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GFF: Group of Flying Friends

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(* = GFF Event ** = Non GFF Event)

*Every Fri. Indoor Flying 6pm to 9pm at the Lancaster Elementary School Gym on Bridge St. The season is scheduled to continue thru Apr 13th

*April 7th, Saturday at 10am. Monthly GFF Club Meeting at Weeks Memorial Library, Lancaster, NH.

*May 5th, Saturday at 10am. Monthly GFF Club Meeting at Weeks Memorial Library, Lancaster, NH. Possibly get GFF Flying Area ready for 2018 season, depending on weather.

*June 2nd, Saturday is our Spring Float Fly & Boat Float at Waterford, VT boat landing on Moore Dam Reservoir of the Connecticut River. Starts at 9am.

*July 7, Saturday, GFF Family Pot Luck BBQ. Flying starts at 9:30am. Lunch at noon. Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese burgers and soda. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

*Aug 11th & 12th, Saturday & Sunday, Annual Fun Fly and Air Show.

*Sep 8th, Saturday, Fall Float Fly & Boat Float at Waterford, VT boat landing on Moore Dam Reservoir of the Connecticut River. Starts at 9am. All AMA flyers / boaters and spectators are WELCOME to participate.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

3rd Christian Hodge
7th Barbara Fontaine
11th Regina Spaulding
13th Bob Bonnell
25th Al Cayouette

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

1st Ray Prada
2nd Neil Illingworth
14th Olaf Ekbergh
14th Don Sanders
24th Randy Meier

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MARCH MEETING REPORT:

10:01am - The GFF March 3rd monthly meeting was called to order by President Neal Wells III with 12 members present.

10:02am – President Neal called for the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Pete Forlenza. Neal called for any discussion on the report and none was made. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report as read.

10:03am – President Neal called for the Secretary's report. Due to the GFF annual banquet no monthly meeting was held so there is no Secretary's report for February.

10:04am – President Neal called for the Field Marshal's report. Field Marshall Jim Avery informed the club members that Jeff Webster will be looking at the mower for repair and would like to have the mower deck looked at also. Jim will contact Jeff to make arrangements for an appointment and then he will contact Neal Jr. when it is time to bring the mower to Jeff.

10:05am – President Neal called for the Safety Officer's report. Safety Officer Neal Jr. informed the club members that if club members have a new plane or one that has been repaired and ready to fly, the plane should be thoroughly checked out with another club member pilot to make sure it is safe to fly. Neal stated that he would like to purchase 100 AMA ID tags and a new safety rules poster from the AMA and asked the club members to approve this purchase. Neal stated that he is waiting on fixing the frequency board. Neal is also going to try to create some articles for local newspapers in order to keep the public informed of our club and upcoming events. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for Neal to make the purchases that he requested.

10:09am – President Neal called for any old business. Neal informed the club members that the GFF banquet had a lower attendance this year that last year but all in all it was a good time for all who attended.

10:12am – President Neal asked the club members to keep in mind that a few more volunteers would be needed to help Neal Jr. and

Rusty Scott with the Lancaster Fair coordination. If any member would like to help please contact Neal Jr.

10:13am – President Neal started a discussion on fixing the club road at the club's flying field. Neal asked Jim Avery if Jim would speak with Jay about obtaining his father's bobcat and getting gravel delivered to the field. Neal asked if anyone could help Jim get it all coordinated before June or July please get together with Jim.

10:19am – President Neal asked if there was any other old business to be discussed and none was brought forth so Neal asked for any new business. President Neal asked the club members if anyone had any new ideas for renaming the GFF Warbirds event. Neal Jr. suggested "NEK RC Air Show" which would stand for "Northeast Kingdom RC Air Show". If any other club member has a name to suggest please email your ideas to President Neal.

10:23am – Dennis Ullery stated that at this time of year the club makes its annual donation to Weeks Memorial Library. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to give the library the club's annual donation. Treasurer Pete Forlenza will take care of giving the donation to the Library.

10:25am – President Neal noted that Pete Forlenza is the only intro pilot instructor available at this time due to Brian Bigelow being on the road with his job and asked if any club member would like to volunteer to be an instructor. Dennis Ullery stated that he would let the club know if time permitted him to do it. Jim Avery stated that he would be able to do it sometimes and Brian Bigelow stated that he hoped to be around more this summer. President Neal asked that if the four club members are going to do instruction then he would like to have them get together with each other to coordinate some kind of syllabus as to how and who would be able to train someone as needed.

10:35am – A discussion was started on possibly using an electric powered plane for training. Brian Bigelow stated that the only objection to an electric plane is the fact that you can only get a maximum of about ten minutes of flight time and then you have to land it in order to install a new battery. However, Brian noted that more and more people are going to electric planes and are getting away from glow and gas more and suggested that perhaps the club should have an electric trainer such as an LT40 or something similar on hand. Other club members suggested various foamie trainer planes due to the fact that these types of planes are what newbies are purchasing. President Neal suggested that the instructors get together and decide what they would like to use and bring the information up to the club members at a future meeting.

10:38am – President Neal asked the club members to keep in mind that the club may need someone to volunteer to cook for the GFF Family Picnic and the Air Show event as George and Marcelle may not be available this year.

10:39am - President Neal started a discussion about opening the club's flying field and noted that the club usually opens the field in May. Neal stated that when Field Marshall Jim Avery feels the field is good to go he will let Neal know and Neal will send out an email to inform all members.

10:40am – Joan Wells asked about bringing refreshments to the club's indoor meetings and anyone that would like to bring refreshments to the meetings may do so.

10:41am – Club Newsletter Editor Don Sanders informed the club members that his computer had crashed beyond repair and he had to purchase a new one. Therefore the monthly newsletter may look a little different.

10:43am – President Neal informed the club members that Tower Hobbies is filing for reorganization.

10:45am – President Neal asked if there was any more new business and none was brought forth. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Herman, Secretary

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SAFETY IS FOR EVERYBODY:

The Safety Briefing—by Neal Wells

Several years ago, a 14 year old girl was walking with her aunt along a path in a public area adjacent to but out of sight of a club flying field in England. A 55 year old pilot was enjoying a day of flying his new ARF Ripmax Aerowat, a .40 size aerobatic trainer similar to a Goldberg Tiger or Sig 4 Star. He realized that he had lost control of the plane as it flew out of his sight. When the out of control plane crashed, it struck the young girl in the head, killing her. The typical .40 sized plane weighs about the same as the average face brick, 4 to 4-1/2 pounds, most certainly a lethal weapon when dropped from the sky.

A police investigation following the accident and its subsequent examination of the plane revealed that part of the tail had come loose due to improper gluing leading to loss of control and the death of a young girl. It was also learned that the pilot installed a substandard battery. Though authorities ruled the death accidental both problems could have been eliminated by proper construction technique and a proper preflight check, preventing a needless death and years of pain for both the family and the pilot.

When we join a club we are obligated to follow the rules set by the club and one of the Guildhall Fun Flyers Bylaws states that all newly constructed or substantially repaired planes must be checked by a second pilot prior to flying at the field. We have a school playground less than 1600 feet from the edge of our runway and a campground at 1/2 mile, both well within range of an out of control plane. Please make sure that your aircraft is safe for flight by having it

inspected by a fellow pilot initially and doing a proper preflight each time you fly before taking to the air. Nobody wants to live with having caused a death from the hobby. Keep it fun, keep it safe.

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INDOOR FLYING:

We will be flying every Friday 6pm to 9pm at the Lancaster Elementary School gym through April 13th. Only four more sessions, which means Outdoor Flying is just around the corner.

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APRIL MEETING REMINDER:

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