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GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday
November 14th
7:30 PM**

Club Meetings are at Verizon Labs at 40 Sylvan Road in Waltham. Bring a show and tell, bring a friend or just come alone.

**EYE IN THE SKY
BY TOM
STAMMBERGER**

Tonight's topic is "Eye in the sky - small, light, and affordable on-board video alternatives". Tom has been taking video from around the state and compiling them into music videos. Join us for a meeting of fun and entertainment.

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RAFFLE

First Prize
Electric Spitfire ARF



Second Prize

Ken's Surprise.
This months second prize will be a mystery and Ken's mysteries are always fun.

WON
a
COOL TOOL
for
Show-n-Tell

President's Letter



Just as I started working feverishly on my aircraft that needed service, the weather has turned cold. A month ago I bought a pair of the Simms Windstopper Foldover Mitt that I am going to have to try out. They are Polartec. I got them from L.L. Bean. I also have a transmitter mitt that I have really never used. I will have to make a concerted effort to use them since I didn't fly much this season.

We have left daylight savings time. There is no time after work to fly. Tracy said that he leaves some planes at the office so that he can go over to Davis at lunch. Check in with him or show up and you might see him there during the week.

Crowe Island Scale Fun Fly 10/14

It was a beautiful Fall day. There were a lot of planes as usual. Nationally and internationally renowned RC pilot John Glezellis flew as part of the half time show. He is a Massachusetts product.

Ron Sivonen brought his impressive fleet of giant WWII vintage aircraft. He performed a miracle save of his P-38. Both vertical stabilizers were fluttering badly. He brought it in safely! Ron's P-38 won "Best of Show". Ron told me that he actually worked on the full scale version of his P-51.



Here is some of Ron Sivonen's fleet that he brought to the fun fly. That is Ron flip starting his plane.



For Sale: 2.6m Composite-ARF Yak 55-SP only two months old. Can anyone lend me \$4K?



Jeremy Harkin's Aero Works Red Bull Edge 540



John Glezellis and his father after a flight.



Very Nice!

U.S. FAI Pilot

Congratulations to Jack Buckley! He made the US FAI team in Team Scale. He will be going to Poland next year to represent the U.S.

CRRC Auction

I had a lot of fun talking to people that I hadn't seen in a while. I wanted to talk to more folks but time flew. I also met some nice new people. The auction was a great success. We had motivated buyers and sellers with the Patriot game at 4 PM. We were cleaned up and out of there by 3:30. There was over \$3200 total auctioned.

My Hangar

I finished the Avistar rudder repair that my brother started when he was here. It also needed a new nylon nose wheel landing gear mount for the firewall. The original was more brittle than the new Dubro one. The Avistar is ready to go again. Jon L. saw me break the rudder putting it in the truck. It never pays to rush.

Tower digital servos are in the Raptor. I have to route all the servo wires neatly. I replaced the tail rotor belt and tension pulleys that I chewed up on the last flight. I bought new servo gears for the tail rudder servo (Futaba 9253) to see if it tightens them up. I have to go through the entire setup again with all new collective and cyclic servos. Get out the pitch gauge!

Upcoming Local Events

11/18 CMRC Auction at the Oxford VFW

“Let’s be careful out there.”

-Tony Davids

Election Nominees!

Over the last month, the board of directors has been actively seeking new club officers. The BOD is recommending these fine candidates, all of which have agreed to the nominations. Please come to this Wednesdays meeting and cast your vote.

President – Tony Davids
 Vice President – Howard Hager
 Treasurer – Istvan Sleder
 Membership Secretary – Ray Harlan
 Recording secretary – Open
 Newsletter Editor – Tom Stammberger
 Webmaster – Brian Rickman

-David Spielman

Treasurers Report

Report Date 11/9/07

Starting Balance 10/01/07	
Checking	\$3,268.09
Savings	\$787.88
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$86.78
CD Accounts	\$6,398.84
Total Starting	\$10,566.59
Income	
Transfer from PayPal account	\$86.78
Sept Raffle & Key fee	\$92.00
Scale Masters Qualifiers Advance	\$600.00
Return	
Dues	\$90.00
Interest - Savings	\$0.20
Interest - CDs	\$17.67
Total Income	\$886.65
Expenses	
Winch chutes, check #1551	\$32.00
Raffle Prizes	\$72.00
Total Expenses	\$104.00
Ending Balances	
Checking	\$4,032.87
Savings	\$788.08
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$0.00
CD Accounts	\$6,416.51
Grand Total Ending 10/31/07	\$11,262.46

