



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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Look out for Lipos!

Metal ammo cans have traditionally been used for storage and transport of Lithium-Polymer batteries in the R/C world.

Remove the rubber gasket so it is no longer water-tight, and maybe drill a hole or two in the top cover, and it becomes a flame-resistant container that might mean the difference between a house full of smoke, and a house that goes up in flames.

We need to remember, however, that the battery leads are an exposed and vulnerable part of the product. One of our members recently had the battery leads pinched when closing a metal ammo can, resulting in a scorched cover and a battery as shown above. This can be dangerous.



THE NEXT RC ACES MEETING IS ON

*** September 4, 2025 ***



One precaution you can take is to create a buffer out of cardboard or foam. Just make sure all battery leads are under this layer when closing up the can, and you can prevent them from being pinched.

Meeting Notes

There was no meeting and no meeting notes for August. Our next monthly meeting is on September 4th. See you at the airfield!

Seen at the Airfield

July 2025



REMINDER:

As discussed at the May meeting, the club has opted to maintain the club-mandated maximum altitude of 400 feet even though the AMA says we can now fly up to 700 feet. Our reasoning took into account our proximity to the Hampton airport and the fact that the runway approach/departure is virtually over our model airfield.

Please contact one of the officers listed on page 1 if you have a concern about this.

The RC World just Lost a Great One...

Charles T. Nelson

August 28, 1941 — July 12, 2025



I met Charlie in 2013 when I decided to visit the model airfield I had driven by so many times in the past. Like many of you, I had built and flown a few free-flight balsa model airplanes as a teenager, but fell out of the hobby as school, marriage, children and other things took over as priorities. But with the kids out of the house and living on their own, and with a bit more money coming into the household, I jumped back into the hobby at the ripe old age of fifty-three. Charlie became my mentor.

But he was more than that; Charlie was a father-figure to me. His corrections were gentle and always positive. He never failed to see good things

in all the bad things I was doing in the air. Most of all he was unfailingly complementary. If he didn't have something nice to say about my latest attempt to complete some feat of aerobatics, he'd talk about something else. Charlie always had a few stories to tell. But he always seemed to end our conversations with a positive, uplifting comment about me, often about my service in the military.

To help me in my growth as a pilot, Charlie provided me a list of tasks to complete. Once I was able to successfully complete the stall turn, the 360-degree descending turn, the Immelmann, and so many other maneuvers, I could consider myself a competent flyer in his eyes.... barely competent, but competent. I'm happy to report that not only did I complete all the items on the list, but I now use it as the standard for my students. Charlie was not only a great flyer, but a builder as well. In July, he was inducted into the AMA R/C Scale Hall of fame.



Charlie Nelson meant a lot to me. Teaching me to fly was just a small part of it. He also taught me a lot about compassion, dedication, and being kind to others. Although my interactions with him were often brief, his impact on me as a person will last a lifetime.

I hope all of you can have someone like Charlie in your life. I am very thankful to have known him.

- Ken Kennedy

South Shore Radio Control Club

Scale Fly-in, August 2025



More from Bridgewater....





RC ACES

North Hampton, NH

Summer Auction

Saturday, Sept 13TH

Rain Date: Sunday, Sept 14TH



Public Welcome
Food, Soda and Water available
Please bring your own chairs

Setup and viewing @ 9:00 am
Auction Starts @ 11:00 am
Admission: \$2.00 per person

Bring a table to sell your small under \$20 items
(Please pay 10% of sales to the Club)
Auction sales commission 10% - \$20 max/per item
Please no side deals

50/50 Raffle

Come to buy - sell or just watch

Time to dust off those RC Items stored under the bed,
out in the garage or in the back closet and bring them to:

HOME OF THE RC ACES

Hobbs-Martin Field

(formerly RC ACES Flying Field)

The field is accessed from behind Joe's Meat Shop at 229 Atlantic Ave (Rt. 111). Look for the access road entrance on right side of parking lot across from fuel storage tanks. Follow the unpaved access road that runs along the west side of the new Rail Trail north for about 400 yards.

Watch our website www.rcaces.org for announcement of "Rain Date" activation or auction cancellation/rescheduling



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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