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Upcoming CRRC Events

Davis Field Cleanup

April 14 or 15

Medfield Cleanup

April ??

Spring Float Fly

May 19-20

Dates tentative at this point in time.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday

02/15/12

@

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.

RAFFLE

First Prize
Choice of

Ultra Micro Sukhoi SU-26xp BNF by ParkZone



Carbon Butterfly Living Room Flyer



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



Classroom Fighter P-40 Warhawk



Walkera CH-47 RTF



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



President's Letter



So far we have enjoyed a wonderfully mild winter. After the dumping of snow last year I for one, am not complaining. As the blustery days pass, projects, work, school, and life, takes a dominant role over

flying. With the expectation of a tough winter, the batteries have been stored, engines preserved, and builds are under way. As I move through my daily work I occasionally brush past models, kits, and tools. These neglected reminders of summer and coming spring wait patiently to take to the skies again. During the flying season it is too often I find myself ready and willing to fly with poor weather keeping me on the ground. Now in a period of refitting, the rare beautiful day finds me unprepared. An aircraft lays frustratingly disassembled for repairs while the sun shines. Sometimes it seems fair days and free time will never come again. When I get restless waiting for the flying season I tend to laugh it off as a childish tantrum. I remind myself that the day will come when we will all be back at the flying field. But as I daydream of that time, I can't help wonder what would happen if that day did not come.

What would happen if spring came and no model aircraft took flight? Before you dismiss this modeler's Silent Spring fears as another childish tantrum, give some thought to recent developments in our hobby. The increased congestion of the National Airspace System coupled with exceptional advances in technology has pressured the FAA to step into our hobby. You may have noticed the increased concern among hobbyists regarding the FAA. The idea of your Alpha-40 being in the same category of a Global Hawk, or Predator drone should raise a red flag.

Make no mistake; this type of misunderstanding and the resulting burdensome regulation could destroy our hobby. Another government organization is blindly over-reaching its mission, which left unchecked threatens our hobby's existence. Luckily, the AMA has been proactive in fighting unnecessary regulation in this area by being our voice in Washington.

Just this week the US Senate voted to adopt the latest FAA reauthorization bill containing a stipulation tucked in to protect modelers. This will preserve our hobby, for now. As a result, a Notice of Proposed Rule Making from the FAA is due out this spring. The FAA allows for a comment period of a couple months so those in the industry can bring new views and potential problems to light. This lets the FAA more efficiently draft the proposal. History has shown the FAA to be receptive to this input in the past and has adjusted their rules to reflect the reality of operations in the field. At CRRC we have done well this winter in a similar process with the rules committee for Bill Martin Field. As members, modelers, and citizens we are obligated to ensure regulation and government do not trample our freedoms.

It is up to us to be active in the legislative process to make sure our needs and views are heard and met. Thomas Jefferson once said, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." This is true for the rights that protect the freedoms we enjoy and of course, model aviation. Watch for the NPRM this spring and if it contains anti-modeler language, write a letter or make phone call. Do something to protect your hobby. If you don't, CRRC just might get grounded.

http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/media_release_Senate-bill.pdf

Little Plane, Big Sky

Treasurer's Report

January Activity Report Date 01/31/12

Starting Balance 01/01/12	
Checking	\$6,229.58
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$175.71
CD Accounts	\$6,880.08
Total Starting	\$13,310.37
Income - CDs	
Interest January	\$2.17
Total Interest	\$2.17
Income - Checking	
Membership	\$635.00
Raffle	\$67.00
Total Income	\$702.00
PayPal Activity	
Membership	\$125.00
less PayPal fee	-\$3.22
Total activity	\$121.78
Expenses - Checking	
Soaring Contest-AMA-#1899	\$40.00
Office Expense - #1900	\$23.22
Meeting Expense - #1901	\$32.78
Total Expenses	\$96.00
Ending Balances	
Checking	\$6,835.58
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$297.49
CD Accounts	\$6,882.25
Grand Total Ending 01/31/12	\$14,040.32

David Marshall
CRRC Treasurer

January Meeting

Business Meeting

Our new president Sky Andrew opened his first business meeting of 2012, at 7:33 PM at Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA.



The treasurer and secretary's reports were approved as written in the January newsletter.

Field Reports

Dick Roy drove by Davis field recently, but nobody was flying.

Membership Report

Ray Harlan reports our paid up membership roster for 2012 is 55.



This number includes our senior members who are automatically renewed.

Board of Director's Meeting

Alan Marshall will be joining the Skype BOD meeting as member at large, Tuesday, January 24.