-Jon Leehey Treasurer

ELECTIONS FOR 2008 CLUB OFFICERS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

November is the election month and the CRRC will be holding elections for club officers. Please come and place your vote. Elections will be held during the club meeting. 7:30 to 10:00.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TOM STAMMBERGER PRESENTS

Wednesday November 14th

It has been a year since Tom Stammberger joined the Charles River Radio Controllers. From the moment he got his Wing-Dragon air-borne, he became fascinated with aerial videos. Using his knowledge and experience in creating audio-visual components for e-learning implementations, and combining it with the advise of his brother-in-law, a professional videographer, he continues to work on his aerial video productions skills. His goal is to produce entertaining aerial video clips that promote the RC hobby and the music of emerging worldwide artists.

After a busy week at work in his role of Director of Training at a Boston-based software company, Tom enjoys getting his planes airborne. Flying mainly at Davis Field in Sudbury, MA, Tom has also flown at the Bill Martin Field in Medfield, the Collings Foundations, and several other locations in Massachusetts. With his brush-less Wing-Dragon 4 aerial video platform he has reached altitudes greater than 2,500 ft above ground that provided a spectacular aerial view. Since January 2007 he has posted more than 25 videos on YouTube and PutFile.com. His video clips have had more than 10,000 views. In this presentation, Tom will share his experiences, tips and tricks, and different setups that will allow you to create the ultimate RC/aerial video clip.

Sunday November 18th

Auction: Next Sunday the 18th is the Central Mass Auction at the Oxford VFW hall in Oxford, MA

2008 MEMBERSHIP

2008 membership applications are now being accepted. Check out the new 2008 application form on page 10 of the newsletter. Take advantage of the early bird discount and register at the next meeting.

By signing up for the email version of the newsletter you save the club \$10 a year in stamps, so please consider this option when signing up.



General Meeting October 19th 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President, Tony Davids.

Business Meeting

The business was opened and the Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved as written and published in the newsletter.

Field Reports

Bill Martin field looks great. The road work was excellent thanks to the hard work from several members.

Davis Field is in great shape. Soccer nets have to be moved occasionally to gain more landing space.

Membership Report

28 new members

114 renewals

142 total members

New Business

Next month is elections. Anyone wishing to run for office should contact BOD members.

The raffle is coming up in a few weeks. Volunteers are needed to help set up, run the auction and clean up afterwards.

Business Meeting

The business was closed at 8:15

Raffle Winners

Steven Sleder won First prize, Richard Gammon won second prize.

Show & Tell

We had a bunch of show and tell items this week including under \$50 helicopters, ultra light indoor fliers, engines and more.

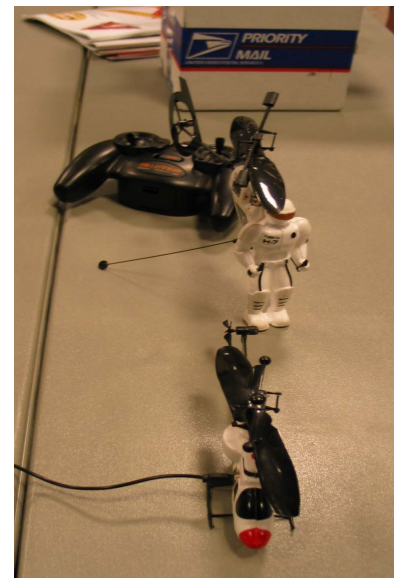


Jack Buckley flew this indoor helicopter. This model runs on 2.4ghz and the battery charges on the transmitter.



Dave Marshall has an Airhogs helicopter which he demonstrated. It's a good living room flier.

Both helicopters are shown are good livingroom fliers. Get set for colder weather.





Steven Sleder shows off his scratch built, Bubble Dancer. The cost was a little less than the EZ-Bubble dancer. The building experience was well worth the effort.



Warren Chaffe shows several vintage engines including this Wankle rotary engine.



