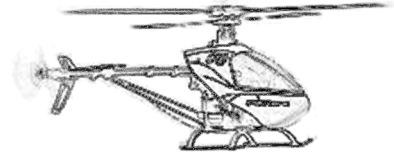




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## **IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

### **UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETING**

**Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

**Location: Club house**

**Time: 6pm**

#### **Items for discussion:**

- Overview of the fun fly
- Finances
- Upcoming events
- etc

### **EVENTS ARE HAPPENING THIS MONTH!!!**

**Any help would be appreciated!**

1. **October 8 – Franklin County Tech School Car Show**
2. **October 22 – Turners Falls PumpkinFest**



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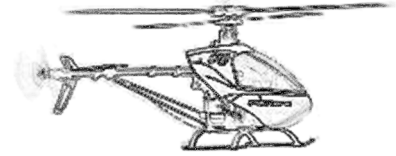
Greetings fellow FCRCCers!

## LATEST NEWS:

- **NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 11** - This meeting will be held at the club house at 6pm. I expect it to be pretty short by comparison to some of our other ones. We will review our finances as I think we are pretty much done spending money this year, talk about the use of the porta potty next year, talk about the fun fly and the results of that were, etc.
- **FALL FUN FLY** – I'd like to start out first by thanking everyone that came and helped out at the Fall Fun Fly. It was a great success and the additional help we had was wonderful for everyone! So thank you for all of your hard work. On that note, it really was a success!!! We flew 57 people on the trainers, and our laptops were busy the entire time. We even sold more food than last time! There really does seem to be a lot of interest in the community for model airplanes, so it was great to see such enthusiasm!! It definitely was bigger than last time in terms of more people coming out, but it was well organized and together we pulled it off. I heard one comment from one of our new members who said that this fun fly had 3 things that hasn't existed at other fun fly events: (1) laptops so people can try out the simulators and learn how useful of a tool they can be (2) try the real trainers for free and give everyone a turn so that they can then apply what they learned on the simulator and then (3) they can see Dean and know what they could achieve if they put their mind to learning how to fly. But it is great to pass on that people who have gone to other fun flies have never seen anything this well organized and this successful. So be proud everyone, you all did excellent and it shows! ☺
- **COMMENTS/SUGGESTION SHEET:** At the bottom of this newsletter there is a Comment/Suggestion sheet which I'd like to encourage all of you to fill out so that your opinion is heard. This year we've had a lot going on with the different fun flies, we have many new members, we've done some pretty intense shifts at the fair, etc. Please share your opinions so that it influences what we do next year.
- **FLYING RULES** - Since the tech school is back in session, we have to follow their rules for flying in order to maintain the safety of our club (we are only leased) and the students and parents. After talking with the coach, we now can fly more than we could before, but here are some rules we should follow:
  - **The only games that we can't fly at are the Football games, specifically because our planes routinely fly over that field. They are clearly marked on the calendar (which is a link off of the web site) and normally occur on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Just don't fly during a football game – EVER!**
  - **When flying during games or school hours of any kind, keep to the right of the runway – over the trees. That's all open space, we have no excuse not to fly there.**
  - **We are trying a reverse takeoff on the left hand side, basically flying**



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**towards the trees and then banking left towards the main real airport runway and turn hard and then coming back over the middle of the runway. This pattern would keep us flying over the football field. The other option is to take off and land from the right.**

