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Upcoming CRRC Events

Spring Float Fly

May 19–20, Wayland Town

Beach, Parkland Drive,

Wayland, MA.

\$10.00 landing fee for weekend.

9:00am to 3:00pm

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday

05/16/12

@

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



Walkera CH-47 RTF



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



Flyzone Cessna 182 RTF -



President's Letter



Gentlemen, the spring showers are finally here. The drought has ended and the grass is greening up nicely and soon we will be complaining of the heat and bugs. With summer right around the corner I am excited for

more time to fly and to get out to the competitions and fly-ins with you. Before we close up the library, I want to remind you to get your color-coded sticker for Bill Martin Field at this month's meeting. To ease distribution, I have sent stickers to John Eppling, Ken Antonellis, and Dick Williamson, to make it easier to get one.

Please refer to the new rules document to find which color coded sticker best suits your flying needs. Remember, to fly at BMF you must display your membership badge with color sticker to be in compliance with the updated rules. If you are new and are not sure of your pilot classification, just talk to one of the instructors or a board member and we will help you out. The new rules will require some sort of adjustment period but I think the growing pains will be minimal. We will have a guest speaker this month to wrap up the year's indoor meetings. One of our newest members, Chris, has stepped up to bring an excellent opportunity to hear and see a sampling of UAV technology from a very local source. With that being said, I hope you all will try to offer up a suggestion for a guest speaker for the fall or winter season. Many of our members have been guest speakers in the past and will be guest speakers in the future. I don't want to broadcast too much too soon but stay tuned for some organic presentations in the fall.

Finally, the website shows the club is without a Vice President for the first time since 1991, perhaps for the first time ever. The website also shows the recurrence of many of the same names in club officer positions for years, a few for decades. While the duties of CRRC board members are by no means superhuman, if their passion and commitment suddenly wilted the

results would be devastating to this club. Lethargy and lack of participation can be, and has been the killer of too many clubs. How many more absences in our roster can we sustain and still maintain the same level of enjoyment for everyone involved? If you enjoy the benefits of this club, but do not see your name anywhere on that list, you should think about what you can do to help. Come to a meeting, fill the VP slot, get your Contest Director credentials, or even challenge a sitting board member this winter. I for one really enjoy this club and would like to offer my sincere appreciation for the hard work and guidance the board has displayed thus far. Thank You. I hope to see you all under clear skies and light winds at the float fly next weekend.

Little Plane, Big Sky

Guest Speaker

Adam Fields is an employee of the US Army Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Center (NSRDEC), with a title of "Senior Systems Engineer" and serves as the Team Leader for the Unmanned Systems and Warfighter Technology Team, and the Technology Manager for the Joint Unmanned Precision Targeting - Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration (ACTD) for United States Special Operations Command.

In addition to his role in the development of the Raven SUAS as the Senior Engineer of the Pathfinder ACTD, Mr. Fields has led many technology development efforts in the areas of communications, personnel tracking, personal protection and tactical breaching. Mr. Fields has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, holds certifications in Systems Engineering and Program Management, and is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps.

Treasurer's Report

March Activity Report Date 04/30/12

Starting Balance 04/01/12	
Checking	\$6,513.31
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$381.03
CD Accounts	\$6,884.65
Total Starting	\$13,803.99
Income - CDs	
Interest April	\$1.74
Total Interest	\$1.74
Income - Checking	
Membership	\$185.00
Raffle	\$101.00
Total Income	\$286.00
PayPal Activity	
Membership	\$135.00
less PayPal fee	-\$4.83
Total activity	\$130.17
Expenses - Checking	
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balances	
Checking	\$6,799.31
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$511.20
CD Accounts	\$6,886.39
Grand Total Ending 04/30/12	\$14,221.90

David Marshall
CRRC Treasurer

April Meeting

Business Meeting

President Sky Andrew opened the business meeting at 7:48 PM at the Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA.



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

Field Reports

Fritz Bien reports that someone stole all the sink from Davis Field this past weekend, leaving only lift! But that didn't stop Lincoln, Al, and Larry from crashing. All three sailplanes were retrieved, hopefully to fly again. Tom Bauer reported on the Bill Martin Field Clean Up day.



The field has been rolled and fertilized. Vandals have been throwing rocks at the pilot's shelter breaking the corrugated plastic roofing. If it continues, the roof will be replaced with wood. A second access has been created to the field with a gate and lock, keyed with the same key as the main gate. This will prevent getting locked in, in the event the lock jams on the primary gate when in the closed position. The Millis club is considering replacing the present fencing with a higher chain link fence around the pilot stations, and to separate the flight line from the spectator area to enhance safety.

