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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

\*Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, GFF Club Meeting at 11am at club field.

### \*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE:

~~Aug 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>~~,

Now **Aug 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday & Sunday, Fun Fly / North East Kingdom R/C Air Show. Flying starts at 9:30.

\*Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, GFF Club Meeting at 11am at club field.

\*Sep 8<sup>th</sup>, 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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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

6<sup>th</sup>    Nelson Fontaine  
19<sup>th</sup>    Howard Lowell

22<sup>nd</sup>    Bob Hovik  
27<sup>th</sup>    Jim Kemble

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

14<sup>th</sup>    Stephen Brehm  
30<sup>th</sup>    Jim Avery

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### JULY MEETING REPORT:

**11:04am** - The GFF July 7th monthly meeting was called to order by President Neal Wells III with 18 members present.

**11:05am** – 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.

**11:06am** – President Neal called for the Secretary's report. Secretary Paul Herman made a motion to accept the report as printed in the GFF June 2018 newsletter. Neal called for any discussion on the report and none was made. A motion was made,

seconded, and passed to accept the newsletter report.

**11:07am** – President Neal called for the Field Marshal's report. Field Marshall Jim Avery informed the club members that the mowing is going good and the reel mower will need new front tires. All else is OK.

**11:08am** – President Neal called for the Safety Officer's report. Safety Officer Neal Wells Jr. informed the club members that there is nothing special to report and he reminded the club members that the club is getting a lot of new people coming around so unless a member is loading or unloading equipment and models through the safety ropes members should make sure to keep the safety ropes secured.

**11:09am** – President Neal called for any old business. President Neal informed the club members that the Whitefield Regional Airport event was a great success. Neal Wells Jr. informed the club members that if the club takes part in the event next year, the club's information booth should be moved closer to the flight line safety fence. He stated that many people bypassed the booth in order to stand in front of the safety fence to look at the static models and watch the models that were being flown. Therefore, not many people stopped to ask questions or get information about the club. President Neal stated that the tower radio that he carried worked great and he was able to inform the club members whenever a full-size aircraft was going to take off or land. Jim Avery made note of the bad weather that came through but it did clear up enough for the members to put on a great demonstration for all the people that were watching. Brian Bigelow stated that Dave Presby really appreciated the club taking part in the event

and Dave apologized to the club for the inadvertent fly-over that he did with his full-sized plane. Brian told Dave that the location that the club had for the event was a great location to fly our models and we had a great spectator crowd.

**11:13am** – Dennis Ullery reported on the Lyndonville Airport event that took place the same day as the Whitefield event. A big thank you to Dennis and Pete Forlenza for representing our club at the event. Dennis informed the club members that the crowd was much smaller due to really hard rain in the morning. Dennis stated that the event was very well organized with a lot of space to fly. Dennis stated that Mike Caffrey did a demo flight with his full-sized ultralight that was fantastic and Dennis asked Mike if perhaps he would co/me to our field to put on a demonstration. Mike stated that he would come look at the field to see if that was possible. Dennis stated that the Airport sponsors really appreciated our club taking part in the event. John Brooks asked Dennis about flying slots and Dennis replied that as long as the airport radio was present so that the club could be informed of full size air traffic, they could fly any time that was safe to fly r/c models. Brian Bigelow and President Neal stated that they would try to work something out this winter with Lyndonville to see if a different date could be set for next year in order to prevent conflicting with the Whitefield Airport event so more club members could attend if that were possible.

**11:18am** – President Neal started a discussion on the club's upcoming air show event. PLEASE NOTE: Due to an unforeseen conflict our airshow dates will be moved to the 18-19th of August. President

Neal informed the club members on the t-shirts for the event and stated that the club could go with Corrigan as usual or go with Ron Costa and Amazon. Neal stated that the quality of the shirts was a little less with Ron and the cost was cheaper. Neal could order ten or fifteen t-shirts for the show and set up a laptop with a phone to order t-shirts from Amazon as they are sold and have them dropped shipped to the person buying them. That way the club would not be stuck with excessive inventory. President Neal asked for a club vote on whether to go with Corrigan or Ron. By a show of hands Ron Costa was approved. President Neal then asked for four cooks for the concession stand and preferred that they be non-fliers. Neal stated that Monica would help for one day, Brian Bigelow said he would check with Eldora, Joan Wells and others volunteered. President Neal thanked them and stated that the club can work out the details at next month's meeting. Neal informed the club members that he is waiting on a call from John Parks to see if he can move Neal Jr.'s tractor to the field on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in order to fix the road. President Neal will have gravel brought in if the move can occur. Neal asked that if people are available that weekend to help it would be greatly appreciated. Secretary Paul Herman will bring his PA system and CD player so that pilots may have music playing while they fly. Dennis Ullery volunteered to be the MC. Thank you Dennis. President Neal asked for volunteers for set up crews to set up the field and put out signs. John Brooks and Don Sanders will set up the field and Brian Bigelow will put out the signs. Anyone else that would like to help will be welcome. Don Sanders will take care of getting the port-a-pottie ready for the event.

Neal Jr. volunteered to man the information booth for pilot registration and the flight simulator. Thank you Neal.

**11:28am** – Heather Wells thanked the club for the use of the field for Neal Jr. and Joan's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration and gave the club a thank you card. Dennis Ullery also read a thank you card from Neal Jr. and Joan. A great time was had by all who attended.

**11:30am** – President Neal called for any other old business. Brian Bigelow gave the club members an update on Stan Remick's progress with flight training. Brian stated that Stan is doing very well and should be receiving his wings sometime this summer.

