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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

*June 14th Memorial Fun Fly at Martin Field

*June 21st Rain Date for Memorial Fun Fly

*June 21/22, District I Electric Fun Fly,
Bloomfield, CT.

*July 5th, Sun, 11am. Club Meeting at Field.

*July 12th GFF Family B-B-Q

*July 18/19, District I Fun Fly @ U. of RI
Balloon Fest, Kingston, RI.

*July 26th, Sun, RC ACES Annual Auction @
club field No. Hampton, NH. Starts at noon.

*July 31 to Aug 2, District I Huckfest – 3D
Giant Scale, Gardner Airport, Gardner, MA

*August 2nd, Sun, 11am. Club Meeting at
Field.

*August 15th Warbirds Over Guildhall

*August 22nd Rain date for Warbirds

*September 6th, Sun, 11am. Club Meeting at
Field.

*September 19th & 20th, South Pond Float Fly

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JULY BIRTHDAYS:

6th Larry Rexford

7th Neal Wells

11th Brian Bigelow, Sr.

16th Mike Caffrey

18th Gin Meier

20th Jennifer Martin

26th Hazel Taylor

Happy Birthday ! ! !

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LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

11:00 The June 7th meeting was called to order
at Martin Field by Club President Joe Hoey
with 31 members present.

1) Joe brought to the club's attention that the
visitor's center in Lancaster has invited us to
join in their efforts to welcome guests to the
area.

2) Joe reported that some club members had
been approached by a neighboring land owner
expressing concern over noise from the
airplanes in the morning. It was noted that we
did not have any rules on time of operation
and should implement some. Discussion
ensued pointing out research done by Joe
about local ordinances and club member
wishes. A motion was made by John Brooks
Jr. to set the hours per the Law of the Town of
Guildhall and Essex County. It is generally
accepted that quiet hours are from 10:00 P.M.
to 07:00 A.M. for lawn mowing, farm
equipment, and other outdoor noise making
activities. The motion passed to make these
the hrs that we will not fly, except for electric
which are not restricted.

11:19 A motion was made to have Gina write
a letter to the landowner neighbor stating the
hrs. with copies to Mr. Martin, the board, and
for members to see.

11:20 President Joe called for the Secretary's Report and Gina read the lengthy minutes from May's meeting. The report was accepted as read.

11:30 President Joe then called for the Treasurers report. Treasurer Pete could not make the meeting but had e mailed the report in. Joe read the report of the balance sheet and is available if anyone wants the numbers. The Treasurers report was accepted as read.

11:31 Old Business

1) There was no old business forthcoming

11:32 New Business

1) John Brooks Sr. pointed out that at the events, such as the recent float fly, the club is purchasing the coffee at great expense. Mr. Brooks had done some excellent research and found we could buy a stove top coffee maker for \$45.00. A motion to allow him to proceed was made and passed.

2) Vice President Rusty brought to our attention that the club fuel is now all gone. He requests anyone interested in buying fuel at greatly reduced prices contact him so we can get some idea of how many cases to buy.

3) Secretary Gina announced that we had found a source to purchase patches of the club logo at 100 for only \$2.00 each. A motion was made to proceed with the purchase and sell them for \$4.00 each and make a small profit for the club. Motion was passed. The patches have been made and are available from Rusty along with the decals.

4) NL ED Don announced that the memorial plaque has been updated with the name of Paul Belair who sadly passed a couple weeks ago. The Plaque will be on display for the memorial fun fly next Sunday.

5) Don also reminded us that 20 members have for various reasons not paid dues for this season. This will have a negative effect on the budget unless we make it up in other ways.

6) Our member Bob Kilman, AMA AVP NH, invited us to a multi-club fun fly down south this Sunday, June 14th, but unfortunately our memorial fun fly is scheduled for the same

day. It was noted that maybe next year we can coordinate the two events as some members would certainly attend.

7) Field Marshall Poppy noted that several members have purchased trailers to bring equipment to the field. He suggested we widen the roadside parking area by about 10ft to accommodate the larger vehicle combinations. A motion was made and passed to proceed. Landlord permission will be requested to make sure we can proceed.

8) President Joe pointed out that a grievance against a member for conduct unbecoming at the field had been received. The matter was deferred to a separate meeting of the Board of Directors following the club meeting.

9) Club member, Mike Fauteux has put together a cube truck that is now a really cool mobile hobby shop. Mike wants to put a Guildhall Fun Flyers Graphic on the side at a cost of approximately \$400.00. Mike requested any assistance the club might provide in light of the visibility that might be gained over on the east side of the state especially with us looking at flying sites over there. It was also noted that Mike is the one who built all the great portable benches that we enjoy at the field. Discussion ensued pointing out the downturn in the economy is likely causing the member shortfall this year. The high fuel prices to keep the field in top shape and the fact many members have purchased club logo decals for display on their vehicles. A motion was made and passed to not expend the funds at this time while recognizing this member's contributions to the club.

10) President Joe announced the Police Activities League has approved our request for another Trainer Aircraft, Fuel for this season's training activities and a Vapor Aircraft for indoor training. The PAL has been a steadfast supporter of the clubs promotion of the hobby to youngsters for some time now.