Membership Report

Membership chair Ray Harlan reports our membership is 88.



Board of Director's Meeting

No board of director's meeting was scheduled. Sky was more preoccupied with his upcoming wedding than a Skype conference. Congratulations to Sky and his fiancée.

Old Business

The recently published rules update for Bill Martin Field was accepted by a unanimous vote. It was suggested that colored stickers be used on existing badges to identify pilot classifications instead of replacing badges. A second suggestion was made to update the CRRC handbook to include a note exempting pilots with 2.4Ghz transmitters from the requirement to place a pin on the frequency board.

New Business

The Millis MAC received a bill totaling \$1608 for last years grass mowing and grass seed and Grub-X for this year. MMAC and CRRC share the bill. A unanimous vote was taken to pay CRRC's share of \$804.

Ruane Crummett reports that this Friday will be the last indoor flying date of the season at Auburn Sportsplex.

Sky Andrew researched adhesive stickers with the CRRC logo, and brought along a collection of 2 inch and 5 inch stickers as samples, to see if there is interest in buying more. A price has not

yet been set. Sky also inquired at RC Buyers about a quote for Guillows Balsa airplanes that we could use as giveaways at events. A box of 24 was \$54.

New Wings

No new wings.

Guests

Bryce Greene is our newest member. Bryce joins his father Jeremy and friends John and Ben Eppling. Bryce has been busy flying his MicroBee Flier.

The business meeting was closed at 8:11 PM.

Raffle

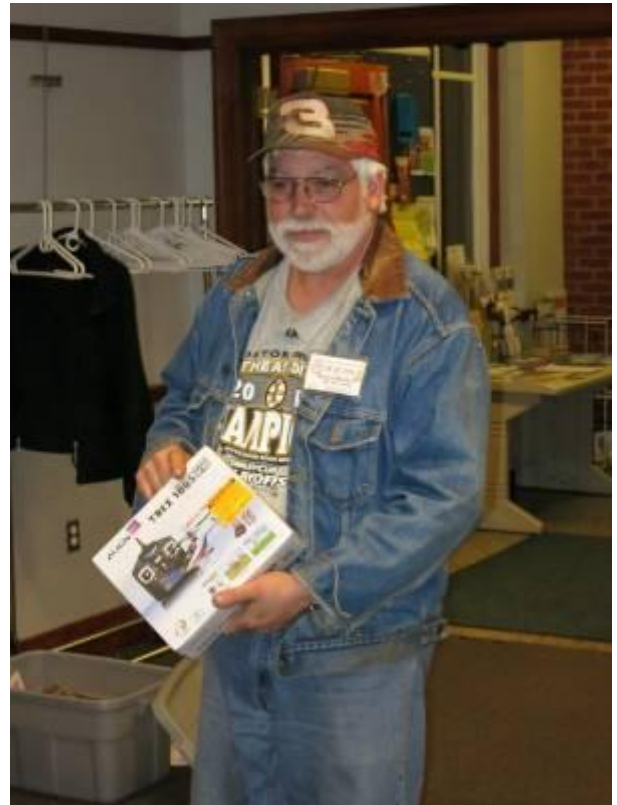
John Eppling's son Ben helps out.



Bob Pease took first raffle prize this evening, a P-51 Airfield, ready to fly foamy.



Wayne MacKeil was the lucky second prizewinner of a TREX 1005 RTF Heli.



Winter Project's Night

This evening's program was winter project's night, featuring our own member's creations.



A 20 year old project by Bert Cohen



A bit of instruction by noted ARF builder Ray Harlan



Tom Bauer showing off features of his 3D ARF



Evan Hadingham shows off his Old Timer



A beautiful scratch built entry by Neil Kaufman



A nice father son entry by Bryce and Jeremy Greene

A couple of nice scratch builds by Fritz



A Sig LT-25 kit by Larry Wetmore



A little different offering by Dan Sullivan



Lincoln Ross shows off his 'bat'.



John Eppling & Son with his Fun Cub



An expensive sailplane by Dave Walter



The winners are selected.

***Recording Secretary
Larry Wetmore***

***Photos courtesy of
Dick Roy and
Dave Walter***



The ballots are counted

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

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508-215-4290

Scott: 508-203-3845 [Sudbury]

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

Stephen Canessa
The tree guy
978-460-1000

Hartney Greymont (Medfield)
Sean Comer
781-444-1227
thescomer@gmail.com

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	60	16	76

-Ray Harlan
Membership Secretary

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next directors meeting will be, Tuesday May 22 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

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downloading the newsletter
from the CRRC website.**

NOTICE: THIS MONTH CRRC CLUB MEETING

Guests are welcome!

When: Wednesday **May 16th**, 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.

