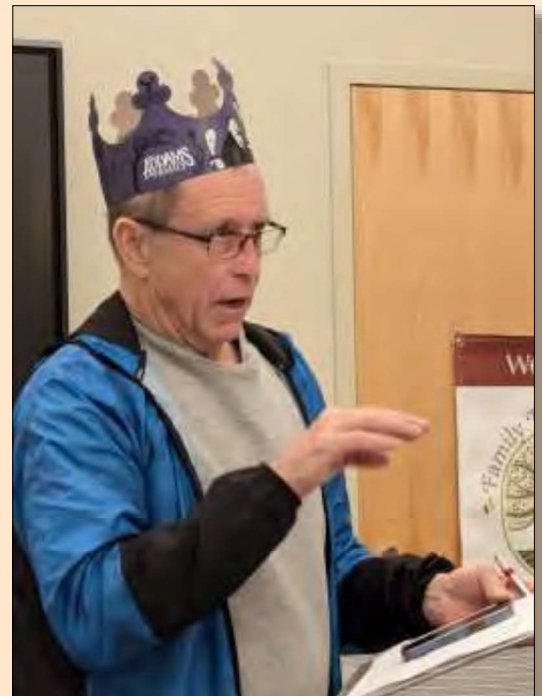
As scheduled, the club held its monthly meeting on November 7th, and as planned the election of new officers for the 2024—2025 season was conducted. The majority of nominees retained their position from last year, but we now have a new club president.

After many years of service, **Jeff Bullock** has stepped down as club president and **Mark Thom** has assumed the throne.

All of us wish to thank Jeff for his many contributions to the club over the 10+ years he served as president. We know he is looking forward to "just being one of the guys."

We also thank Mark Thom for stepping up and volunteering to be our new president. It's always good to have a fresh set of eyes overseeing an organization, and Mark has already expressed some suggestions for the future.

Good Luck Mr. President!



Mark Thom briefs members in his first official act after assuming the role as club president.

The CONEX Arrives at Hobbs—Martin Field



Meeting Notes

November 7, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with fifteen members and one guest in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: 40 current members. Report read and accepted.

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

Old Business:

- The new shed (CONEX) was delivered and set in place on November 1st. Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to be on site to assist in the delivery. Total costs to date have been below the amount approved for the project, but we still need to purchase a ramp and paint for the outside.

New Business:

- Field Clean-up will be conducted Saturday, November 9th. Not a lot to do, so it should be fairly quick.
- There have been reports of some non-members parking on the field access road. We may need to take additional steps (more signage, or other) to ensure our access is not blocked.
- Elections: **Mark Thom** has been voted in as our next president. **Ken Kennedy** will remain as secretary and newsletter editor. **Frank O'Neil** will remain vice president, and **Don Chase** will remain treasurer. **Dean Allred** is going to take over as Safety Coordinator. The Board of Directors (**Jim Tilton**, **John Backhaus**, **Mike Larson**) will remain the same. Voting was unanimous and since a quorum was present, is effective immediately.

Discussion:

- 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. Please note the FAA requirement is an *individual responsibility*, and the club is *not* in the business of enforcing the rule.
- Visitor Ron St. Germain (president of the Northeast R/C Model Club) discussed some of the initiatives they have put in place to draw new (younger) members to the club.
- A suggestion was made that we install another small sign on the airfield gate with a QR code that linked to a YouTube video that demonstrates several aspects of the hobby. Many new visitors from the rail trail.
- Another suggestion was to mount a locked cabinet in the new CONEX to house a trainer plane and transmitter. Walk-in guests who are interested in "trying it out" could then be given a buddy-box flight if an instructor is present. This would be good from both a public relations and potential new members standpoint.
- We should look at contacting the local Boy Scout troop to see if they would be interested in a class and introductory flight next year. It was mentioned that this could fulfill requirements for the aviation merit badge.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

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

RC ACES
26 Holmgren Road
Stratham, NH 03885

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