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GFF: Got Fall Foliage

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

\*Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Sat, GFF Club Monthly Meeting,  
11am at Club Field. This will be the last  
meeting at the Club Field before going back to  
the Library at 10am on Saturdays in November.

\*Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Fri, Indoor Flying begins 6pm to 9pm  
at the Lancaster Elementary School Gym on  
Bridge St. The season is scheduled to continue  
thru Apr 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

5<sup>th</sup> Tom Bronson  
9<sup>th</sup> John Brooks, Jr  
15<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Lowell  
29<sup>th</sup> Skip Miller

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

5<sup>th</sup> Jay Beaton  
8<sup>th</sup> Niall Devlin  
18<sup>th</sup> Jerry Gagne

## SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT:

Guildhall Fun Flyers

Minutes of Meeting September 2, 2017

GFF Flying Field

The meeting was called to order by President Neal Wells, III at 11:07 AM with 10 members and guests present. Secretary Paul Herman was absent so minutes were taken and submitted by Joan Wells.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as read by Pete Forlenza.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Field Marshal Neal Wells Jr. reported that the clubhouse had been cleaned. The John Deere tractor has a problem with the linkage on the shift lever but will be left in use and repaired over the winter once it is no longer needed for mowing. The field equipment will be put away for the winter at the October meeting but the field will remain open for flying as long as the weather holds. Repairs are planned for the frequency board over the winter.

**Old Business:** A discussion was held about road repairs. Repairs on the road have been postponed until next year. If a low bed trailer cannot be found to move Neal's tractor and equipment for the repairs one will likely be rented.

President Neal III reported that the Warbirds was a great success and raised a substantial amount of money. Advertising posters, the newspaper article and the new banners all helped attract the public and several people expressed interest in learning to fly. We had 14 pilots registered for the weekend.

President Neal thanked all those who helped to clean the trailer.

**New Business:** It was decided to bring leftover chips and soda from the Warbirds event to sell at the fall float fly. Paul had offered to supply the rescue boat for the float fly again but Dennis said he was planning to bring his boat anyway so Paul would get a break. Pete suggested a rain date for the float fly. A discussion followed but it was decided to just hope we had a good day.

President Neal III announced that the October meeting would be at the field and following the meeting we would close the field for winter. Safety fences will be left in place so flying can continue if the weather remains good.

The November meeting will be held at the Lancaster library and he will notify the librarian to make sure we have the room reserved.

Neal welcomed Georges and Marcelle back to NH following Georges' successful surgery and recovery.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Submitted, thanks to Joan and Neal Wells

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**RICHARD "STRETCH" MARTIN DIED:**

Most everyone knows of his passing, but I missed putting it in last month's newsletter so his obituary as published on "Bailey Funeral Home, on-line web site" is at the end of this newsletter. Stretch and Muriel have both been great supporters of our GFF RC Club activities and we really appreciate their generous hospitality over the last eighteen years. We always looked forward to seeing Stretch when he would stop for a break to visit with us at the flying field. We expect our activities will continue into the future.

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**FALL FLOAT FLY & BOAT FLOAT:**

The ever popular GFF Float Fly & Boat Float was held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, on the Moore Dam Reservoir of the Connecticut River at the Waterford, VT Public Boat

Landing. The weather cooperated very nicely again with light winds and partly sunny skies. RC boats seem to be gaining in popularity. And RC float flying continues to draw a lot of interest. Pizza was once again enjoyed for lunch as arranged by John Brooks. Dennis Ullery had the rescue boat standing by and was used several times. Once again everyone who attended had a great time. All are looking forward to being on the Moore Dam Reservoir next year.

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**OCTOBER MEETING REMINDER:**

The Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Monthly GFF Club Meeting is scheduled for 11am at the GFF Field in Guildhall, VT. Fall field cleanup chores are to commence after the meeting.

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## Obituary for Richard W. Martin

# Richard W. Martin

May 27, 1944 - July 27, 2017

Richard William Martin passed away due to a farm accident at his home on Thursday, July 27th at the age of 73. Richard is survived by his wife of 38 years Muriel. He is missed by his children, Jennifer (Alex) in Richmond, RI, Peter (Katelyn) and Jacqueline in Guildhall as well as his grandchildren Cole, Brody, Katherine, and Liliana. He is lovingly remembered by his siblings Janet from Rochester, Millard "Sonny" (Diane) from Lancaster, Virginia (Ken) from Contoocook, Susan from Exeter, RI, and Patricia (Rick) from Downingtown, PA. Richard is predeceased by his father and mother Millard and Louise, brothers John and Glenn and brother-in-law David Wallace. He will also be forever remembered by his numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Richard was born in Lancaster in 1944, graduated Lancaster High School in 1962, Thompson School of Agriculture in 1964, and earned a B.S in Agriculture from UNH in 1968. He continued to farm on the family farm in Lancaster and then in January 1980 moved permanently to Guildhall with his new wife Muriel. A pillar of the community, he served as Selectman on both sides of the border. He was Town Lister, Fair Director, a 4-H leader, Little-League coach,

member of ASCS, FSA, NRCD, Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Extension Service on the Dairy Advisory Committee, and others. He was on the School Board, the Yankee Farm Credit nominating committee, and the Farm Bureau.

All that knew Richard actually called him Stretch. He was a humble man that took time away from his own projects to chat and provide advice. His smile and laugh were contagious and you couldn't help but feel better after having spent time with him. He dearly loved his family and community, and will be sorely missed by all in it.

Visitation hours will be Tuesday evening, August 1st, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Bailey Funeral Home, and Wednesday, August 2nd, at 11:00 am at Lancaster Fairgrounds, with a memorial service at 1:00 pm. Interment to follow at 1:30 pm at Summer Street Cemetery, Lancaster. Reception will be at the Fairgrounds following interment.

The Martin family would like to thank the communities of Guildhall and Lancaster for the outpouring of warm wishes and support during this difficult time.