It was suggested that the CRRC website be updated to show when BOD meetings are held online via Skype or in person at Goodnow Library.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

The Central NH RC auction will be held this coming weekend in Bow, NH.

The March meeting will be held offsite, as is usual, due to Goodnow Library's annual book sale. CRRC member Andrew Bennett has offered to host the meeting at Olin College. The date is subject to change to Tuesday, March 20.

Indoor Flying continues to be popular at Auburn Sportsplex.

Ray Harlan is ready to schedule the spring float fly with Wayland's Park and Recreation department. Our friends from the Marine Modelers Club of New England are interested in joining us for this event. They would like to test their recovery ships fetching downed aircraft.

The Vice President's position remains open. The VP's duties include taking over for the president when absent, and scheduling speakers for our general meetings. Talk with a board member if you are interested in filling this important position.

New Wings

No wings to report.

New Members

One of our younger members, Philip Koecechling, has been successful in getting dad Jeff to join our ranks.



Jeff comes prepared with his AMA membership.

Guests

Doug Gifford was active in RC back in the 70's



and would like to rekindle that interest now that he has retired.

Raffle



Jerry Schaufeld was the lucky first prize raffle winner of a CoxR Extra 300 EP airplane.



Dick Roy was the evening's raffle meister substituting for John Eppling.



Philip Koechling took second prize, a RC motor cycle and some Epoxy.

Show and Tell

David Spielman showed us the progress he has made on his Allegro-Lite. Dave has been working on this project for a year. To date he has completed two wing tips, but has suffered a half dozen breaks and dings over just this past weekend.



The documentation fills a one-inch binder. The wing construction is a complex build including carbon fiber and kevlar tow.

Doug Gifford inherited a crashed woody glider. The wing was in good shape but the nose of the fuselage required repair.



Doug also questioned why his old radio was not working.



We determined that he had a FM transmitter and an AM receiver. The transmitter was gold stickered so substituting an FM receiver should put him back in business.

Dick Roy has built a foamy jet, like Dan Sullivan displayed in a prior meeting. Dick purchased the plans from an Internet vendor, and constructed the model from Blue Fan Fold foam and Gorilla glue.



Dick's wife calls the plane ugly!

combat but thinks it will work well picking off sailplanes.

Bert Cohen built a Ryan ST from a kit.



Bert says the low wing foam electric plane is difficult to build and the instructions are poorly written.



Dick also showed his foamy GremTwin flying wing. Dick says this plane is commonly used for

Guest Speaker

Without a VP, there was no guest speaker for this evening. However, Sky led a discussion on the pending rules change for Medfield's Bill Martin Field spearheaded by the Millis Model Aircraft Club. A draft proposal is expected to be ready for a vote at our February meeting. Sky has been circulating the updates on the CRRC Yahoo Groups email list. Two issues were explored at tonight's meeting. The pending rules restrict flying to Park Flyers before 9 AM. Although the intent is to limit noise in the early morning hours, some felt that the language is too restrictive. Sailplanes and many larger electric models don't create a noise issue, but don't meet the Park Flyer criteria. Secondly, the issue of locking the gate or not locking the gate is a perpetual one. The consensus is to close the gate, but not lock it while people are on the field. This approach dissuades casual visitors by making the gate appear locked while allowing easy access to members and invited guests. It was also suggested that a sign be posted at the gate warning visitors without a key about the possibility of getting locked in.

The meeting concluded at 9:45 PM.

***Recording Secretary
Larry Wetmore***

***Photos courtesy of
Dick Roy***

Davis Field Update

The first day of spring soccer at Davis Field will be Saturday, April 21. Given this, it looks like Saturday, April 14 would be a good day for the Davis Field clean up. We could use Sunday, April 15 as a rain date.

The under-6 soccer is scheduled for games at 12:00 noon and at 1:30 pm. That means that Davis Field will be open for flying until the kids show up a little before noon on Saturdays.

I don't yet know when soccer will end in June. An ALES contest is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 16. I will check with the soccer folks as to whether we can count on that day for the contest.

***Safety Officer
Dick Williamson***

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]
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lynchlandscape@yahoo.com

Paul Harrington [Medfield]
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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 February 21 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

	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

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downloading the newsletter
from the CRRC website.**

**SAVE \$5 - EARLY BIRD DUES RATES ARE
LISTED**

NOTICE: THIS MONTH CRRC CLUB MEETING

Guests are welcome!

When: Wednesday *February 15th*, 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.



