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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday
12/14/11
@
7:30 PM

The Club Meeting for this month will be held at the **Goodnow Library in Sudbury.** Bring a friend or just come alone. See directions on the last page.

Upcoming CRRC Events

January 1, 2012:
2012 CRRC
Frozen Finger Fun-Fly



Sunday Jan 01 - 9:00am
Davis Field, Sudbury, MA.

RAFFLE

First Prize

Choice of

Ultra Micro Sukhoi SU-26xp BNF by ParkZone



CoxR Extra 300 EP 2.4GHz RTF



Snap & Fly 3-in-1 Micro RTF by Guillow



Walkera CH-47 RTF



Carbon Butterfly Living Room Flyer



Classroom Fighter P-40 Warhawk



Phase 3 P-40 Warhawk Rx Ready w/Retracts (brushless) 40" wingspan



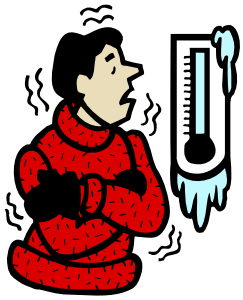
Hobby Lobby Waco Biplane EPO RTF brushless (72 MHz)



Venom GPV-1 Motorcycle RTR (ready to run)



January 1st



2012 Frozen Finger Electric Fun-Fly

Start the fun on New Year's day @ 9:00 a.m.
Davis Field in Sudbury, MA

Enjoy your first hot coffee & donuts in 2012

Fly till you freeze!

Weather conditions permitting.

Open to CRRC members and Guests

Please check our website for field confirmation:
http://www.charlesriverrc.org





Guest Speaker Jon Katsaros

Following is a synopsis of his book *Code Burgundy - The Long Escape*.

Surviving a B-17 bailout in 1944 over France, airman, John Katsaros is captured by the Gestapo. Then he is rescued by the French underground in what begins a perilous quest for freedom through France and Spain.



His detailed account unfolds a true story of grit, grace, and pure luck.

The illustrated, 341 page tale is recounted with detailed descriptions of his French "helpers" and escapee companions while they hide from the relentless Germans and their sympathizers. Katsaros has resurrected the story after being sworn to secrecy by the US Government for 60 years.

President's Letter



Lame Duck

Well, I made a mistake last month when I thought it was going to be my last month in office. The new President's term begins on January 1. (I hope Sky reads and remembers the club by-laws a better than I did.)

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the 2012 Board of Directors:

- President – Sky Andrew
- Vice-President – Open
- Treasurer – Dave Marshall
- Recording Secretary – Larry Wetmore
- Membership Secretary – Ray Harlan
- Newsletter Editor – Dick Roy
- Webmaster – Bert Cohen
- Chief Instructor – Dick Williamson

Unfortunately, we have an open position for Vice-President. The Vice-President has the responsibility for arranging guest speakers for our monthly meetings. However, we have typically relied on suggestions from other members of the Board of Directors as well as other members of CRRC. Until the Vice-President position is filled, we will need suggestions and ideas for quest speakers. If you have any ideas, please pass it on to a member of the Board of Directors. Don't by shy in telling us what you liked in the past or what you didn't like. Even if you don't have specific guests in mind, please let us know what topics you are interested in.

December Meeting

Please remember that the monthly meeting this month is on December 14th, the second Wednesday of the month instead of our usual third Wednesday.

Frozen Finger Fun-Fly

We will have our annual Frozen Finger Fun-Fly on January 1 at 9 AM at Davis Field in Sudbury. For your hands, get some air-activated hand warmers, and for your lipos, get a pound of uncooked rice and warm the rice in a microwave for a minute or two (don't let them get too hot to the touch) and place in a cooler with your lipos. Your lipos will stay warm for a few hours, and they will work much better warm than frozen.

Thanks Again!

Not to repeat what I said in last month's newsletter, but I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as President of CRRC for the past three years. It has been a lot of fun, and I've learned a lot about modeling. I'm looking forward to another great year for CRRC under the new leadership.

