



Secretary's Report

for April 13, 2004 membership meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Juhan Sonin at 7:30pm. Minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$956.10 as of this date, and details were presented and the treasurer's report accepted.

New members were introduced: Frank Rayner said he has experience with helis and electrics. He now looks forward to flying at the field. Niraj Dalal used to live in New York city and now lives in MA, with more space! He is putting the finishing touches on an ARF and looking forward to flying. Eyal Bartfeld introduced himself, although many of us already know Eyal from the field. He has been a long time pilot and flew gliders at an aero club in Israel. He plans on doing more RC and hopes to also be a trainer.

Gil Levey announced that long time RC enthusiast Tony Kryzynski is in a nursing home. A yard sale was to be held of all the items he's collected over the thirty years he's been in the hobby. Directions to the sale were given by Gil. All those interested were urged to come and bring \$ to help the family, and also get some neat stuff.

Jeff Ward, the president of Middlesex RC Flyers, talked about the float fly to be held on Saturday, May 22 at Nutting Lake in Billerica. The event would start at 10am, and he mentioned a boat would be ready to retrieve any lost aircraft. All interested were urged to check the link to the Middlesex RC site. Jeff also mentioned he would help with guest speakers for future meetings.

It was noted that Bob Johnson recently underwent gallbladder surgery but was doing well. It was

said he would be able to give a talk in the future and share his expertise in building and covering model airplanes.

Dave Palermo discussed the possibility of inviting a skilled pilot to the fun fly to showcase some advanced flying and several members had ideas of people to invite. The fly in was scheduled for May 16 and Al Prudhomme would provide the food menu.

Mel Suarez talked about floats on planes and flying off the water. Mel said it was a lot of fun and offered to lend a pair of floats to anyone wishing to give it a try. This was in reference to the float fly mentioned earlier by Jeff Ward.

Solo Certificates: Josh Keegan recently solo'd—congratulations Josh! Victor Samsanov was his instructor. Josh is now looking forward to flying on his own.

Show and Tell: Rob Catalano showed an OMP edge fun fly plane he built. He felt it was very light and strong with large control surfaces. He also said it went together well. The plans were on CD and could be printed easily, which was okay, but he felt Great Planes plans were the best.

Brian Barnes showed two planes he built at the same time, but suggested to everyone no to try two kits at one time. Brian looks forward to flying the kit plane which he called a "toy". The model was covered with silk. Brian says it goes on smooth, and works well with corners, and can also be painted. He said it's a good choice for covering.

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, June 8 2004

7:30 pm at the Lexington VFW Hall,
2 Hayes Lane (off Woburn Street)
Lexington, MA
Coffee and donuts will be served!

Show and tell—bring a plane for a free raffle ticket.

Raffle Prizes:

40 size Giles ARF !
2 gallons fuel, glue

Club Activities

Fun Fly - Sunday, June 13

9:30 AM registration, Fun Fly begins at 10AM sharp!

Other Events

Construction Derby - June 13

Middlesex County RC Flyers

Briefly Noted:

- Big thanks to Al Prudhomme for cooking in the rain at the Fly In.
- Thanks to Steve Stylianos for making the great bench at the field. It's a nice addition.
- Thanks to the hard working trainers, especially Victor, Steve and Sandy.
- Wishing Bob Johnson a full and speedy recovery from his operation. We're all happy you're doing better.
- And don't forget to lock the gate if you are the last one to leave the field!

The Presidents Letter



The first fly-in of the season was held on Sunday May 16. At 9am, the rain was steady and the radar showed possible breaks in the soggy weather.

Already at 10am, there were a dozen fliers waiting for the drizzle to pass. Al was beginning to prepare his fabulous chicken tenders and wings, french fries, and cole slaw. Slowly people trickled into the field and huddled underneath the two tents. It was still raining at 1130.

Rob Catalano, the BRCF Vice President, invited Mitch Buckley (email: Jcmbuck@aol.com) to the fly-in to perform a stunt routine during the lunch break. Mitch arrived with his 1/4 scale Hanger 9 Sukhoi. He wanted to fly; no rain would stop him. He told me, "I've flown in drenchers... I had to tilt my transmitter to pour off the water." The mist and pattering wouldn't stop him. And he put on an awesome show. (See photos next page)

Close to thirty people watched in the pits as Mitch taxied to the lower runway. After a few last minute checks, he goosed the BME gas engine and the Sukhoi leapt into the air in just a few feet of runway. He immediately performed a low-level rolling circle. There was no trimming, flybys, or getting used to the slippery sticks: within three seconds of take-off, Mitch was slowly rolling around the lower runway. It was a fantastic sight. High alpha maneuvers were core to his show. Hovering at fifteen feet off the deck,

harriers, elevators, pinwheels, harrier/nose-high rolling circles, and tail touches were easily handled and Mitch was cheered by the crowd.

Paul Chiasson brought his monster gas-powered bird to the field as well. Still raining, he took it up for a flight. Mitch was given a few minutes on the sticks. He said, "This flies better than the Sukhoi. I really like this plane." It was the first time most of the club members have not seen Paul crash during a visit to the field.

