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495th R/C Squadron

November 2nd Club Meeting – Our annual election of club officers. See newsletter for candidates listing.

SAFETY: EVERY MEMBER is RESPONSIBLE

www.495thsquadron.org/Fields.htm

Rules and Operational Procedures for both of our premier flying sites located in Groton and Tewksbury, Massachusetts!

Worst Definition of the month

CRASH – A method of seeing inside a model airplane

A note from your editor;

Due to circumstances beyond his control, Ray Arsenault has let me know his RC **tales** and **Insider's View** will not ready for this month's issue.

Also there is a new "**Members Only**" section of the website. This area is accessible from the Membership Page, and is username and password protected. This area will be used to post the Membership Roster for the Club. There is an email entry form on the Membership Page that members can use to obtain the required username and password.

Paul Howard

Groton Fun Fly Rained Out !!!!

Rain Date will be Saturday, October 22, 2005

See you there!

The Future Direction of the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc.

Submitted by John Morley

As we come to the end of another excellent flying season and year, it's never too early to look ahead to the future. Over the past few years, the Board of Directors of the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. has worked extremely hard to provide the membership with a quality experience, including maintenance of the two Club flying fields, the annual membership Picnic, Club fun-fly's, the Christmas Banquet, etc. Rest assured that the Board will do everything possible to continue with our ambitious agenda, and to continue to provide the best possible experience for all the members of the Club. To maintain the high level of activities and services that we provide, the Board of Directors will recommend to the membership that the annual dues for Club membership be set at \$50 for 2006. As a Board, we have always insisted that the Club spend no more money in a given year than it receives in dues. We believe this position is sound fiscal policy, and we intend to continue this policy in the years ahead. As we all know, the cost of goods and services continues to rise, and as a Club we are not immune to that pressure. In addition, the Board has identified a number of areas that will require significant expenditures in the coming years. We want to begin to provide for future expenditures now, as well as to improve the overall membership experience beginning immediately. This increase in the Club dues will help us to achieve these goals, and to ensure the continued financial health of the Club. Below I have listed a number of the expenditures we anticipate in the coming years.

Lawn Mower – We'd like to purchase a new mower for the Ogonowski Field to replace the one we are borrowing. Approx. Cost: \$2000.00

Shed – We'd like to erect a shed at the Ogonowski Field (pending approval from the State Hospital) to store maintenance equipment, flight training equipment and a Barbecue grill. Approximate Cost: \$1000.00

Barbecue – We would like to purchase a grill for use at Club Fun-Fly's. Approx. Cost: \$150.00

Memorial Maintenance Fund – We would like to establish a maintenance fund for the eventual repainting of the Ogonowski Memorial. This expenditure is 8 to 10 years off. Approximate Cost: \$4000.00

Ogonowski Field Upgrades – We would like to install a new Pin Pole, and Benches (fixed) along the Guardrail. Approx. Cost: \$500.00

Meeting Refreshments – We would like to provide free refreshments at all meetings. Approx. Cost: \$200.00

Raffles – We would like to have a raffle at each Club meeting. Approx. Cost: \$750.00

Fun-Fly's & Barbecues – We would like to expand the number of Fun Fly's (with Cash Prizes) and Barbecues offered each year. Approx. Cost: \$500.00

Some of the items listed above are immediate goals for the BOD, while others are spread over a number of years. The important thing to remember is that for the Club to remain strong and viable financially, we must ensure that we have the necessary money to fund the services and benefits that that membership has come to expect without depleting the club treasury. As a Board, we are firmly committed to spending **your** money wisely, and we would appreciate your support for this modest dues increase.

495th R/C Squadron, Inc. Board of Directors Duties

Submitted by John Morley

The 495th R/C Squadron is governed by the Board of Directors which consists of the Officers of the Club (President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chief Instructor), and at least three other members (Directors). The responsibilities of these individuals are listed below.

President – The President shall preside at meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer. The President shall see that resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The President shall have the power to appoint special committees. All such appointments shall be coterminous with that of the appointing President.

Vice-President - The Vice-president shall be responsible for all Club property and shall provide an accounting to the Board of Directors upon request. Historically, the Vice-President has been responsible for conducting the monthly raffle, scheduling speakers/entertainment for the monthly meeting, and serving coffee/refreshments at the monthly meeting.

Secretary - The Secretary shall attend all Annual and Special meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors and shall act as clerk of each meeting, recording all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book kept for that specific purpose. The Secretary shall give notice of Annual and Special meetings and shall have custody of the original copy of the Bylaws and all amendments thereto. The Secretary shall receive applications for membership and maintain the Club membership roster. The Secretary shall keep the seal of the Club and when authorized by the Board of Directors shall affix it to any instrument requiring a seal. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club and shall execute all instruments as may be officially authorized.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Club and shall keep full and accurate records of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Club and shall deposit all moneys in the name of and to the credit of the Club in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. All disbursements shall be made by check and said checks shall be signed either by the Treasurer or the President. The Treasurer shall render to the President and Directors at regular meetings of the Board of Directors, or whenever they may require it, an accounting of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Club.

Chief Instructor - The Chief Instructor shall develop, publish, obtain membership approval, and execute the Flight Training Program including training and certification of Instructors, Pilots and Solos.

Directors – The Directors may exercise such powers and do such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or by the certificate of incorporation or by the Constitution required to be exercised by the members or the officers.

All members of the Board of Directors of the Club should be available to attend the monthly membership meeting, and a monthly Board of Directors meeting

The 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. Election

By John Morley

Each year at the annual Club business meeting, the members of the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. are given the opportunity to choose the individuals that will lead the club in the upcoming year! In my opinion, this is the single most important meeting of the year, and voting is the most important thing you will do as a member all year. The election is not a popularity contest, but rather, it is your opportunity to select the people that will move the Club forward in the direction that you believe the Club should go. Please take the time to consider your vote, and select the best people to represent your interests, and your vision for the Club. When it comes to contested positions, often the choice is not easy, as all the candidates are qualified. In my opinion, you should look for candidates who have already demonstrated an active participation in Club affairs (beyond the monthly meetings, fun-fly's, etc.), and who will have the time to devote to the service of the Club. Please try to get to know all the candidates, and to make an informed choice when casting your ballot!!

Note: All candidates will have the opportunity to make a brief statement regarding their candidacy at the November meeting.

Candidates running for office;

President John Morley

Vice President..... Bill Copp and Chris Rines
(1 to be elected)

Secretary..... Paul Gosselin

Treasurer..... John Joyce and Al Kinnon
(1 to be elected)

Chief Instructor..... Steve Jackson

Director..... Dick Adams
(3 to be elected) Rick Breton
Gus Deltwas
Lew Sanderson
Dave Silva
Jim Thompson

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Salem, NH 03079
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