- John Eppling
CRRC President

Treasurer's Report

November Activity Report Date 11/30/11

Starting Balance 11/01/11	
Checking	$5,858.93
Cash Box	$25.00
PayPal Acct	$130.71
CD Accounts	$6,874.21
Total Starting	**$12,888.85**
Income - CDs	
Interest Nov. (not posted yet)	$0.00
Total Interest	**$0.00**
Income - Checking	
Swap Meet Commissions	$558.95
Swap Meet Raffle	$90.00
Swap Meet Entrance Fees	$214.00
Membership	$100.00
Raffle	$79.00
Total Income	**$1,041.95**
PayPal Activity	
Membership	**$0.00**
Total activity	**$0.00**
Expenses - Checking	
Raffle expenses #1894	$77.29
Swap Meet Expenses #1895	$258.21
More Raffle Expenses #1896	$315.00
Total Expenses	**$650.50**
Ending Balances	
Checking	$6,250.38
Cash Box	$25.00
PayPal Acct	$130.71
CD Accounts	$6,874.21
Grand Total Ending 11/30/11	**$13,280.30**

Richard Roy
CRRC Treasurer

November Meeting

Business Meeting

President John Eppling opened the business meeting at 7:41 PM at Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA.



The treasurer's report was approved as written in the October newsletter.

Field Reports

Nothing new to report.

Membership Report

Ray Harlan reports our membership roster for 2012 stands at 32, however most of these are automatic renewals for our senior members. The final tally for 2011 was 108, which is an increase of 25 new members over the previous year.

Board of Director's Meeting

Next Tuesday's BOD meeting will be held as an online with Skype conference. Al Marshal will join in as member at large.

Old Business

Ken Antonellis reported on another successful auction on Sunday, November 13 at the Natick VFW.



This year's auction was started an hour earlier, at 12 noon, and all the hot dogs sold out quickly. There were 107 paid attendees. While the finances are still being tallied Ken estimates the profit will be about $500 after expenses. The date for the 2012 auction will need to change to either the first or last Sunday in November due to a scheduling conflict with the Natick VFW.

New Business

Elections for 2012 club officers were held this evening. The following slate of officers was nominated. A motion was made to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and accepted by a unanimous vote. The vice president's position remains open. Our new officers for 2012 are as follows:

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Vice President	open
Treasurer	David Marshall
Membership	Ray Harlan
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Thanks to our outgoing president John Eppling for his leadership over the past three years.

New Wings

No wings to report.

Guests

This evening's guests are all members of the Marine Modelers Club of New England. They are Bill Michaels, Bob Okereholm, Mike Fioretti Dave Goodline, Bob Jones, Don Murray, and Lou Hills

Raffle

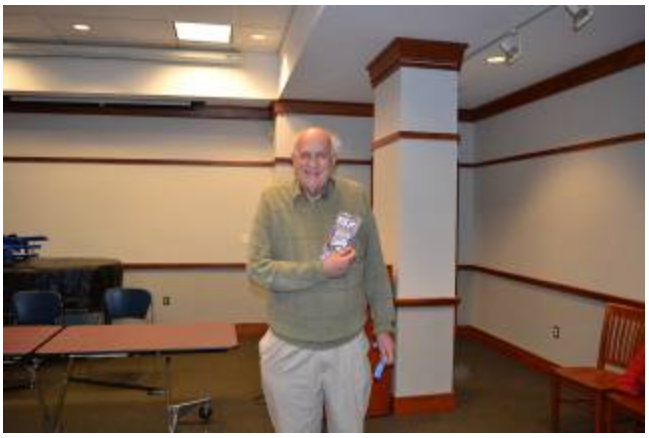
Rafflemeister Tony Davids had a selection of four RC machines from which to choose as a first prize.



First Prizewinner Fritz Bien selected a UMX Beast 3D BNF Basic by E-flite.



Second prize was an electronic speed control won by guest Lou Hills.



Warren Chafe took home a third prize copy of "Model Boats" magazine.



Show and Tell

Bert Cohen displayed his Fokker Dr1 Dreidecker. This tri wing was built with a brittle plastic foam that breaks easily.





