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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday

12/19/12

@

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.

From September 2012 through May 2013, the CRRC monthly meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month at Goodnow Library, as usual, except for March and April.

The March meeting will be on 3/13/2013 rather than our usual date because of a conflict at the library.

Goodnow Library is not available during April 2013 so we will have to look elsewhere. The summer 2013 meetings (June, July and August) will be held at Davis Field.

-Dick Williamson

Upcoming CRRC Events

December Elections

General Club Meeting

Wednesday

12/19/12

7:30 PM

Goodnow Library

Sudbury

Frozen Finger Fun Fly

January 1

9:00 – 1:00

Weather Permitting

Davis Field

CRRC December Elections

The CRRC Board of Directors election for 2013 will be held at the December general meeting.

All seats are available or open for vote. Members would like to see some new BOD members as some have served for quite a few terms. We want to particularly encourage new members to serve. Don't be shy, all are welcome and on the job training is not a problem.

In particular, Sky Andrew will be moving out of state soon so his position as President needs to be filled.

Larry Wetmore would like to turn over the recording secretaries' position after five years of service.

Dick Roy would like to move on after two years of service as Treasurer and two years as Newsletter Editor

CRRC December Guest Speaker

The December regular meeting will feature speaker Dr. Spencer Goldstein. He was a B17 Bombardier in WW II. He is a modeler and a resident of Sudbury.

Treasurer's Report

November Activity Report Date 11/30/12	
Starting Balance 11/01/12	
Checking	\$6,102.16
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$212.98
CD Accounts	\$6,898.78
Total Starting	\$13,238.92
Income - CDs	
Interest	\$2.04
Total Interest	\$2.04
Income - Checking	
Membership	\$145.00
Raffle	\$54.00
Auction	\$400.50
Total Income	\$599.50
PayPal Activity	
Membership	
less PayPal fee	
Total activity	\$0.00
Expenses - Checking	
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balances	
Checking	\$6,701.66
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$212.98
CD Accounts	\$6,900.82
Grand Total Ending 11/30/12	\$13,840.46

David Marshall

CRRC Treasurer

Raffle

First Prize

Choice of



A GWS pt-17 foam plane kit.



The Housefly



Hobby Lobby

Length: 810 mm (31.9 in)
Wing Span: 1194mm (47 in)
Wing Area: 18.2 dm² (282.1 in)
Flying Weight: 450~550g (15.9~19.4 oz)
Propeller Size: 5 x 3

Twister Sea King RTF

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Christmas Present ?

Snap & Fly 3-in-1 Micro RTF by Gullow (GUI7001)



November Meeting

Business Meeting

Sky was delayed and Neil Kaufman opened the business meeting at 7:30 PM at the Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA.



The secretary and treasurer reports were approved as written in the November newsletter.

Field Reports

Both Davis Field and Bill Martin Field are actively being used by the membership and all is well.

Board of Director's Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday November 20, at Springhouse Pond, Sudbury, hosted by Neil Kaufman.

Old Business

Neil Kaufman relayed thanks from the Retired Men's Association for the flying demonstration hosted by CRRC members on Sunday October 21 at Davis.

New Business

Neil is developing a list of candidates for guest speakers. This will be a topic for discussion at the board of directors meeting.

Election of new club officers will be delayed until the December meeting. A notice should be added to the December newsletter. A number of officer positions are open.

Dick Roy reports that indoor flying at the Auburn SportsPlex on Rte 20 has begun. Fridays at 10 AM.

Dates to remember

1) Sunday November 18. Central Mass Radio Controlled Modelers R/C Auction, Oxford, MA VFW.

2) Sunday November 25. Thanksgiving Weekend, CRRC Auction. Noon to 4 PM at Natick VFW. Ken Antonellis asks that helpers arrive around 10 AM to assist with setup.

Evan Hadingham has been conversing with an acquaintance who has acquired a "Pod" containing the contents from a closed hobby shop, dating back to 2005. Evan has offered to

assist the owner pricing the contents. The material may be offered for sale on Ebay at a later date.

New Wings

No new wings this month.

The business meeting was closed at 8:57 PM.

Raffle

First prize of a Super Dimona 2400 RC Model Glider from Hobby Lobby went to David Speilman.



Third prizewinner Jon Leehey went home with a 9 Amp Brushless ESC.

Show And Tell

Fritz Bien converted a 30" free flight Mister Mulligan Dumas model to RC. Fritz added an 80-watt brushless motor, and "harvests" the radio gear from CRRC raffle prizes.



The second prize Magnum Models F-5 Tiger Slope Flyer went to Larry Wetmore.

With a flying weight of only 4 ounces, Mister Mulligan easily flies off the grass.



To complement the model's authenticity, Fritz carved a figure of renowned aviator Ben Howard to fill the pilot's seat.

Tony Davids displayed a low wing tail dragger G-Ride from Steven's Aero. Tony updated the power plant of this model, originally built in 2006 from a laser cut balsa kit.



Tony also displayed a foamy electric ducted fan. After damaging the plane in a crash, Tony rebuilt the nose section using Super RC Z-56 adhesive and was pleased with the result.



He also added a tow hook to the underside allowing him to use a Bungee Launch.



Wayne MacKeil showed a digital micrometer he purchased at Harbor Freight Tools for \$10.