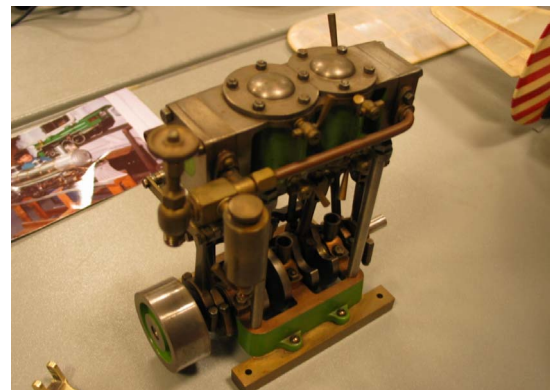
Ray Harlan demonstrated this indoor ultralite with a trip around the room.



Joe is getting back into airplanes. He's presently in a steam power club.



This setup includes LiPo battery.



Here's one of Joe's engines build from a block kit.

Guest Speaker



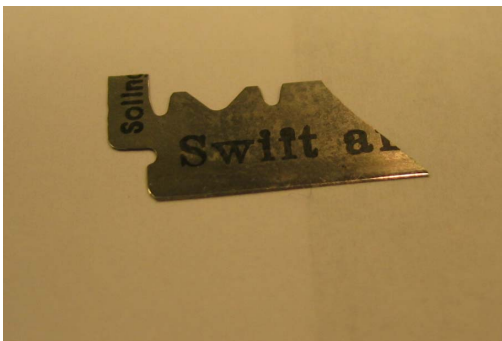
Fritz handed out different covering materials during his discussion of tissue application techniques.



Fritz demonstrated how to bond tissue to the balsa frame using glue stick and remove the edge with sand paper.



This finished rubber powered plane is an example of the newer application techniques. No sag tissue and key to scale appearance.



Key to making clean cuts in tissue paper is a sharp double edge razor. This is the one time a broken razor blade is a good thing.



Steven Sleder won first prize, a Mega 16/16/3 and 35 amp speed control.



Richard Gammon won second prize. Richard is seen here just in front of me. "Missed it by this much".

-David Spielman



AUCTION REPORT 2007



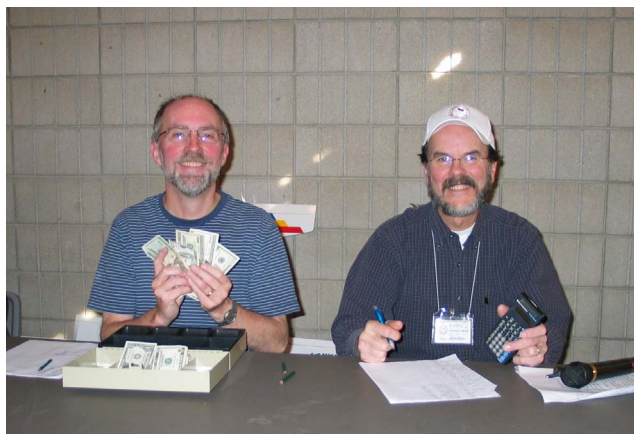
The 2007 CRRC club auction was an exciting place to be Sunday November 4th. Hundreds of modeling items went up for auction with eager buyers. I personally replaced my Ascent with a new in box kit. I'll be flying again soon.

This year's auctioneers were Fritz Bien and Lincoln Ross. Lincoln's voice held up even with the first cold of the season coming on.

We had a great auction. It was fun, quick and efficiently run. Everything sold and we were all cleaned up in plenty of time to watch the Pats beat the Colts. Thanks to Kenny and Co. for a well-run affair.

The auction sold almost \$3200 worth of RC gear and CRRC took in \$438 in commissions, including a few nice donations of the complete sale proceeds.

Jon Leehey
CRRC Treasurer



Cashier's Jon Leehey and Stephan Young man he regester.



Buyers and sellers peruse items before the auction began.



Rue Crummet holds a ready to fly plane while Fritz calls at the auction block.



Hobby auctions can be a family event. Susan and Alex watch the first items go up for sale.



All types of aircraft were auctioned including both electric and fuel powered craft.



This YAK sold for a great price making both buyer and seller very happy.



Both an electric and glow powered Sig Rascal sold to eager buyers.



The 50/50 raffle was a big hit.



Ken calls the winner of the raffle with a little assistance from an impartial visitor.. First prize was a Lama Helicopter outfit ready to fly.



All right! I won the bid on this NIB Ascent. Let's see if I can avoid crashing this one.

