



July 2026

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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Summer is the Time for Fly-ins at Local RC Clubs

On Saturday, July 11 the 495th R/C Squadron of Tewksbury, Massachusetts held a Scale Fun Fly at Ogonowski Field. The event was well-attended by a number of club members and a few public onlookers.

It was a beautiful sunny day with low winds and relatively mild temperature. Arriving at about 9:30 AM I found that most of the members attending had already arrived, with a few flights on-going. I brought my 10'x10' pop-up as I had planned to be there for a few hours, and immediately set that up.

After some misunderstandings were settled regarding who could fly at the event (the flyer invited all AMA licensed flyers) I proceeded to get in a number of flights with the three planes I brought to the field. I decided it was going to be a biplane day, so I brought the VQ Tiger Moth, the Maxford (Green Models) Jenny, and the Phoenix Models Waco F5C.

Just before noon lunch was served in the form of free hot dogs, hamburgers and soda. That and the fact there was no "landing fee" charged made it well worth the 40-minute trip!

I met some great folks and shared a few stories at the 495th. Also, with the help of some posters I brought along, I was able to spread the word about our upcoming auction on September 12. Several members promised to see me there.

Get out and enjoy the area fly-ins! Bring along a plane you feel confident flying and have fun!

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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*



Commercial Drone Operation at our Airfield?

Our club was recently approached by a commercial drone firm that requested the use of our airfield for testing purposes. After several discussions between the club officers and board of directors it was decided to turn down the request. In the interest of transparency the below points spell out why the officers and board made this decision.



- Several club members expressed displeasure with the approving the access based on an experience that the Northeast club had with a commercial drone company. The company dramatically expanded the scope of its original operation using very large drones (including gas powered units) and overflying neighbor's property.

- The company indicated that their intended use was to test, verify improvements and ensure the quality of their product. We believed that their planned activities would be in part development and in part final test before shipment, and this caused concern about IRS rules and our recently-established 501C7 (hobby club) status.
- There was concern that the AMA would question the company's insurance coverage and liability.
- There was concern about the proximity of the Hampton Airport and how they might react to a commercial (versus hobby) drone operation at our field.

While we appreciate the interaction with the drone firm, we had to make a decision in the best interests of our club members and airfield. If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact one of the club officers listed on page 1.

Meeting Notes

There are no meeting notes as there are no club meetings over the summer (June, July, August). Our next club meeting is Thursday, September 3, 2026. If you have something urgent to discuss, please contact one of the club officers.



More Fly-in Pictures—These are from the Plum Island event on July 18th. Wide variety of planes, and (thankfully) no turbine jets whizzing past at 200+ mph. Flying off asphalt is a treat!





RCACES

North Hampton, NH

Auction

Saturday, Sept 12TH



Dig out your RC planes and gear out from under the bed, out of the garage, and out of the closet for our RC Auction!

- ★ Food, Soda and Water available for purchase
- ★ 50/50 Raffle
- ★ Admission: \$3.00
- ★ Setup and viewing @ 9:00 am
- ★ Auction starts @ 10:30 am

- ➔ Bring a table to sell your small items (\$20 donation/table)
- ➔ Items priced at \$100 (+) must go through auction
- ➔ Auction sales commission: 10% - \$20 max per item
- ➔ Please no side deals
- ➔ Come to buy - sell or just watch

HOME OF THE RC ACES

Hobbs-Martin 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 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