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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday
November 16th
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

2011 CRRC Auction
Nov 13
Viewing at 11:00 AM
Auction at 12:00 PM
Natick VFW

RAFFLE

First Prize

Choice of

UMX Beast 3D BNF Basic by E-flite



CoxR Extra 300 EP 2.4GHz RTF



Ultra Micro Sukhoi SU-26xp BNF by ParkZone



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



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Guest Speaker Marine Modelers of New England

We don't have a formal presentation, per se-- instead I'd see us bringing in a variety of models and doing an in depth show and tell- giving your members an overview of all the different things we do. We'd start with a quick overview of the club and model boating in general, and then talk about the models we brought.

As a card-carrying AMA member, I speak fluent "Airplane", so I'll be the translator..LOL

Model Boat clubs generally fall into one of three main categories-- go-fast/racing; Sail; and Scale. The MMC is a scale club-- though several members also do sailboats, and we have a guy who also plays around with fast electrics. We've got sail, electric, and steam power.

President's Letter



Oops!

The CRRC Board of Directors would like to apologize to everyone for the mixup with the meeting time for the September meeting. Instead of meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, we met on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Hopefully, everyone got the message about the time change. The rest of the meetings for the fall, winter, and spring are at their usual times and locations.

CRRC Elections

Seeing as how the current CRRC president couldn't even make sure that the meeting location was secured, maybe it is time to make a change at the top! Fortunately, the yearly elections for club officers will be next month at the November meeting.

All kidding aside, after three years in this position, I believe it is time for me to step down and give someone else a chance to lead CRRC.

So, we will be looking for nominations for president of CRRC. If anyone is interested in being on the CRRC board of directors, please contact me or anyone else on the current board of directors. Make sure you come to the October meeting and talk to the current board members about any position that you are interested in.

Here are the official positions on the board of directors:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Membership Secretary
Newsletter Editor
Webmaster
Chief Instructor

Thomas Stammberger has had to step down as our webmaster, and Bert Cohen has volunteered to take over. Tom is

currently working with Bert for the transition. I'd like to thank Tom for all the work he has done over the past several years on the CRRC web site. We wish him luck on his MBA program, and we hope that he can come back and fly with us soon. Thanks also to Bert for stepping up to help.

CRRC has a great membership, and it is through the efforts of everyone, not just the board members, that CRRC has been able to hold the number and quality of events that we do yearly. However, the board of directors plays an important role in keeping the club functioning smoothly. Even if you have served in the past, please consider coming back on the board.

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– John Eppling
CRRC President

Treasurer's Report

October Activity Report Date 10/30/11

Starting Balance 10/01/11	
Checking	$5,429.04
Cash Box	$25.00
PayPal Acct	$57.03
CD Accounts	$6,872.10
Total Starting	**$12,383.17**
Income - CDs	
Interest October	$2.11
Total Interest	**$2.11**
Income - Checking	
Oct Raffle	$68.00
Membership and keys	$415.00
Paypal transfer	$0.00
Total Income	**$483.00**
PayPal Activity	
Membership	**$33.68**
Total activity	**$33.68**
Expenses - Checking	
Memory Stick web site use #1893	$53.11
Total Expenses	**$53.11**
Ending Balances	
Checking	$5,858.93
Cash Box	$25.00
PayPal Acct	$90.71
CD Accounts	$6,874.21
Grand Total Ending 10/31/11	**$12,848.85**

Richard Roy
CRRC Treasurer

October Meeting

Business Meeting

President John Eppling opened the business meeting at 7:40 PM at Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA. .

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

Field Reports

The Concord Cub Scouts flew rockets at Davis Field on a very windy Saturday, Oct 15. Wayne MacKeil suggested we all be on the look out for bees at Bill Martin Field. They appear on warm days near the pilot positions.

Membership Report

Ray Harlan reports our membership roster for 2011 stands at 108.

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

No old business to report.

New Business

Wayne MacKeil found information pertaining to club tax status on the AMA website, in response to a question that was posed at the last meeting.



