

FLYER'S

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sept 9, 2003

Place: Lexington VFW HALL
2 Hayes Lane (off Woburn St) Lexington, MA
Time: 7:30 to 10PM

RAFFLE

Prizes:

Hitec Servos
Glo Plugs
Plane hold down, Glue , Fuel

Show & Tell (bring a plane for a free raffle ticket)

Club Activities

Fly In Sept 14, 9:00 am
Members only
Food
Safety Officer present

Fun Fly Oct 19
9:30 am registration

Secretary's Report for Membership Meeting held on June 10, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Juhan Sonin at 7:35 pm. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1828.41. It was reported that the field was in good shape and that as of June 10 we had 90 club members. The following new members were introduced. Ken Mandell, Josh Kegan, Andy Stefano, Richard ? and Trevor Jones.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Bob Krafft, the Vice President of the AMA for District one. A summary of his remarks are shown on page ? of this newsletter.

New Business

Three outstanding members were thanked by Juhan for long and meritorious service to the club. They were Larry Oliver, Bob Johnson and Gil Levey. Life membership certificates were presented to them by our guest speaker, Bob Krafft. They were suitably roasted by Jack Stanley.

It was brought to the notice of the members that many flyers are enjoying impromptu combat sessions on Sundays from 9:30 to 11:30. All were welcome to participate. It was announced that there would be a Fun Fly on July 13, starting at 10 am.

A discussion followed about what to do about people who come to our field and fly their planes and who are not members of our club. Juhan commented that we are lucky to have the field, and we should not take too hard a line on these people. Gil Levey suggested that we be friendly to them, welcome them as guests and suggest that they become members, pointing out that we members do maintain the field which takes work and money.

Show and Tell

Bob Johnson showed his PT 40 SigKit, which he said was easy to build and flies well. Bob Brown brought a large profile plane built from a kit, which needed a lot of glue! Bill O'Connell showed an auto gyro model with 2 standard 46 engines. Richard S. showed a Raptor 60 helicopter. Miguel Machado displayed his model of a Macchi 205 Italian fighter plane. Bob Pawlak brought a Wasp trainer, and Billy Frederick showed his new plane which he built. Richard Meira brought a combat model plane. Rich Tyndal showed a "Spad to the Bone" combat model. that he claimed was solid and tough.

Raffle

Carlton Jones won a Dazzler ARF, Don Furia received a gift certificate for ?\$ at Alex's Hobby store, Richard Muria and Bruce Frederick both won fuel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Alfred Brudhomme, Jr. Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT (Gil Levey)

Balance 5/16/03 \$ 1828.41

INCOME

Dues	\$ 825.00
Coffee	\$ 12.00
Raffle	\$ 108.00
Interest	\$.38
TOTAL Income	\$ 945.38

DISBURSEMENT

Donuts/Coffee	\$ 13.48
Postage	\$ 44.40
Newsletter	\$ 23.63
Field / Grass	\$ 707.76
Raffle	\$ 98.42
Fun Fly Prizes	\$ 250.14
Fun Fly supplies	\$ 25.77
Awards	\$ 135.00
TOTAL Disbursements	\$ 1298.60

BANK BALANCE 8/19/03 \$ 1475.19

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

John Hatfield

Membership as of 8/22/03 106

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

2003 Membership Meeting Date:

Nov 11

Club Officers

President:	Juhan Sonin
Vice Pres.	Rob Catalano
Secretary:	Al Prudhomme
Treasurer:	Gil Levey

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

Any new member desiring to fly MUST demonstrate the ability to fly, or else take Flight instruction until such proficiency is demonstrated.

Flight Instructors

Sandy Holmes	(781) 646-2354
Bob Johnson	(781) 272-5442
Alex Lob (Helicopter)	(617) 325-7870
Juhan Sonin	(617) 504-3390
Paul Chiasson	(978) 657-0135
Victor Samsanov	(781) 279-0231

The President's Letter

We're planning several events for the fall including a fly-in on Sept 14 and a fun fly on Oct 12. For clarification on the events:

* The fly-in is an informal day of flying without competition. Regular, every day flying. We'll provide food and drinks. Show off your latest plane or an oldie but goodie. Family and spectators are welcome.

* The fun fly is a flying competition consisting of three or four events such as ground tracking through balloons, spot landings, etc. The event organizers will judge pilots' skill and event performance. Beginners and experts are welcome; beginners can use buddy-boxes with instructors. Note: Most of our judges are visually impaired; scores maybe affected.

At September's meeting, we will discuss a possible amendment to the by-laws to increase the amount the board can spend (we currently have a guideline of 200 dollars). The club pays for mowing the field, having a tractor mow the entire area once a year, meeting hall yearly fees, etc. We will have copies of the by-laws at the meeting and will discuss.

Feel free to bring any show and tell planes or RC-related equipment to the meeting. You will receive a free raffle ticket for your show and tell. I hope to see you at the field and at the meeting.

Juhan

Fun Fly 2, July 13, 03

Fun fly 2 was well attended. Four events were held.

- 1 Timed wheels up to wheels down, the goal being an elapsed time of 1 minute, the landing being on an "aircraft carrier".
- 2 Dropping a golf ball closest to target.
- 3 The limbo. 5 points to fly under. 10 points to fly under with maneuver (e.g. upside down, knife edge)
- 4 Slalom. Timed, with 5 seconds added for each balloon broken.

Prizes were awarded to all pilots and organizing officials.

The winners were

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| 1 | Dave | engine |
| 2 | Rich | engine |
| 3 | Jeff | tachometer |
| 4 | Ricardo | aircraft holder |
| 5 | Robbie | glue |
| 6 | Teddy | declined prize |
| 7 | Juhan | declined prize |
| 8 | Rob | tachometer |
| 9 | Bruce | starter |

However, the big winner was Steve, who won the major prize (an engine), but declined it so that a young flyer could benefit from a better prize selection.

Summary of Bob Krafft's remarks.

Bob is the Vice President for the AMA district one, which includes all six New England states and 125 clubs. He mentioned that in most clubs 10% of the members actually fly, and 5% do all the work. The AMA has 150,000 members, with an annual turnover of about 20%. There are 11 AMA districts in the U.S. and Bob attends 3 Board of Directors meetings each year.

Bob said that the new AMA headquarters is a great show place for model aviation with something for every type of modeling. He discussed matters of concern for members such as insurance costs and the need for an increase in dues. He thought that the present dues of \$58 per year were thought to be fair by most people. Apparently, the magazine is self supporting. He talked about the problems at airports when shipping airplanes and engines.

Bob stressed that safety is the major concern of all of us, and that common sense rules should be observed. AMA insurance is secondary to home owners insurance. He said that no additional restrictions had been enforced on flying model airplanes since 9/11.

Members asked several questions. Bob said that club by-laws were very useful in settling disputes. At the end of his remarks, the members expressed their appreciation to Bob for taking the time to talk to us.

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Burlington R/C Flyers Board of Directors

President - Juhan Sonin

Vice-President - Rob Catalano

Treasurer - Gil Levey

Secretary - Al Prudhomme

Directors - Jack Stanley, Larry Oliver, Teddy Wang

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