-David Spielman

CRRC BUILDING AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

To start your flight instruction; call Brian Rickman, the chief instructor and he will match you with one club instructors. Our instructors are qualified and willing AMA pilots and fellow club members.

See <http://www.charlesriverrc.org> for directions to the flying fields. If you have any questions about the construction of your airplane, or want to have an experienced pilot pre-flight check your airplane before heading to the flying field, then call Brian or any of the building instructors.

INSTRUCTOR CONTACTS

Chief Instructor:

Brian Rickman

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Power planes are flown only at the Bill Martin Flying Field in Medfield.

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Fritz Bien Concord 978-369-1720

Lincoln Ross Waltham 781-891-0332

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Tom Bauer Wellesley 781-235-7344

Sailplanes and Electrics can be flown at the Davis Farm Field on Rte. 117 in Sudbury.

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**NEW KEYS ARE
READY**

2007 season keys are available! To get a Key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield, email Jean-Pierre Riu or Ken Antonellis. They will send out

instructions as soon as they hear from you. Ken Antonellis is the keymaster. Try [kxa\(at\)verizon.net](mailto:kxa(at)verizon.net). Alex of Alex's RC in Belmont also has keys. Show him a club badge to get the key. A \$5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key.

MEMBERSHIP

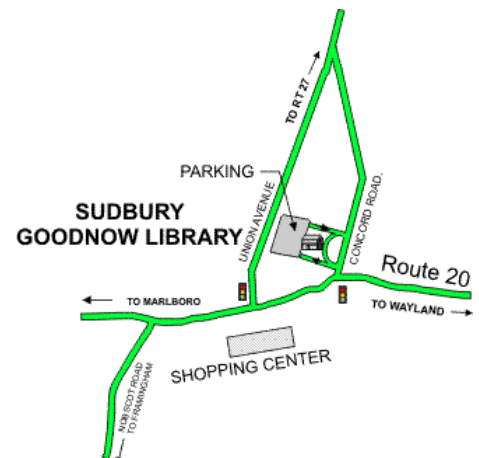
Here are the updated CRRC membership figures for 2007. The table summarizes the membership status from 1999 through current month, 2007.

Year	Renewals	New Members	Peak Totals
1999			135
2000	112	62	174
2001	124	50	174
2002	138	58	196
2003	156	40	196
2004	153	42	195
2005	144	20	164
2006	124	26	150
2007	114	28	142
2008	0	0	0

-John Nilsson

NOVEMBER DIRECTORS MEETING

The next directors meeting will be, Tuesday, November 20th at 7:30 PM, at the Sudbury Goodnow Library. All club members are invited to attend. Please volunteer to attend at the next club meeting.





THE CHARLES RIVER RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC

2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AMA Charter 339

Name _____ AMA No. _____

Street _____ Birth Date (AMA req'd) _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel. () _____ - _____

E-mail _____

To receive membership card and field pass, bring this application to a club meeting, or mail to the membership secretary (address below). You can pay by check or use PayPal. (PayPal to [membership\(at\)charlesriverrc.org](mailto:membership(at)charlesriverrc.org))

Make Checks Payable to:
Charles River RC

SAVE \$5 - EARLY BIRD DUES RATES ARE LISTED

MEMBERSHIP CATAGORY	Rates until March 1, 2008	Rates After March 1, 2008
☐ OPEN Member	\$40.00	\$45.00
☐ JUNIOR member, (under 19 before 7-1)	\$1.00	\$1.00
☐ SENIOR member, (if age 60 before 7-1)	\$30.00	\$35.00
☐ SENIOR member, (if age 75 before 7-1)	Free if AMA member	Free if AMA member
☐ Full time STUDENT	\$20.00	\$25.00
☐ Family member additional to OPEN membership	\$20.00	\$25.00