Bert has accumulated ninety seconds of flight time between breakages. He added a unique power switch to the Fokker. He cut the head off a pilot figure and inserted a male connector in one half and a female connector the other half. Bert makes sure his head is firmly attached before takeoff!

John Eppling showed us his 3D Hobby Shop Foamy. This 34" Edge weighs in at 7 ounces and is made for outdoor flight.



EPP foam construction makes it very crashworthy. A 100 watt brushless outrunner provides the power.

Dick Roy has been learning to fly his 1930's design Skokie at the Auburn indoor flying meets with Ray Harlan's assistance.





The Skokie is a rubber powered stick and tissue free flight model. Dick's flight times have been approaching the 1-minute mark.

Fritz Bien's newest plane is a 2-ounce, Tiger Moth, built from a Falcon Models kit. Fritz covered the plane with MicroLite, a Mylar based product that shrinks at high temperatures.





Fritz credits the Internet for providing him lots of Tiger Moth photos to help craft a scale looking model. The Tiger Moth includes rudder, elevator, and throttle RC control.

Sky Andrew had an old high wing gasser that he was offering to give to a new home.



Lee Arnold's Little Bogie Mini is built from a Mountain Models kit and is covered in Solite.





Lee has had a half dozen flights and says his 6 ½ ounce model flies great.

Tony Davids gave us a demonstration of his AR Drone Parrot. The Parrot is a four motor quadracopter that flies under the control of an Apple iPAD or iTouch, communicating over a Wi-Fi connection.





The Parrot has both forward facing and downward facing cameras that can show images on the IPAD's screen as you fly about a room. An altitude sensor helps to maintain the Parrot at a constant height above ground, while hovering hands free. Tony gets about 6 to 8 minutes of flying time on a set of batteries.

Ned Watts displayed his 1.9 ounce Micro Champ to which he has added floats.





Ned also let us know of a program sequence he found that adds a throttle protect function to his Specktrum DX7 radio. This safety feature requires one of the DX7 switches to be set before the throttle becomes active. Ned handed out some instructions describing the method.

Guest Speaker

Bill Michaels introduced us to the Marine Modelers Club of New England.



Their members sail a variety of boats powered by sail, electric, and some steam; basically anything but gas or glow. The club is based out of Medway, sailing in Choate Pond. They also sail in Wilmington's Silver Lake. The club boasts thirty-five members from the greater Boston area and has been in existence for 21 years. About 25% of their boats are from kits, with a lot of scratch builts.



Bill remarked that the increased popularity of RC cars has been a boon to the RC boating community, as the electronics is common to both hobbies. The seven club members joining us this evening brought along a large selection of watercraft including sail, warships, tugs, work boats, pleasure craft, and even a functioning submarine.





Contrary to those of us who fly, sometimes spending as much time on the bench rebuilding as we do in the air, boats survive many years, and their owners spend countless hours adding exquisite detail.



Some builders go to great lengths aging their boats to get just the right combination of rust and weathering.









After the formal meeting, many lingered to talk boats with our Marine Modeler guests.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 PM.

Recording Secretary
Larry Wetmore

Photos courtesy of
John Eppling,
Dick Roy and
Larry Wetmore

CRRC – 2011 RC Auction

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It was not all about making money although we did contribute to the CRRC treasury. With a minimal commission to the club for items sold (10%) and profits from the raffle and those hot dogs, we made out pretty well.

We could not have an auction with out volunteers especially those who basically worked full time during the afternoon. Fritz and Lincoln took care of auctioneer duties.



Ru's girlfriend, Linda, sold admission tickets and John Nilsson and other club members took care of the finances and Ken's wife Kathy took care of the food concession.



Let's not forget the folks at the Natick VFW for being so accommodating.



As you can see we had a pretty good turnout.



Ken and Fritz hard at work.



We even had a dropin from Victoria's Secret trying to distract the auction attendees.



Now this is more like it.



A little auction action.



A mean looking helicopter.



And another.



A nice looking gas powered wing for sale.



A good sized gas powered bipe.



Bert Cohen sizing up his next move.



A lot of merchandise to choose from.



And still more good looking airplanes for sale.



