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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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Get Ready for the RC ACES Annual Auction on Sept 12th

It's only a couple of weeks away! All club members should have September 12th circled on their calendars. With just two weeks to go, it's time to do an inventory of what stays and what goes.

Step 1: Review your flying history over the past year. Have you flown all the planes in your hangar?

Step 2: Identify the auction candidates. Of the planes that have not flown this year, why have they stayed behind?

Step 3: Decide which planes really don't excite you anymore, or which ones really are a pain in the butt to take to the field, set-up and fly. Be honest.

Step 4: Once the auction candidates are identified, decide what will remain with the plane. Take out the receiver or leave it? Take out the motor and ESC (or engine) or leave it? Is there a particularly nice pilot figure you'd like to hang on to? Remove as necessary.

Step 5: Decide how little you're willing to accept for the item. Realize auctions are always a buyer's market. Check out the RC Groups forum or other chat rooms for an idea on value. Stay away from Facebook Marketplace where every price is overinflated. Keep in mind that if you recover one-third of your investment, you're doing extremely well. Hope for a bidding war!

Step 6: Review both the mechanical function and general appearance of the item. Make any

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THE NEXT RC ACES MEETING IS ON

***** September 3, 2026 *****



Celebrating 50 years as an

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simple repairs that make the item more presentable. If something is not functioning properly (such as retracts that are not opening smoothly) be sure to state it on the auction slip. Give the plane a good cleaning.

Step 7: Remove all personal information—the FAA number and tag with your name, AMA number and cell phone number, for example. If you kept the original manual (or can print one out) include that with the plane.

On the day of the auction, arrive early and set up your display. During the auction (starting at 10:30 AM this year), be prepared for the inevitable lowball bids. Your beautiful plane that you cared for and flew for years and which provided hours of happy memories is now going to be criticized for every blemish. You will hear bids for pennies on the dollar. Be prepared for the possibility that your \$500 masterpiece may only bring in \$75 (or less) at auction.

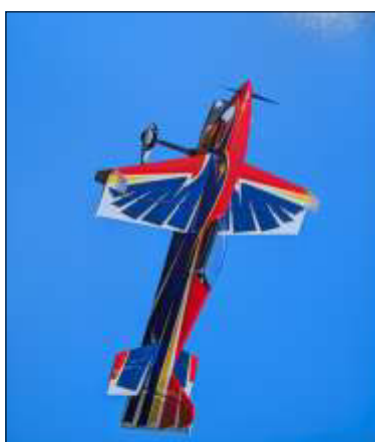
This is when you have to decide—save or sacrifice. You have to decide whether bringing the model home and letting it sit for another year is more important than giving it away for a fraction of its value. If the bid is too far below your expected value, just say no. That's the down side.

The upside is that you can play the same game as a buyer! You may sacrifice a plane for little money, but also pick up one for little money. That's the beauty of the RC Auction.

Even if you don't have anything to sell, and have no need to buy, come to the auction anyway. It's a chance to say hello to fellow club members, meet folks from other clubs, and enjoy the bidding action. Oh, and the hot dogs and burgers are fantastic! See you on September 12th.

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.





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