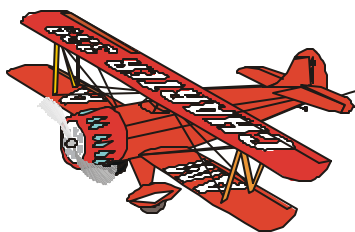


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MAY MEETING

7:30 PM

June 21

GTE LABORATORY

Featuring:

Peter and John Glezellis will talk about scale aerobatics. John took third place at the Nationals last year!! Please come and listen to Peter and John talk about this gorgeous big airplanes!

June Raffle

1. F.M.A small receiver
2. FMA AC-DC quick charger
3. A gallon of fuel (15%)

RAFFLE INFORMATION:

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and 3 for \$2.00. A free ticket is

Please bring in your Show and Tells!! If you are a beginner, don't be shy we may be able to help you before you cover up that mistake!!

We also, at times have club badges and hats for sale.



TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY GENERAL MEETING

REPORT DATE 05/30/00

STARTING BALANCE

Checkbook Balance (after check 1114	\$2468.85
Savings Account Balance	\$4345.66
Cash	\$32.26

Total Starting Balance \$6846.77

INCOME

Raffle	\$222.00
Dues	\$240.00
Savings Account Interest	

Total Income \$462.00

EXPENSES

ITEM	CHECK	RECIPIENT	
Bank charge			\$9.00
Newsletter	Chk 1121	K. Antonellis	\$63.25
Raffle	Chk 1115	Pete Young	\$157.49
Raffle	Chk 1117	Pete Young	\$115.49
Raffle	Chk 1118	L. Copeland	\$50.00
Raffle	Chk 1120	Bill Dimpfl	\$219.57
Field maint.	Chk 1119	D Williams.	\$160.00
Field Maint.	Chk 1122	K. Antonellis	\$30.00
Printing	Chk1116	Newt. copy	\$372.75
Total Expenses			\$1177.50

Total Ending Balance \$6131.27

Signature Ed Devereaux

MEDFIELD KEYS!!

As you may know, The lock gets changed every year at the Medfield flying field. To secure your new key either: 1.) Bring your old key to the next meeting for exchange. 2.) Stop by Alex's R/C for exchange. (don't forget your membership card! 3. Send SASE with old key to Ken Antonellis, 14 Winslow Road, Natick, MA 01760. If you do not have a key to exchange, there is a \$5.00 fee.

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Peter Yong opened the meeting at 7:39pm. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were presented as usual. With the same votes cast to accept as presented.

Field reports were presented in the usual manner. Medfield clean up will be in Jun. The road going into the field is too wet; field is in good condition.

NEW BUSINESS

Mention of the Christmas dinner, more details to come.

A \$600 donation for the New England scale qualifiers was approved.

NEWCOMERS: Paul Breed Jr.

NEW PILOTS

Kevin Leeper, Nai Ko

RAFFLE Winners:

1. Aspire: **Drew Rounain**_____
2. AC/DC quick charger: **Tom and Bruce Wentworth**
3. Gallon of fuel: **Ed Deverou**

SHOW & TELL

Dave King: Hobicco Viper (build wing with homemade foam cutter) .20 engine

Paul Breed Jr: Small park flyer, test flight went ok!

Paul Breed Sr: The triangle; It comes with a motor

Michael Cormier: Homemade fast charger; 500-600 mHa, designed for the field (\$7.00 to \$8.00)

Kris Larson: Boama's hobbies; Javelin: EPP/377/yellow tape

Peter Yong: Majestic: Re -construction 118 inch

Tom Bauwar: Dumas Bear Cat; a conversion to electric

Bob Scott: Trainer; Size 40

Abbott Lahti: Micro home made (indoor flyer)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Pete Young

.Well, I hope that all CRRicers are out there flying like crazy in the extremely nice weather that we've been enjoying for the past few weeks. Despite rumors to the contrary, I think it's safe to say that the summer flying season has finally arrived and it's long overdue!

While many of us like to just sport fly, there's a lot of fun involved in organized events - fun flies or one-design events, for example - which the club could organize if enough focused interest and feedback is expressed. It's been a while since the club sponsored Sig Seniorita races and over the winter and spring, there were informal Electric Zagi races out at Davis. And of course, the January 1st fun fly at Medfield was a truly enjoyable occasion with some 25-30 airplanes of all types filling the air for several hours. How about another informal fun fly at Medfield sometime in the July-August time frame? If we plan ahead, we can make this a real family occasion with refreshments on the field -- so if you want to participate in this, let me or any other club officers know of your interest and we'll get something organized!