11:56 A motion was taken to adjourn, Motion passed

Cup Cakes provided by Barbara Fontaine in celebration of John Brooks Sr.'s birthday were enjoyed. The flying commenced for the rest of the day.

Respectfully Submitted by
Regina Spaulding, GFF Secretary

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THE PASSING OF A MEMBER:

Paul Belair, a member of our club since 2005, has passed on. In recent years Paul would come and visit with us frequently at the flying field and attend the summer meetings. He was always up-beat in his conversations and remark how beautiful the views were at the flying field.

Here is a copy of his obituary as published in the Caledonian Record and several other local newspapers.

Paul A. Belair, 73, East Concord, died peacefully on Friday morning, May 15, 2009, at Country Village Center Genesis Eldercare, Lancaster, N.H., after a long illness.

Mr. Belair was born in Randolph on Oct. 28, 1935, the son of Joseph and Adella (Poirier) Belair.

He grew up in Quincy, Mass., and Randolph before settling in Rockland, Mass., to raise a family with his wife Joanne. He worked as a drafting engineer for many years at Sigma Instruments in Braintree, Mass. After weekending in Vermont for eight years, he and Joanne made East Concord their home.

Paul was a devout Catholic, serving his Lord as a Eucharistic Minister, a lector and catechism teacher. He was most recently a parishioner at All Saint Catholic Church in Lancaster and enjoyed the company of his friends in the Men of St. Joseph's group.

He was a wonderful Papa to Geoffrey Graham, Devin Belair, Kourtnei, Austin Tyler and Mykayla Martin, Sam Hosford and Elijah and Grady Walters. In his grandchildren, he found great joy, spending time with them, marveling at the way they grew and changed and loving them.

He was also overjoyed to have two little great-granddaughters, Aysjah Willis and Mariyah Belair. He was also a very special person to his goddaughter, Sara Mackiewicz, of Belchertown, Mass., and was "Uncle Papa" to many.

Paul's hobbies and interests included, flying and being a flight instructor, gardening, yard work, snow machining, being a member of the Guildhall Fun Flyers, fishing, hunting, volunteering at Weeks Medical Center and tinkering around his home.

In addition to his grandchildren, Paul leaves his wife of 43 years, Joanne (Mackiewicz) Belair of East Concord; his daughters Paulette Martin of Leland, N.C., Noelle Hosford and her husband Ron of Gilman, and Brigette Walters and her husband Bruce of Lancaster; and a sister, May Belair of Stafford Springs, Conn.

He was predeceased by two grandsons, Geoffrey and Sam, as well as two brothers, Donald and Roger, and three sisters, Gloria Bickford, Anita Spruce and Charlotte Russo.

As a compassionate animal lover, he also leaves behind his two cats, Echo and Sweetie.

There are no calling hours. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at All Saint's Church.

In lieu of flowers donations maybe made in his memory to S.A.M Ministries, PO Box 216, Gilman, VT 05904, or to Riverside Rescue Animal Shelter, 236 Riverside Ave., Lunenburg, VT 05906, or to Country Village Nursing Home, 91 Country Village Road, Lancaster, NH 03584.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster.

Four GFF Members attended a Memorial Mass celebrating the life of Paul Belair held Saturday, June 6th at 10 am at the All Saints Catholic Church in Lancaster.

Paul's name has been added to the GFF Memorial Plaque and will be on display at the Memorial Fly In on Sunday, June 14th.

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GFF SPRING FLOAT FLY AT JERICHO:

A great time was had by all at Jericho Lake, for our first float fly of the season. There were a few sprinkles at times, but that didn't dampen the spirits or slow down the flying. The Brooks Grilling Team of John Sr. & John Jr., put out some great hamburgs and hot dogs. The rescue boat was put into service a couple of times, mainly to retrieve some stalled on the water aircraft. There was one interesting time when a front float support came loose during a flight and made a spectacular splash down mandatory. Paul Fixx brought a nice r/c sailboat along and gave a nice demonstration on the fine art of sailing.

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MEMORIAL FUN FLY:

Sunday, June 14 will be the time to remember, honor, and celebrate the lives of our members who have passed on with a day of flying fun. The new GFF Memorial Plaque will be on display. Flying will begin at 9am. Refreshments will be available for a fee.

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GFF BBQ/POT LUCK LUNCH & FLY IN:

Is scheduled for Sunday, July 12. Flying will begin in the morning, lunch about noon, enjoy the day. Bring a favorite salad or casserole or dessert or etc. to share. Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks.

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JULY MEETING REMINDER:

The next Club meeting will be held Sun. July 5th at 11:00am at the club airfield. Bring your planes and fly too.

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A COUPLE OF OTHER REMINDERS:
PLEASE:

Observe GFF Club Field Operating Rules from By-Laws as posted on the Frequency Board.

No driving on the fields, especially when the hay is high.

No overnight parking, except at authorized events or by special permission.

Quiet hours have been established from 10 pm to 7 am. No gas engines are to be run. Electric flying is okay, if quiet, no screaming Hot-Liners.

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