Guest Speaker

There was no speaker due to a mix-up in meeting dates surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday. Bert Cohen filled in by describing his work as an Angel Advisor to a group of Olin College students working on their graduate thesis. The students were tasked to reduce the need for weed killers in a farmer's field. Covering an entire crop with weed killer is damaging to the environment and an inefficient use of resources.

The students proposed using a UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) to fly over the field, and using appropriate sensors, identify areas requiring treatment. After the UAV has completed its mission, an autonomous ground vehicle travels to the problem areas dispensing weed-killing agents. This is a more cost-effective use of materials. Bert's role as an advisor is to provide a sounding board for the students.

*Photos by
Dick Roy
Larry Wetmore
Recording Secretary*

CRRC BOD Meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting was held Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Springhouse Pond Clubhouse, Sudbury, MA courtesy of Neil Kaufman, host

The attendees were President Sky Andrew, Vice President Neil Kaufman, Treasurer David Marshall, Recording Secretary Larry Wetmore, Membership Chair Ray Harlan, Newsletter Editor Dick Roy, Webmaster Burt Cohen, Raffle Chair John Eppling, and Member at Large Alan Marshall.

Sky received an email from MMAC president Scott Annis. MMAC member John Holcomb has complained about CRRC member Raja Bortcosh's helicopter and FPV flying at Bill Martin Field. While the board acknowledges that Raja flies larger and more complex aircraft than most pilots; the board also concurs that Raja follows the AMA safety code, is a competent pilot, and is respectful and helpful to others at the field. Raja has been flying afternoons, avoiding most of the Millis pilots who fly in the morning.

Sky has suggested that he, Scott, Raja, and John meet to see if a resolution can be found. There has also been some concern that MMAC has been making changes at the field without involving CRRC, such as the recent arrival of a shipping container being used for storage. Alan Marshall suggested that each club consider providing an ambassador, to attend each other's meetings, to promote communication between the two clubs.

Club officers for 2013 were discussed. Sky will be departing the area to further his education mid 2013, and has decided to not seek re-election for a partial year. Larry Wetmore has decided to pass the recording secretary's torch after five years in that position. Dick Roy would also like to pass on the Newsletter Editor position. All the remaining club officers (with the exception of Chief Instructor Dick Williamson who was not present) have agreed to continue in their position if elected. Sky will talk with a list of potential members to fill the president and recording

secretary positions. Election of officers will be posted in the December newsletter and the election will be held during the December club meeting.

During the October general meeting, a resolution was passed to offer one year CRRC memberships to all who participate as contest or event director during the past year, as a thank-you for their efforts and an incentive for others to follow suit. The board agreed that the following eight events qualify for this reward: Float fly (x 2), auction, 4th of July Demonstration at Davis, RES, HL Glider, Soar-In, and ALES contests.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Larry Wetmore
Recording Secretary

CRRC Auction

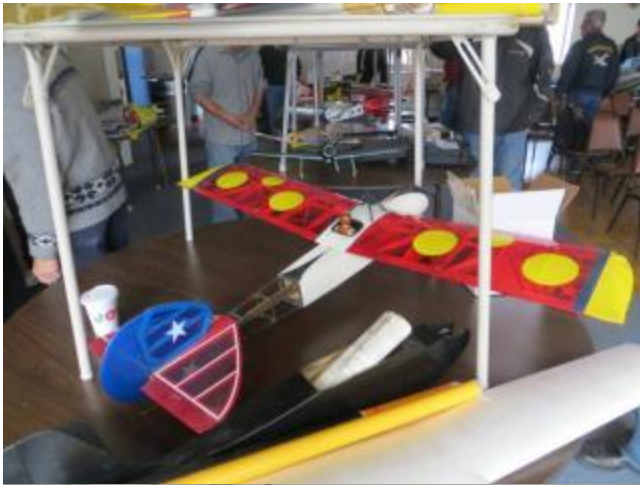
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The 2012 CRRC annual auction was held at the Natick VFW on Sunday November 25th. It was a great success with standing room only being the order of the day. About 175 to 200 attendees participated in a lively auction with a broad variety of used aircraft and assorted RC gear for sale. As usual of late, much gas powered equipment was put up for sale as the hobby seems to be moving more and more into electric flight.

There was a variety of other equipment including a very expensive gas powered helicopter which failed to bring a satisfactory bid to the owner, various unpowered gliders, a couple of boats and the previously mentioned abundance of gas motors and gas powered aircraft.

The \$1 hotdogs soda and chips were sold out. Thanks go out to club volunteers including Fritz, Lincoln and Keith as auctioneers with an unlimited supply of stale jokes and commentary that kept everything moving along quickly. Other volunteers included Linda and Kathy, Tony Antonellis, Ruane Crummett, Tom Lebrun, Larry Wetmore, Dave Spielman and John Nilsson.





*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

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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 2012 season is key #27. Ken may have keys at the meeting. A \$5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key.

MEMBERSHIP

Here are the updated CRRC membership figures. The table summarizes the membership status from 2005 through 2012.

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	82	26	108
2012	115	39	76

-Ray Harlan
Membership Secretary



THE CHARLES RIVER RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC

2013 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

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	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	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

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downloading the newsletter
from the CRRC website.**

NOTICE: THIS MONTH CRRC CLUB MEETING

Guests are welcome!

When: Wednesday **December 19, 2012** (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.