Even though the weather did not cooperate, we had a great time watching a professional flyer. Mitch went to Top Gun this year and placed fourteen overall. It was a delight to watch the Sukhoi slowly descend, tail first, and kiss the grass with the rudder... and jump right back up into the sky again. And all on purpose.

Thanks to Al for cooking up a storm. Thanks to all who came and participated.

We have an upcoming Fun Fly on Sunday June 13. It will begin at 10am sharp. Fun Flies are judged competition, but we make sure to even the playing field for beginners and experts. Please come, fly and win a prize. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the board members or email me at juhan@mit.edu.

Reminder: Please use frequency pins. The pins must have at a minimum the frequency you are flying on and your name. Those without pins should not turn their radios on at the field or fly. If you are done flying, please remove your pin from the vertical position/pole and place it on the horizontal bar/sign.

See you at the field, Juhan

Treasurer's Report

Balance 3/17/04	\$ 956.10
Income	
Dues	\$ 440.00
Raffle	\$ 107.00
Interest	\$.16
TOTAL Income	\$ 547.16

Disbursement

Coffee/Donuts	\$ 36.48
Postage	\$ 28.86
Newsletter printing	\$ 15.12
Field/Grass	\$ 36.76
Raffle	\$ 311.00
Fly-In prize	\$ 109.99
TOTAL Disbursements	\$ 538.21

Bank Balance 5/17/04 \$ 965.05

Flight Instruction

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

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2004 Spring Fly In Photos!

For those of us who braved the cold rainy morning, we were certainly rewarded. Thanks again to Mitch Buckley and Paul Chaisson for bringing out the big birds and putting on a spectacular show for us. For more details, read Juhan's *president's report*.



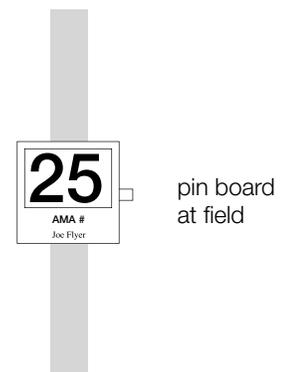
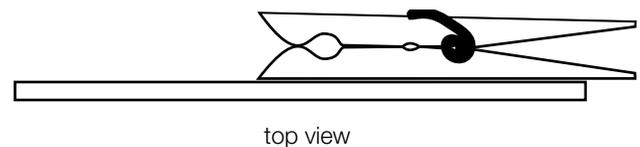
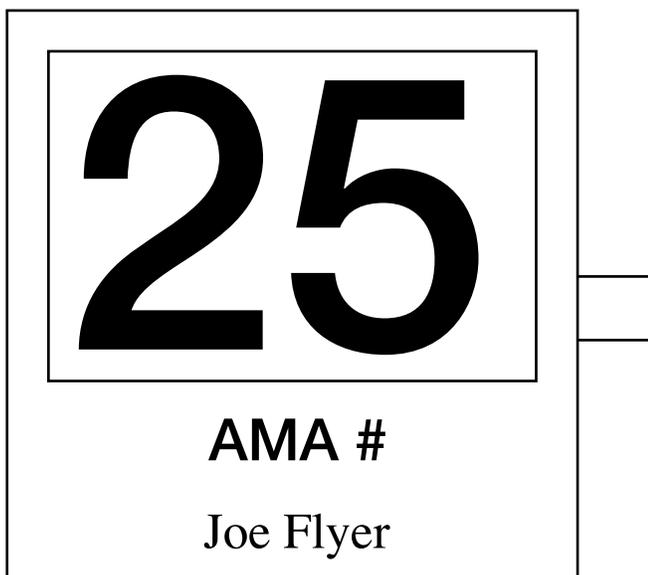


Frequency Pins

We can't stress the importance of posting a clear/visible frequency pin on the board. Always check the board and post your pin BEFORE turning on your equipment. No more than 3 pins should be posted at any one time, and be courteous to others by removing your pin (or flipping it around) when your done flying so others may fly. And NEVER turn on your equipment in the parking area.

1. Pins should be a 3"x3" square flat panel, **white** on one side with a clip (clothes pin works fine) securely attached to the backside. The channel number in black should be 1.5 inches high, using adhesive numbers, paint, or black marking pen. You may also print out the number panel on your computer and seal it with clear packing tape. Allowable channels on the 73mhz band are 1 to 60.
2. Below the main channel number place your current AMA number.
3. Print your name at the bottom about 3/16" high. And again, you can seal the panel with clear tape or varnish.
4. Effective 1998, only narrow band radios built after 1991 are allowed per FCC rules.
5. Make one pin for each radio frequency used to post on the pin board while testing and flying. And make a second to attach to the transmitter antenna if the one that came with the radio is missing.

Rule 21 of the BRCF field rules states: If you cause an airplane to be damaged or destroyed, you must make satisfactory restitution to its owner. Instructor responsibility is described in the Burlington R/C Flyers Student Manual. A committee made up of club and board members will arbitrate if necessary.