Wayne also researched the noise issue that was brought up at last months meeting, specifically with regard to unmuffled glow powered boats at the float fly. AMA rules have specific noise levels that when enforced, require a noise level meter to be made available prior to the event such that the pilots can determine their eligibility and make adjustments in advance. Wayne suggests that a less formal approach be taken to restrict boats that will obviously exceed the standard, with a visual examination.

Ken Antonellis reports that the club auction is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, at the Natick VFW, 113 W Central St (Rte 135) Natick.





The times have been moved up an hour earlier this year, with preview at 11 AM, and the auction will begin at noon. Hot dogs and sodas will be available for purchase. Volunteers are needed to help with setup at ~ 10AM and teardown following the auction.

Rob Pease reports that Indoor Flying at Auburn Sportsplex (formally TeamWorks) will start Friday, October 28, from 10 to 2, with a $10 pilot's fee. More information can be found on RC Groups.

John Eppling reminds all that elections for 2012 are coming up in November.

John will be stepping down from his position as president. A number of officer positions will be available.

New Wings

No wings to report.

Guests

Bob Maselek from Framingham was our guest tonight.

Raffle

Tom Bauer was the lucky first prize raffle winner of an Ultra Micro 4-Site BNF by E-flite.



Bert Cohen was the second prize winner of a brushless outrunner.



Show and Tell

Dave Spielman came across a 1980's ARF and brought it in to illustrate the advances that have been made in the RC hobby since the 80's.



The plane was a high wing tricycle electric. It was constructed of heavy and brittle foam. The transmitter had separate sticks for rudder and elevator, and the throttle was on its own ON / OFF switch.

Tom Bauer continues to make good progress on his own design he has named the Twin Streak.





The fuse and wings have been covered with red, yellow, and black Oracover. After servos and control linkages have been added it should be ready to fly.

Lee Arnold has been looking for a transmitter carry case, and he found a great value at his local Trader Joes.



The Trader Joes lunch sack fits great, has a Velcro closure, comes in a variety of colors, and only costs $3.99!

Daniel Sullivan has added a couple of foamy flying wings to his flying fleet.



Dan found an EPP Foam Combat wing from an online vendor in Utah. It behaves like a Zagi on his Flight simulator, and flies great in the air.





Dan also built a Blue Foamy F-22 using Lowes Blue Core foam insulation from plans he purchased from Dave Powers. It's big, and flies slow, matching his own flying style. For more information, search for "Dave Powers" on RC Groups.

Guest Speaker

Mark Vaughn earned his Private Pilots license at age 14. But when he moved to New England he transitioned to hang gliders.



Mark's longest distance flight in a hang glider is 100 miles. His longest duration flight was 9 hours. After logging over 2,00 hours in 22 years, Mark found his landing gear (i.e. his legs) were showing signs of age, and he is now flying a North Wind Navaho Trike. The two seater trike has a wing much like a hang glider, includes an engine and landing gear. Trikes can cost upwards of $80,000 when fully loaded with navigation and communications gear. Trikes are classified under a relatively new FAA category of Light Sport Aircraft. LSAs have a maximum weight limit of 1,320 pounds, are limited to day time flying, and are restricted to altitudes below 10,000 feet. LSAs are permitted to fly in and out of controlled airspace (airports with a control tower). Mark has logged 182 hours in his Trike and can travel at 60 knots, while carrying 3 hours of fuel. He equates the experience to flying a motorcycle in the sky. Mark flies with the Crow Island Aviators at Stow, Mass. The Crow Island Aviators host a popular fly-in every August in Stow. Mark showed a five minute slide presentation of photos of his flying experiences and encourages anyone interested in the sport to visit Crow Island.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 PM.

Recording Secretary
Larry Wetmore

Photos courtesy of
Dick Roy

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 2010.

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 November 22nd 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, 2011	After Mar 1, 2011
☐	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 November 16th,2011 (3rd Wednesday)***
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.***