Something a little different.



Another good sized model for sale.



Hold on to your hat for this one.

Photos courtesy of Dick Roy



An amphibian

CRRC BUILDING AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

To start your flight instruction; please call our chief instructor:

Richard (Dick) Williamson
978-618-5475

Dick 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.

Name	Town	Phone	Building	Glider	Electric	Fuel	Helicopter
Dick Williamson	Sudbury	978 618-5475	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Fritz Bien	Concord	978 369-1720	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Tom Bauer	Wellesley	781 235-7344	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Brian Rickman	Marlborough	774 249-2494	Yes		Yes		
Derick Veliz	Acton	978 337-7867	Yes		Yes		
John Weigel	Natick	508 655-2138	Yes				
Richard Gammon	West Boylston	508 835-2049	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Antonellis	Natick	508 653-8369		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bruce Schneider	Hudson	978 460-0305		Yes	Yes		
Lincoln Ross	Maynard	978 800-0608		Yes	Yes		
John Nilsson	Clinton	978 368-7136		Yes			
Dave Walter	Hudson	978 562-5400		Yes			
Jon Leehey	Wayland	508 358-5721				Yes	
Tony Davids	Stow	978 568-9598					Yes

TREE CLIMBERS, KEYS, MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING

TREE CLIMBERS

Lloyd Keyes: *[Wayland]*
508-358-9197 or 508-341-0110

Paul Harrington *[Medfield]*
508-376-2573

Monkey Man *[Marlboro]*
508-215-4290

Scott: *508-203-3845 [Sudbury]*

Tony Morais
A1 Tree Services [Framingham]
508-626-0088 or 800-657-7788

Stephen Canessa
The tree guy
978-460-1000

Editors Note: If you know of any tree climbers or tree services, please send contact information to the Newsletter Editor

Keys to the Bill Martin Field

To get a Key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email Ken Antonellis at kxa@verizon.net. Ken is the key-master. The key for the 2011 season is key #4. Ken will have keys at the meeting. A $5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key. Keys are also available at Hobbytown in Ashland, MA (Valid CRRC membership required)

MEMBERSHIP

Here are the updated CRRC membership figures. The table summarizes the membership status from 2003 through 2011.

Year	Renewals	New Members	Peak Totals
2005	144	20	164
2006	124	26	150
2007	132	32	164
2008	100	23	123
2009	90	28	118
2010	74	22	96
2011			108

-Ray Harlan
Membership Secretary

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next directors meeting will be, Tuesday December 20 at 7:30 PM. It will be a Skype telephone meeting.

THE CHARLES RIVER RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC

2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AMA Charter 339

Name_____AMA No._____

Street_____Birth Date (AMA req'd)_____

Town_____State___Zip _____Tel. ( )_____-_____

E-mail _____

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

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@charlesriverrc.org)

Please make check payable to:

Charles River RC

Ray Harlan
Membership Secretary CRRC
15 Happy Hollow Road
Wayland, MA 01778
508-358-4013

E-mail: membership@charlesriverrc.org

SAVE $5 - EARLY BIRD DUES RATES ARE LISTED

	MEMBERSHIP CATAGORY	On or before Mar 1, 2012	After Mar 1, 2012
☐	OPEN Member	$40.00	$45.00
☐	JUNIOR member, (Under 19 before Jul. 1)	$10.00	$10.00
☐	SENIOR member, (If age 60 before Jul. 1)	$30.00	$35.00
☐	SENIOR member, (If age 75 before Jul. 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

Please choose from the options below:

☐ DO NOT include my personal contact information in the club phone book

Help reduce operating costs by downloading the newsletter from the CRRC website.

NOTICE: THIS MONTH CRRC CLUB MEETING
Guests are welcome!

When: ***Wednesday December 14th, 2011 (2nd Wednesday, this time only)***
Note: Check for the meeting announcement in our monthly Newsletter.

Time: ***7:30 p.m.***

Where: ***Goodnow Library in Sudbury, MA***
21 Concord Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Directions: ***0.1 miles on Concord Rd off RT 20 in Sudbury.***

