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It's nice that district associate vice presidents (AVPs) have a variety of special aeromodeling interests. AVP Peter Galligan shares his Soaring interest in the following event report.

"Timing is everything. I arrived just in time for Friday's pilots' meeting, and was immediately given the opportunity to speak on behalf of the AMA. That part was easy—it was a beautiful weekend for flying, there were 33 registered pilots, and conditions were perfect for this year's September Soar, hosted by the Green Mountain Thermal Corps, of Monkton, Vermont, from September 17-20, 2015.

"Two things really stood out during this event: the friendliness of the participants, and the passion everyone shared about Soaring. Pilots hailed from throughout New England, New York, and even Ottawa, Quebec.

"The host club members really know how to run a fun event, and run it safely. No wonder it has become one of the premier Soaring events in New England. Len Buffinton, the chief tow pilot, was incredibly busy throughout the event, and not only provided tows, but talked newer pilots through the aero tow process to ensure success.

"Runways were kept clear for arriving and departing aircraft and it was quite the spectacle to watch. Even ground crew and wing runners were professional and well-choreographed. Spectators were close enough to the action, but kept at a safe distance from the runway and pit areas.

"Whether or not you're a Soaring enthusiast, this aerotow event is well worth the drive. Visit the website at www.rcsoaringvt.org. You'll love it!"

Len Buffinton and Marc Beaupré conduct the pilots' meeting during September Soar 2015.

Club vice president, Tony Hoffman (R), assisted pilots during their tow launches.

Jeff Duhaime juggled Soaring with photography throughout the weekend.

Len Buffinton used a Top Models Bidule 170 for towing.

The flightline was very impressive, with a great variety of large-scale sailplanes.

If you have any special interest events at your club, why not send us a report?

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