The time is fast approaching for the club's two big annual glider contests: the Rudder-Elevator-Spoiler contest July 1st and 2nd; and the Soar-In August 12th and 13th which is part of the Eastern Soaring League's season-long campaign. If at all possible, plan on stopping by at the field on any of those flying days as extra help is always appreciated - or just to watch glider fliers engaged in very focused modeling competition. Dick Williamson and I are the RES contest directors so just let us know if you're available and willing for field support, even if just for an hour or so.

Both Dick and I hope to see you there!

Pete Young

Next Directors meeting

The next directors meeting will be at the Sudbury library Tuesday, June, 27 2000 at 7:30 PM. The Board Meetings are held the Tuesday after the General Meeting. This is a change for past years in which the BOD meetings were on the 4th Tuesday of the month

CRRC BUILDING AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

Below is our list for qualified and willing instructors. Power Is flown at the Bill Martin Flying Field in Medfield. Soaring is at Davis Farm, on Rt. 117 in Sudbury and Callahan State Park in Framingham. If you are have a new plane that you want to have checked out before going to the field, call any of the building instructors.

INSTRUCTOR	TOWN	TELEPHONE
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POWER

Jon Leehey (Chief)	Wayland	508-358-5721
Bob Scott	Rosindale	617 323 6600
Pete Young	Belmont	617-484-0648
Ruane Crummett	Wayland	508-655-2234
Ken Antonellis	Natick	508 653-4513
Larry Copeland	E. Walpole	508-668-0448
Bill Dimpfl	Concord	978-369-1750
Fritz Bien	Concord	508-369-1720
Neil Kaufman	Sudbury	978-443-9647

SOARING

Dick Williamson	Sudbury	978- 443-8549
Ken Antonellis	Natick	508-653-4513
Fritz Bien	Concord	978-369-1720
Dave Walter	Hudson	978-562-5400
Tom Bauer	Wellesley	781-235-7344
Bruce Schneider	Hudson	978-562-9900
John Nilsson	Clinton	508-368-7136
Peter Young	Belmont	617 484 0640
Joel Foner	Natick	508-653-3560
Lincoln Ross	Waltham	781-891-0332

BUILDING

Pete Young	Belmont	617-484-0640
John Weigel	Natick	508 655-2138
Bill Dimpfl	Concord	978 369-1750
Fritz Bien	Concord	978 369-1720
Dick Williamson	Sudbury	978-443-8549
Tom Bauer	Wellesley	781-235-7344
Joel Foner	Natick	508-653-3560

ELECTRICS

Tom Bauer	Wellesley	781-235-7344
Fritz Bien	Concord	978-369-1720
Dick Williamson	Sudbury	978-443-8549
Bruce Schneider	Hudson	978-562-9900
Dave Walter	Hudson	978-562-5400
Pete Young	Belmont	978-484-0640
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If any new fliers want " buddy box" support, call **Dick Williamson** to arrange to have a compatible buddy box the match that flier's radio

Flying Instruction

Jon Leehey - Chief Instructor

So you are interested in learning how to fly an R/C model! It doesn't matter whether you are fascinated with large power airplanes, thermal gliders, helicopters or small electrics, CRRC instructors can make sure you get in the air quickly and safely. We have an active instructors program with over 15 willing and able instructors to help you. And it's all free. As the newly appointed Chief Instructor, it's my job to make sure you get all the instruction you need.

So what are the steps involved? How do you get started? First, choose an R/C model to learn on. Some of the best choices are a 40-size power trainer or a 2-meter electric sailplane. Both types are available as ARFs, or almost-ready-to-fly, with only a small amount of assembly required. This allows you to get in the air as fast as possible with the minimum amount of time and money invested. Check out the CRRC web page (www.charlesriverrc.org) for a number of good articles on choosing your first airplane. Or call one of the building or flying instructors listed in each newsletter (and on our web site) for a suggestion. There are many good choices available at your local hobby shop or by mail.

While getting your plane ready, take the opportunity to join AMA and CRRC. AMA membership is a prerequisite for CRRC membership and you must be a member of CRRC to fly solo or get a key to our Medfield power field. So you will need these memberships eventually. Contact our membership secretary for the necessary forms and instructions.

Ok, now that you have your plane ready and your memberships in place, you just show up at the field, right? Wrong! The next step is to get your plane checked out by a building or flying instructor. Again, call or email anyone on the published list to set up an appointment. Or bring your pride and joy to the next month's CRRC meeting where everyone will be glad to give you advice. Don't wait until your first flying day at the field. Chances are there will be something minor that must be done to your airplane before its first flight and instructors want to spend the precious time at the field teaching students to fly, not trying to fix something without all the proper tools.

