



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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Snow-capable RC Planes Come in Several Flavors

Flying on a snow-filled airfield is a lot of fun. Whether you attach skis, or floats (or fly an amphibian) it's a neat experience.

Floats are best for soft, fluffy snow because they provide the lowest ground pressure. Both takeoffs and landings seem easier than wheeled operations. Some have said it's like "flying with training wheels."

When the snow hardens up, skis work very well. Some "tricks of the trade" are needed, such as ensuring the front tips are adjusted so they maintain a slightly raised attitude for the most successful landings. Skis can also be a bit of a challenge on icy snow surfaces. But, like anything else, your snow operations will improve with time.

One big difference you'll notice with electric winter operations is that flight times can be significantly reduced. The same battery that delivers eight minutes of flight time in the summer may only be good for six or seven minutes in the winter. Plan your flights accordingly and it's not a big deal.

Try snow flying—you'll like it!

THE NEXT RC ACES MEETING IS ON

*** December 4, 2025 ***



Left: Eflite Beaver on floats

Right: VQ Tripacer on metal skis

Meeting Notes

November 6, 2025

Meeting called to order: 6:03 PM

Attendees: 12, including 2 on Zoom

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We have 41 members. Checking and savings balances were reviewed.

Field Safety Coordinator's Report: Brief discussion on first aid kit components and possible purchase of a fire extinguisher for lipo fires. Will look at re-filling sand buckets for next season.

Old Business:

- Throttle cut on transmitters will be required (if physically possible—transmitter dependent). This requirement will be inserted into the club by-laws.

New Business:

- As there were no new nominations for club positions, the current crew will remain in place for the coming year (see page one of the newsletter). Vote was unanimous. Although he will remain in place for now, Frank would eventually like to be replaced as Vice President. For a description of the position duties, see the by-laws on our website, or contact Don Chase.
- Side rails for the conex ramp have been installed, but Don is looking for some angle iron stakes (or rebar) to replace the wooden stakes.
- The Porta-Potty is now officially closed. Keith has attached a sign advising the public.
- There is some concern about the monthly meetings running longer than our allotted 40 minutes online. James will look into the cost of extending meeting time.
- Fremont Flyers have started their winter schedule—both indoors and at the Epping Dragway.

Comments / Questions from the Membership: None

Meeting closed at 6:31 PM

Winter Flying Tips

Alot of you have no doubt hung up your transmitters for the season. Winter is traditionally a time for repairs and new builds. But for the intrepid few who ignore the cold when they get the itch to fly, here are a few tips:

- Overdress! It's easier to remove the hats, gloves and scarfs if it turns out to be warmer than expected, than to wish you had these items when it turns out colder than expected. Bring a hot beverage. Staying warm inside helps when you're cold on the outside.
- Keep your lipo batteries warm. Lipos tend to degrade in performance in the cold weather. The same battery that provides 8 minutes of flight time in the summer might only be good for 6 minutes of flight in the winter. Keep batteries inside your coat until ready to install in your plane. Some folks put them in Styrofoam coolers to help keep out the cold.
- For gas/nitro planes—consider blocking some airflow ports (front of cowl) to keep the engine from getting too much cooling.

Fall Clean-up Day

October 25, 2025



The crew: Steve, Frank, Tom, Mark, Keith, Dennis, Jeff, Don, and Ken (not pictured)



Gravel ramp in progress. As discussed in the October meeting, this will make moving the mowers easier and safer.



Don looks over the debris field that was once his OV-10. The NTSB and FAA are investigating.

Many thanks to the members who stopped by for our clean-up day on October 25th. Although there were not many tasks to complete, many hands make light work. After the work was complete, the flying (and crashing) commenced. Don's OV-10 saw its demise during the maiden flight—although it was not Don's fault. The plane was test-crashed by another club officer (not Mark or Frank) who shall remain nameless, although he deeply regrets smashing Don's plane into little pieces. Ah, the nature of the hobby....

RC ACES 2026 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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