**11:32am** – President Neal called for any new business and stated that the club needs more hats. President Neal asked Paul Herman if he would order ten club hats and Paul will take care of that.

**11:33am** – Neal Jr. informed the club members that he spoke with Larry from the 4H Extension. Larry works with the 4H and may be interested in having a group of youngsters attend our indoor flying sessions in the fall. Right now, no further plans have been made but this could be a good partnership for the club if this happens.

**11:34am** – President Neal informed the club members that there is an active robin's nest in the frequency board and wanted club members to be aware of this.

**11:36am** – President Neal asked for any other new business. Dennis Ullery thanked George and Marcelle for making the trip down from Canada to attend the club meeting and Memorial Family Picnic Fun Fly. It was good to see them again.

**11: 37am** – Pete Forlenza presented Tom Bronson with his wings for completing his flight training. Congratulations Tom.

**11:38am** – Don Sanders read the names of past club members on the club's memorial plaque who have gone to the airfield in the sky. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of them all.

**11:40am** - President Neal asked if there was any other new business and none was brought forth. A motion was made seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

**Note:** A big thank you to Dennis Ullery and the other volunteers for manning the grill and concession stand and to all who brought a dish to share. All the food was excellent and a great time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Herman, Secretary

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## **THE SAFETY BRIEFING-**

*Neal Wells, Jr. GFF Safety Coordinator*

With the summer season nearing mid-point and flying in full swing, it's more important than ever to observe good safety practices, both AMA and those included in our club by-laws. Your membership in these organizations implies your commitment to comply with their rules for safe flying. The GFF field barely meets minimum AMA safety standards so it's doubly important to fly safely.

Please remember that AMA requires a physical barrier between the pit area and spectators so please keep the line in place at all times unless loading or unloading

equipment. Spectators are only allowed beyond the line when accompanied by a pilot.

After following all the safe practices in the world crashes are still a part of the hobby and I doubt there is anyone among us who hasn't participated in this ancient ritual. Reprinted here with permission from Pete Carpenter owner of <https://www.rc-airplane-world.com> are some suggestions for dealing with crashes by fellow pilots. This is a great web site and worth a visit-lots of information. Thanks Pete.

“And if you happen to *witness* an rc airplane doing something that the pilot didn't want it to do, here are some handy tips on how to react - a bit of '*rc airplane crash etiquette*', if you like...

- Keep quiet - let the pilot have the first word.
- Cover your ears if you don't like swearing or blasphemy.
- Let the pilot walk back to the flight line, don't go running over to him ready to initiate a group hug.
- Don't offer him \$10 for his transmitter.
- Don't hand him your plastic bag, let him use his own - it's part of the wreckage collection ceremony.
- Offer to help look for the wreckage if the plane came down out of sight, but don't go sprinting across to the crash site - this indicates your urge to salvage the good parts to sell on eBay.
- Don't offer to take photos until the pilot mentions the idea, and hide the fact that you had your camera turned on before the plane even hit the ground.

- Don't make comments such as "*I would never have tried that maneuver myself*", or "*It's so easy to get disoriented sometimes*", or "*Are you sure you remembered to put the radio gear on charge last night?*"...
- Instead, offer constructive, tactful comments such as "*Well, think of what your Christmas present will be!*", or "*Well, it doesn't look so bad - maybe a bit of epoxy here and there*", or "*Well you said you wanted to build a new plane*"...
- And whatever you do, **never ever mention pilot error!**

Saying the words "*pilot error*" is a definite no-no. Instead, just sympathetically nod your head in agreement with whatever the pilot blames. And if he blames himself (*very rare*), disagree with him completely and reassure him that the crash was caused by an outside influence completely beyond his control.

You'll be friends for life"

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**NEK R/C AIRSHOW / FUN FLY NEXT:**

Plan now to attend and participate in the next GFF Special Event, our very own **North East Kingdom R/C Airshow and Fun Fly on August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday / Sunday** (Note date change from Aug 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>). We need r/c flyers and spectators to make it a real success! All current AMA Pilots are welcome to fly. Flying starts at 9:30am each day. Food will be available at noon time. Recorded Music all day. Bring a CD for your favorite song to be played. Announcements and commentaries by our own Master of Ceremonies, on-the-mike, Dennis Ullery. Newly designed 2018 tee-

shirts will be available. You sure can't beat the view from our spot at the Martin Farm. And your friends will be there too, to reminisce about the good times.

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**GFF FLOAT FLY / BOAT FLOAT:**

The ever popular GFF Fall Float Fly and Boat Float will be held on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Waterford, VT boat launch on the Moore Dam Reservoir of the Connecticut River. Guaranteed nice weather from a reliable local weatherman for flying, boating, and watching. Expect great Pizza and soda for lunch from John Brooks' friend, Jimmy The Greek, at Gold House Pizza in Littleton. He always does a great job providing the pizza for us, so be sure to support them for your pizza needs. A rescue boat will be provided for those not so great tough times and maybe some free scenic rides can be arranged.

Directions: Take Exit 44 (Moore Dam) off interstate I-93. At the bottom of the exit ramp turn left on to Rtes. NH 135 & 18 west. In 1/2 mile bear right on Rte. 18 and cross the Connecticut River into VT. Just over the bridge turn right onto the dirt road and go past the Riverside Cemetery. Continue about 2mi and make a right on Old County Road at sign for Boat Launch/Picnic Area and continue 1/3 mile to water front.

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**AUGUST MEETING REMINDER:**

The regular membership meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the club field. Come and share your ideas.

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