- **NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome Michael Prosciak, David Lampron, and Dean Lampron into our club!! Hopefully they will be flying with us again soon!! We are currently up to 28 members! Due to our efforts at the fun fly, we have had several people come to our club last Sunday who were very interested in joining up! Hopefully we will get a few more members from our efforts and will have a nice ending to our flying season.
  - **INDOOR FLYING:** I called up the people in charge of the Cowell Gym in Shelburne Falls and they say we are the first on the list for people who want to use the gym. They are having an issue with mold in the basement but it is being worked on now and the woman said that she is 98% sure it won't affect anything and will be cleaned this week or next week. I told her we would be interested in using the gym starting in November or December – whenever the snow starts falling. She penciled us in for now. So with any luck, lets cross our fingers and hope for the best. On that note, please start thinking about a slow flying airplane or a helicopter for indoor. The gym is essentially a full sized basketball court with 30 or 40 foot ceilings.
  - **MORON OUT EAST -** As I'm sure all of you know, some moron wanted to use model airplanes to bomb some of the capital buildings. I don't have to mention to all of you what that could potentially do to our hobby. However, we really don't know what is going to happen with the FAA first of all and then secondly if the government will impose any restrictions. For those of us who understand this hobby, we know that he could never have flown 5 pounds of explosives on a plane that is 60" in length. Most trainers are that big and I sincerely doubt a trainer could have gotten off of the ground with any such payload. So we will have to see what happens in the future, but we can at least pray for the best and support the AMA whenever they ask us too. Recently Tower Hobbies emailed us all to protest the rocket engine ban, and several of us did that. In these trying times, we all need to not panic and stick together, and together, we will succeed in keeping our hobby flourishing.
  - **GOING SOLO -** We congratulate Rob for going solo recently. Rob's been doing great and the last time he flew had three dead stick landings and he managed to grease those right in as well! All of the guys who have gone solo are flying excellent and we applaud all of their hard work in learning and practicing! Mason and Connor should be soon going solo as well 😊
  - **CAR SHOW – OCTOBER 8:** The Franklin County Tech School is having a car show on October 8<sup>th</sup>. It was moved from September 22 due to the storm that came through. That being said, we have a double tent spot set up and they are advertising on the radio that we are going to have a model airplane demonstration. I don't think that any one of us would risk a demonstration around antique cars, however, a static display would be reasonable. If Dean wants to come and give a demo where there are no cars, I'm sure the audience would love it! But small electrics only I would presume!
- Another option might be to have some guys flying at the club and then those of us at the event can simply point over and explain where everyone is flying. **If you think you can help**



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me out at the booth, please let me know ASAP.

- **PUMPKINFEST 2011 – OCTOBER 22:** This event will need at least three volunteers if it is anything like last year. Last year we had Chris, Darrell, and me and we were busy talking the entire time. The event runs from 3 to 9, but setup is earlier than that. We get a double wide spot, so we will have one tent with the information on a table and then another tent with some airplanes on display. But please help if you can!! This is actually the only event that we paid to be at so I'm hoping that we man the booth and help get word out the community about our club. We **NEED** to have carved pumpkins. It is mandatory for this event. So please put your thinking cap on for how we can have some airplane themed pumpkins. Last year, one of our members Chris Goddard, did an excellent pumpkin that gained all kinds of attention at the festival.
- **THINGS FOR SALE:** If you have things for sale and you'd like me to list them in this newsletter, please let me know what they are and how much you want for them. Just as a side note, having bought and sold used airplanes and accessories, your typical value that you'll actually sell an item for is half what it is worth new. If you are selling an ESC and it retails for 100, then you'll get probably 50 if it is in nice shape.

### Reminders and Notes

- **IF THERE ARE SCHEDULED FOOTBALL EVENTS GOING ON AT THE FRANKLIN TECH SCHOOL NEXT DOOR WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO FLY.** Why do you ask? (for the new members) Because once upon a time we had a model plane lose control and crash in the middle of a football game. Since then we agree not to fly when the school has outside events going on, which is never during the summer but during the season we will post a calendar of events
- **YOU CAN GET TO THE TECH SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM OUR WEB SITE FROM THE "FCTS" LINK**
- Don't forget to renew your AMA membership! If you are new to the club and plan on joining up with FCRCC don't forget to join the AMA. You must be a member of the AMA in order to join or renew your membership for the 2011 season.
  - Membership dues for the 2011 season are due no later then March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
  - Full membership cost is \$55.00.
  - If you are a NEW adult member, your initial year membership will be prorated so 55 due if in the beginning of the year, 35 if after June, and 15 if after September.
  - You will need to provide proof that you have renewed your AMA Membership. (ie. 2011 AMA Membership card)
- **The FCRCC Mailing Address is:**



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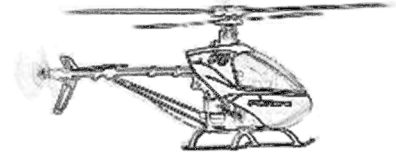
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**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Please fill it out and either anonymously send it to the PO BOX or give it to David or even talk about it at our meeting.

**THINGS YOU LIKED ABOUT THE FUN FLY(S)**

**THINGS THAT YOU DIDN'T LIKE ABOUT THE FUN FLY(S)**

**WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE NEXT TIME**

**SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT OTHER THINGS OTHER THAN THE FUN FLY(S)**