Out and About with Al

As you read this I trust you are having a good day! Back 47 years ago I thought I was also. Remember back in the mid 1950's control line flying was being done all over, in any field, and no one seemed to mind. I remember Pine Bank's in Melrose was one mecca and on a Sunday in the ball park their always was a lot of control line flying. That's the background I want to share with you leading up to an article I wrote about a year ago..It has resulted in a lot of comment from club members to me, so a little more background on " the day Al knocked the Admiral's airplane out of the sky".

This is part two with a little more detail. As mentioned controll line flying was very popular and as a newly assigned radio seaman to a Pearl Harbor based Navy destroyer, which also was the squadron commanders flagship, we tied up to the very head of the pier near the ball field for the Navy base, rank has its privilege, in the Navy. Only a few palm trees separated the dock and the ball field across the street .

One Saturday morning after a radio mid-watch and just getting back from a week at sea, I stepped out on deck and heard the roar of small airplane motors, I was thrilled because I had done control line models back home in Mass. I investigated, putting off sleeping before going on liberty to Wai Ki Ki beach and downtown Honolulu. Indeed it was a group of control line flyers

having a great game of combat out on the field. I was told they had permission for a set period of time each morning, before it became a ball field for the remainder of the day.

One thing led to another and soon I had space in the base hobby shop building a control line beauty. Soon I was in the air on a Saturday with the others, they were mostly sailors from the nearby Pearl Harbor Submarine base.

A few Saturday mornings of practice I felt great, and ready to compete with the fine flyers of the Sub Base Flyers. After just getting back from a 2 week stint at sea there we were at our spot at the head of the pier. There was an added bonus I was in time for the Saturday super contest in combat control line, and the award was a new model plane and motor, as luck would have it I was off that morning and now I was ready. When my turn came I was paired off with three others in the circle around and around we went up then down, I inverted and cut a wide arc across the sky, just clearing the ground now I was ready to strike the trailing paper from an opponents plane, Either I hit him or he came down on me, but there it was, I sliced someone's plane in two. His motor went off one way and mine another, harmlessly falling to the ground at the outer section of the field. Our control lines fell silently to the ground in sickeningly slow motion. It seemed to last forever. The rest of the

balsa of both planes fell shortly after.

IT WAS OVER, I had lost. Now only to pick up my parts and figure on what next. The wreckage plopped to the ground in two little heaps of junk. I was beginning to go out and pick up the mess, when another flying club member came up to me, "Gee tuff luck, you just knocked Admiral's plane out of the sky!"

We met out in the field as we picked up what was left of our planes, the Admiral smiled at me and said "a little more care seaman on how you fly that dam model" I remember saying. "Yes sir" I said and headed back to the hobby shop as fast as I could.

Shortly thereafter we left for an extended trip to the far east and I did not meet the admiral again. Once was enough.

I am Al P. and I approved this message....

—Al Prudhomme, Jr.

Secretary's Report (continued from front page)

Juhan Sonin showed his new 25 size ARF mini fun fly. He felt the quality was very good right out of the box. He's using sub-micro servos, and said the plane was well worth the price he paid. He also mentioned he had a Morris Knife profile kit, and a Yellow Aircraft 120 size Sukhoi for sale. He said the Knife was a great plane that hovered well.

Raffle: Matt Gosline won the ARF, but was in for a surprise when

he opened the box to find it was filled with broken bits of old planes (mostly Jack's!) It was the club's way of having a little fun. Matt was told to dig deeper into the box where he found a brand new OS 46FX engine. Way to go Matt! All had a good laugh.

Jerry Tabler and Don Furies both won fuel. Meeting was then adjourned.

—Respectfully submitted
Alfred Prudhomme, Jr., Secretary

A little fun at last meeting's raffle!

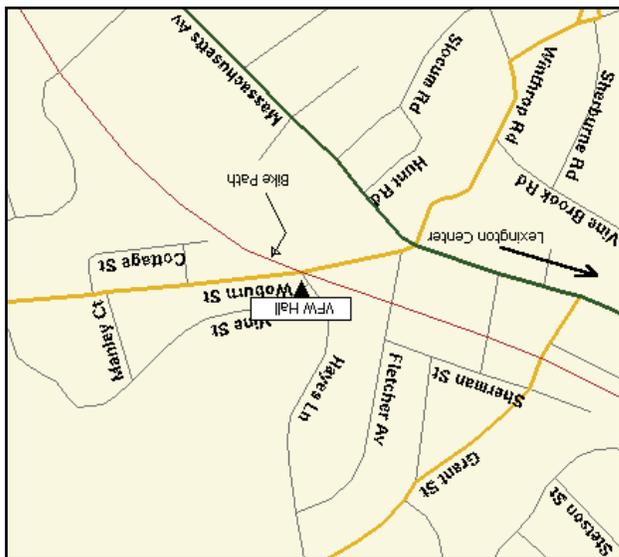


Matt Gosline wins the Hype 3D ARF - Cool! But wait, somethin's fishy. Matt opens the box only to find a pile of balsa bits. What the...



But upon further digging, he finds a brand new OS46 FX engine. We all had a little chuckle over that one. (Is that one of Jack's planes?)





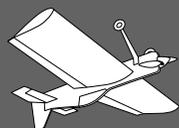
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