In general, flying instruction is by appointment only. You must contact an appropriate instructor to schedule an appointment. Power is flown at the Bill Martin flying field in Medfield, Gliders at the Davis field in Sudbury, and electrics at either field. Directions to the fields are posted on the web site. Please understand that instructors can't teach every weekend and typically can only handle one or two students each, so don't get discouraged if the first few instructors you call are unavailable. If you need help in finding an available instructor, just send me an email or

give me a call and I will be glad to assist in matching you up.

Starting on Wednesday May 21st (weather permitting) we will holding an "Instructor Night" every Wednesday (except club meeting nights) at Medfield from 4:30 or 5:00 until dusk. This night gives new students and additional opportunity for instruction. While you should check with your instructor first, we hope to have a good turnout of instructors each Wednesday during the summer.

Well that's about all there is to it. Depending on weather, schedule and your innate flying ability, the time between your first flight and your successful solo flight can be anywhere from a few weeks to a few months. While not a substitute for live instruction, time on a simulator is extremely useful and noticeably speeds up the learning process.

One last point, CRRC has a Buddy Box program to make sure that all students have access to a buddy box to use during instruction. The buddy box approach connects two compatible radios together with a buddy cable so the instructor can take back control of the airplane immediately. The details of this program are on the web site. Many instructors also have their own buddy cables and compatible radios but you should check with your instructor first.

See you at the field(s).

OBITUARY

It is with our deepest regrets that we announce that CRRC lifetime member Floyd Loyer passed away on May 18 at the Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, New Hampshire.

Floyd was past director of Administration at GTE in Waltham and originally secured GTE for a meeting site for the CRRC monthly meetings. Floyd was also a very active club instructor who typically would instruct on Mondays when we were at the Dropzone.

Donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, 40 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701

The CRRC eGroup

With the recent influx of new members to CRRC, some may not be aware that there is an email list service set up exclusively for club members. An email list is a simple way for a large group of people to communicate. When you send an email message to the list address, it gets copied to all other members on the list.

The Charles River RC email list is hosted by eGroups.com, a free web-based service that offers more than just email. Their concept of the *eGroup* includes file sharing, posting and reading messages through a web interface, an online calendar, and advanced management features. But more of that later. First ...

Joining the CRRC eGroup

There are over 120 club members, of which 70 are currently signed up for the email list. For those of you who would like to join, there are two easy ways to do it:

1. Send email to walter@TopLayer.com requesting email membership. Be sure to indicate the email address you want the mail delivered to.
2. Go to the CRRC club web page at www.charlesriverrc.com, click on CRRC Email List, enter your email address in the text box, and click the button.

After signing up, you will get a welcome message from eGroups.com. Just reply to the message to accept your membership, and you're in! You should begin to get group email messages immediately. When you reply to a message from the CRRC eGroup, your reply is sent to *everyone in the group*, not just the original sender of the message.

This is set up as a private eGroup. That means only registered members can receive email, post messages, and access the web features. You can tell your friend about it, but if your friend isn't a club member, he or she won't be given access to the eGroup. If you're interested in an email list with wider distribution, check out the links section of the main CRRC web page.

Registering with eGroups.com

Joining the CRRC eGroup entitles you to send and receive email messages, but to make full use of the eGroup web features you must first register with eGroups.com. Here's how you do it:

1. Direct your web browser to www.egroups.com. Click on *Sign Up For Free*.
2. Fill out the registration page. Make sure to enter the same email address that you used when signing up for the CRRC eGroup.

3. Remember your password! You will need it later if you try to access the CRRC eGroup web page from a different computer.

CRRC eGroup Web Features

When you finish registering, you will have full access to the CRRC eGroup web features. Just direct your browser to www.egroups.com/group/crrc. (Don't confuse this with the CRRC club web page, which is open to the public. This web page can only be accessed by registered members of the CRRC eGroup.)

Personal Profile

Now go to the eGroup Home page and click on *My Groups*. You should see CRRC in your list of groups. On the same line you will see a drop down list box with three options: Individual Email, Daily Digest, and No Mail/Web Only. Select the option that suits you. If you prefer not to receive mail, set it to Web Only. You will still have access to all the features on the web page.

Next, click on *My Profile*. I recommend that you enter your full name here so that we will know who you are (otherwise, you will only be known by your email address, which is sometimes very cryptic.)

