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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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Hampton Airfield 80th Anniversary Celebration & Open House

On Saturday, May 16th the Hampton Airfield celebrated 80 years in business. The event included a fly-in of local planes, static displays, burgers and hot dogs, commemorative t-shirts and hats, history presentations, flight lessons, and a bounce house for the kids!

After a couple of hours of flying at our field I headed over to the airfield event that ran from 10 AM to 2 PM. Lined up were a couple dozen planes that you could freely walk around and enjoy. These included several amphibious planes (Icon A5?), Piper Cubs, a Stinson Voyager, Cessnas and a variety of Short Takeoff and Landing planes.

There was also a Civil Air Patrol table, and awards for the "prettiest, ugliest, and Oldest" aircraft. The Aircraft Café, of course, was packed.

Following are some shots of the planes that attended. I especially appreciated the two Piper Cubs in the WW2 "Grasshopper" layout, and took some detail pictures for use in making some scale improvements in my 1/4 scale L-21 Super Cub.



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THE NEXT RC ACES MEETING IS ON

*** September 3, 2026 ***



Celebrating 50 years as an
AMA Chartered club:
May 1976—May 2026

Meeting Notes

May 7, 2026

Meeting called to order: 5:59 PM

Attendees: 12

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

Treasurer's Report: We have 38 members, and two new members are joining. Banking report submitted. We had a very good result from the Dean Allred auction and are very thankful for Nancy's generosity.

Field Safety Coordinator's Report: The field is still very wet. When entering the parking area from the gate, try to stay away from the right side which is very soft.

Old Business:

- Member marketplace: James demonstrated the sale page added to our website. This has the option of being open to just club members or to the general public depending on how it is set up. We ask that sellers make items available to club members first as a courtesy, before making them available to the general public.
- We have not seen further spam emails—yet.
- Jeff will order a new front gate sign (already approved).
- Jeff will take care of adding Dean's name to the memorial plaque (Crown Trophy in Portsmouth?).
- Spring clean-up on April 25th went well (and quickly). Many thanks to the members who were able to attend.

New Business:

- The tentative date for this year's annual auction is set for Saturday, September 12, 2026. The poster on the AMA website was taken from a previous year and is incorrect.
- Bill opted out of doing our mower maintenance this year, so we will look for another volunteer. Several of the ongoing maintenance tasks will be handled internally.
- The use of Zoom meetings has been suspended due to lack of participation. This follows the guidance established initially which said we would "try" it through May to see if it was worth the time/effort/cost.
- Porta-potty decision: we will leave the unit unlocked, but will attach a sign that says "For Club Members Only" and "Use at Your Own Risk" to cover any liability concerns. It is acknowledged that we are paying for something that will be used by others on the rail trail.
- Kevin will pick up a new tarp (8 x 10) for the pilot shed.
- Discussion on the need to repair or remove the fence separating the runway area from the pit area. The supports are leaning over, and it is generally in poor repair. There was also a discussion about installing pilot fences at each flying station as found at nearly every other R/C airfield. These are for pilot protection in case a takeoff or landing fails to go as planned.

Comments / Questions from the Membership: None

Meeting closed at 6:50 PM



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 \$25.00 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, 2026 to April 14, 2027