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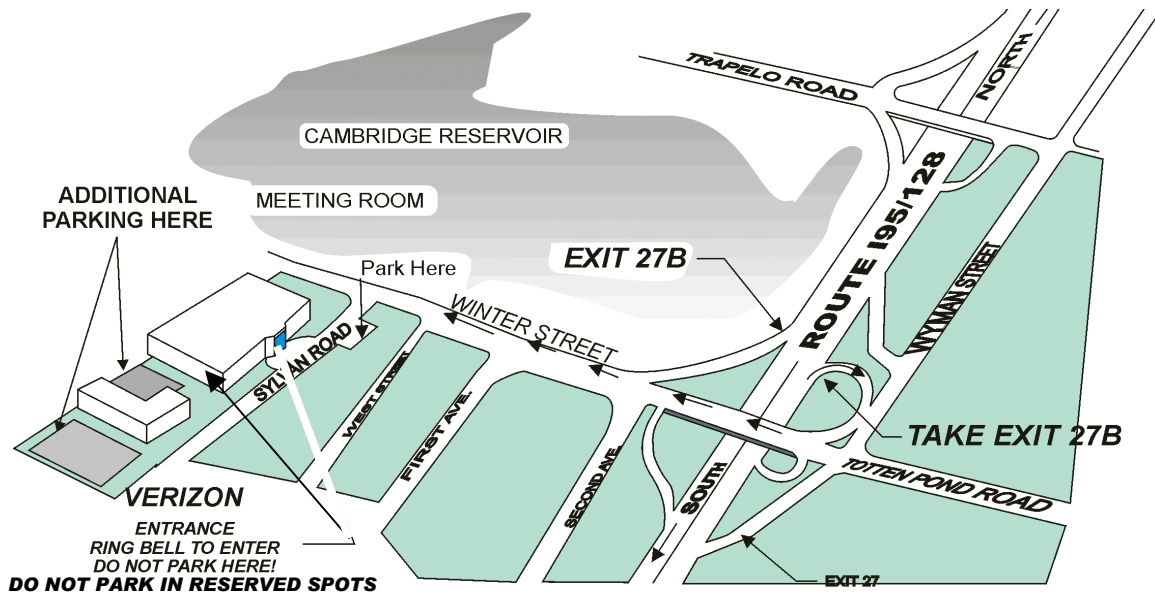
- ☐ I DO NOT want my address to appear
in the club phone book

You must be an AMA member in order to
receive your CRRC membership card.

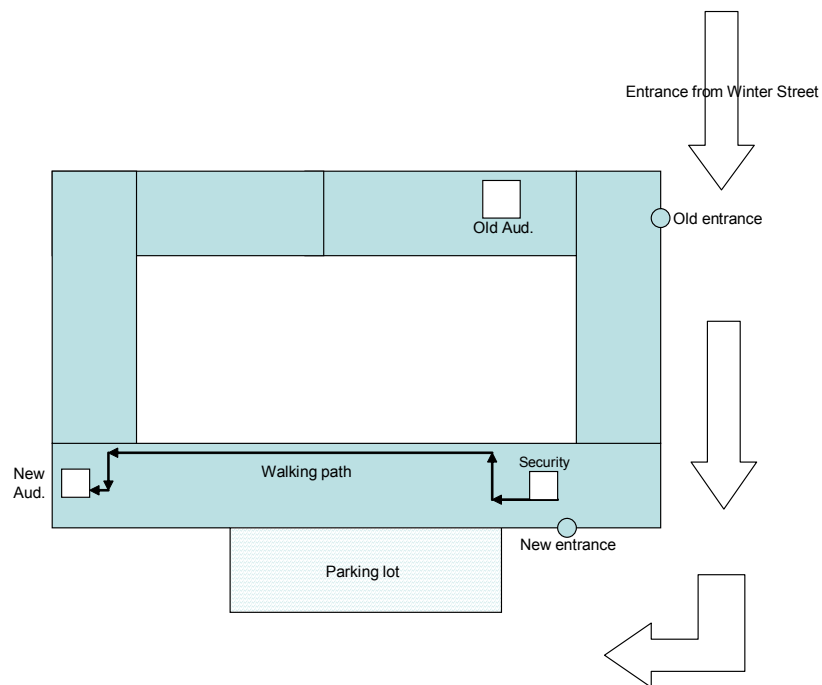
To receive your newsletter by US mail, please contact John Nilsson, Membership Secretary at the next meeting. See the newsletter cover sheet for additional contact information.

Help reduce operating costs by receiving your newsletter on line. CRRC pays roughly \$10 per year for each mailed newsletter subscription.

DIRECTIONS TO CRRRC MONTHLY MEETING AT VERIZON LABS ON 40 SYLVAN ROAD IN WALTHAM



The Charles River Radio Controllers meets the third Wednesday of each month. Guests are welcome. Check for the Newsletter meeting announcement on the second Wednesday of each month.



Directions to the new meeting room location