Messages

On the left side your screen you should see a series of links. Click on *Messages*. All of the CRRC email messages get archived here. This is a nice way to catch up on messages without clogging your inbox. You can also post new messages or reply to existing ones.

Files

Click on the *Files* link to see the file archive. It's a handy place to upload files that are too big to be sent in email messages. Any member can add to the files area, but we do have a 20Mbyte limit, so keep it within reason. There are currently a bunch of photos, some information files, and Jan Kansky has added the latest version of his flight simulator, CRRC-Sim.

Other Features

Some other features which are available, but used less often, are the online calendar, polls, and a relational database. They might just come in handy in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the eGroup, or if you are having problems accessing the web and email features, send me a message and I'll see if I can work it out.

Dave Walter
Walter@TopLayer.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



May 6 Maine Open Thermal Duration contest

May 19 thru May 21, New England Aerobatic Championship, Orange Airport

May 28 Navy Blue Angels Airshow Bangor, ME

June 3-4 Air Force Thunderbirds Airshow

June 4 Lazy Looper Heli Fun-Fly

June 24-25 Navy Blue Angels Airshow, North Kingston, R.I.

July 1 and 2 Rudder, elevator and spoiler contest at Davis Field

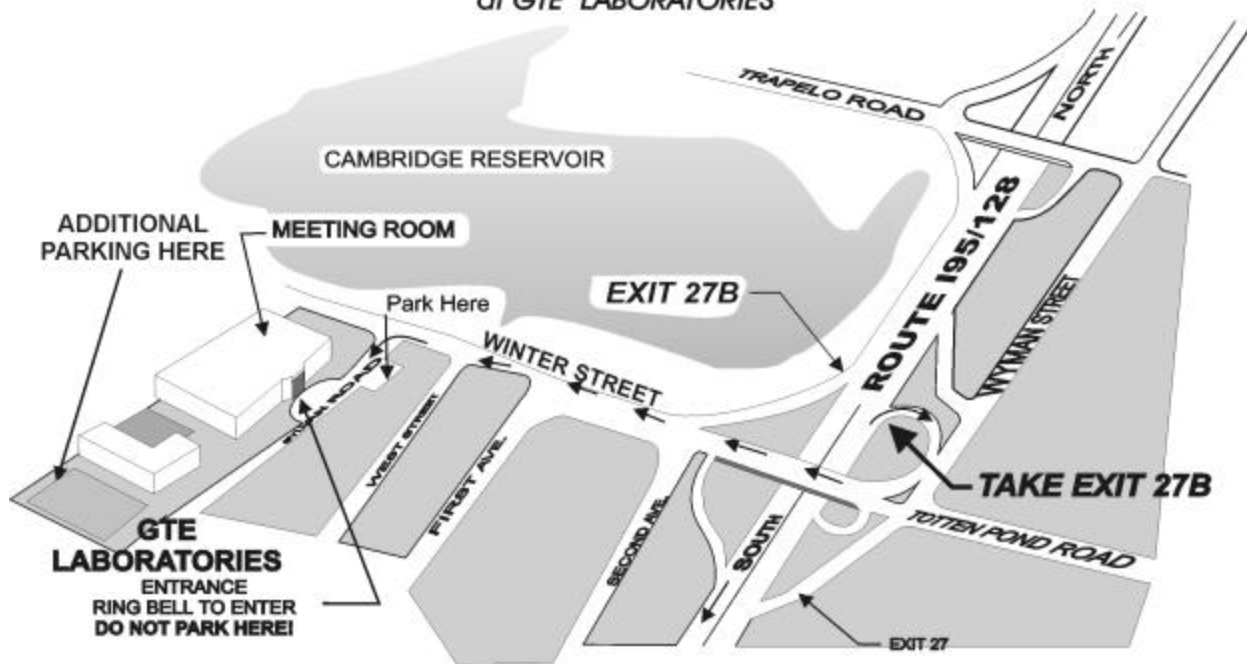
July 7-July 9 New England Aerobatics Championship at Orange Airport

August 12 and 13 CRRC SOAR-IN Davis Field

October 15 Maine F3J Contest Hemind Airport, Minot ME CD Richard Hallett 18004303058

November 5 CRRC Annual Auction, VFW Hall, Natick, MA

LOCATION OF MONTHLY MEETING
FOR THE CHARLES RIVER RADIO CONTROLLERS
at GTE LABORATORIES



NEXT MEETING JUNE 21 GTE

**Peter and John Glezellis
talk about scale aerobatics**

