

Secretary's Report

for June 8, 2004 membership meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. by President Juhan Sonin. Minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted with a balance this date of \$965.05 as reported by treasurer Gil Levey.

Membership stood at 94, it seems 30 have not renewed and considered lost to the club.

New members were introduced and welcomed: **Cortez Turner** has a raptor helicopter and hopes to get started soon. He is a brand new pilot and new to the hobby.

Peter Young is also a member of the Charles River club, and flies many types of model aircraft. He plans to fly at the field often.

Old News: Reports of the fly-in and the 1/4 scale rolling acrobatic flights of the hangar 9 Sukhoi flown by guest pilot Mitch Buckley, and the 1/4 scale Extra flown by Paul Chiasson. All appreciated the skills demonstrated by Mitch as he performed rolling harriers and torque rolls just a few feet off the ground.

Members also discussed the conflict of dates between the derby at Middlesex RC club and our upcoming fun fly, and how we must communicate better to avoid same date conflicts for scheduled events.

New Business: Teddy Wang made it known to the Board of Directors that he was stepping down from the board, due to a heavy work schedule. President Sonin asked for suggestions from the floor and said he felt Jack Stanley would be

a good appointment. Bob Johnson nominated Jack and it was seconded from the floor. A vote was taken and Jack was elected to fill the spot vacated by Teddy Wang.

A short discussion took place about asking Mitch Buckley to share some of his skills by heading a training clinic. It was suggested that this be looked into, and the possibility of providing some compensation to Mitch if he were to do it.

Steve Stylianos was thanked for the nice bench at the field.

New member Peter Young mentioned a fun-fly for kids at McClain Hospital in Waltham on July 14th (Wednesday) and anyone interested in attending was invited.

Rob Catalano raised a point to the members present the importance of using frequency pins and mentioned that all too often members are not using them.

New business was concluded with a mention of the following Sunday's fly-in at the field, starting at 10 A.M.

The image gallery in the members only section of the web site was reported down and that Teddy Wang was working on this, as he now has the time.

Show and Tell: Peter Young talked about his Sig Phaser and said it was a nice flying model and easy to build. He went on to say that this was an early profile kit, and it hasn't hit the ground hard in three years!

Jeff Ward talked about his Great Planes Slinger ARF for \$45. It has a

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 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:

Ikarus Shock Flyer w/AXI motor
2 gallons fuel

Club Activities

Field Day Sunday, Sept 19 -Bring cutting tools to help clear the paths. Meet at the field at 10AM. No flying until 1PM.

Fun Fly - Sunday, Sept 26

9:30 AM registration, Fun Fly begins at 10AM sharp! Food and prizes.

Other Events

NEAT Fair Sept 17, 18, 19

Nutting Lake Float Fly talk to Jeff Ward for more information about the date.

An Important Upcoming Vote on Membership Dues:

The upcoming September meeting is an important one. We need to discuss the possibility of raising our current dues and take a vote. Your vote is important and will have an impact on the future of the club. Please attend the meeting and have your vote count.

For more details, please read the president's letter on page 2 of this issue.

The Presidents Letter



The summer is winding down, but flying has not. Weekend morning and afternoon pilots have been appearing en masse with as many as ten

different flyers in the pits. Sport, 3D profiles, electric foamies, warbirds, helis, gliders and even free-flight planes have flown throughout summer. We welcome all types of flying.

The NEAT Fair (Northeast Electric Aircraft Technology) takes place on September 17, 18, and 19 in the Catskill Mountains. It is a huge gathering of people involved in electric flying. Hundreds of pilots, thousands of planes. For more information, visit: <http://www.neatfar.org>. Sound scary? Well, you must only be hearing the sound of the prop pushing air: no starters, glow plugs, fuel residue on the plane, nicked fingers from starting engines, clogged carburetors, and expensive fuel. Lithium poly batteries (most often referred to as li-poly) are the new rage. One quarter of the weight of NiCad/Nimh batteries, li-polys have taken the RC industry by storm. Although not ultra-durable (and potentially dangerous if improperly charged/handled), they're fantastically light and have radically changed power-to-weight ratios that have plagued e-flyers up until now. Micro-electronics and light-weight

ARFs have also played a role in the emergence of e-flying. There are many pilots shifting towards or trying electrics. Check out our gallery pages for more pictures.

Vote on membership dues

At the September meeting, we need to discuss the BRCF dues. Currently, we charge regular members \$25 per year. Junior and Senior dues are \$15 per year. The BRCF club dues are the least expensive throughout New England (see the chart on page 3 of this issue). We're ten dollars cheaper than any club and the average club dues is roughly \$50 per year. While our overhead is low, the services we pay for have increased. The tractor cut each fall costs over \$350 (where the entire surrounding field is cut), weekly runway mowing costs \$50. The mowing and tractor cost over \$1300 per year. Insurance, renting the small hall for meetings, website fees, and other basic maintenance cost roughly \$400 per year.

Over the past year, we have toned down prizes at meetings and fun flies. A possible solution is elevating the dues by \$15 to \$40 per year. We could also cut prizes from meetings and fun fly events. Let's discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Hope to see you all at the September meeting.

Yours, Juhan

Treasurer's Report

Balance 5/17/04 \$ 965.05

Income

Dues \$ 480.00
Raffle \$ 132.00
Contributions \$ 150.00
Interest \$.21

TOTAL Income \$ 762.21

Disbursements

Coffee/Donuts \$ 13.87
Field/Grass \$ 725.00
Raffle \$ 14.43
Fly-In food \$ 95.00
Fly-In prizes \$ 144.39

TOTAL Disbursements \$ 992.69

Bank Balance 8/11/04 \$ 734.57

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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Bob Johnson (781) 272-5442
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Don't forget to check yourself for ticks when leaving the field!



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Out & About with Al

It was mid afternoon on a early July day last month, the grass was tall and as I got near the pit area I noticed a lady under an umbrella and in a comfortable chair. Then I noticed a young boy of 12 years, her son. Now this is interesting I thought.

The mom was very pleasant and we had a nice chat after I introduced myself. The young man, I could see, was very proud and couldn't wait to tell me he had just solo'd for the very first time, with his mom looking on. He told me who his instructor was and that he had given him a green light to go and fly.

The pride in this accomplishment was very real and deep. His mom was so supportive of her son and his recent accomplishment. As they packed up and left the field I took a moment to reflect on just how special this moment was. So often we don't pause and reflect on how this hobby is so much fun; by acquiring skills, and getting all the ducks in a row to get a model plane in the air.

In this young man's face and the supportive pride in his mom, I had a very special visit at the field...it was a moment that made my day one to remember.

—Al Prudhomme, Jr.

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foam wing and keel added to make a great flying model. He discussed the motor and the Hitec radio equipment used.

Bob Johnson showed his kit built twin engine OV Bronco from Hobby Hangar. He said it's really a twin sport flyer. Bob has six flights on it to date and he reports it's a well mannered model. Answering a question, he said the first flight was a real nice surprise. The model has six servos and two "y" harnesses. Bob said he was very conservative with the flights, but once had to fly it with one engine. "No guts no glory" he said.

Dick Mayer discussed a new brushless electric motor made from a computer CD-ROM drive using plans he found on the internet. He showed the inner workings of the motor; the coils and magnets, etc. He was using a Castle Creations speed controller. Dick said the motor draws 10 amps and puts out about 7000-8000 RPMs. It would be a good replacement for a speed 400 motor he said. He ran the motor that was mounted to a wooden stand and it looked and sounded very nice.

Rich Tyndall showed a Magic Extra and discussed its flight characteristics.

Paul Difeo showed his kit built Great Planes Ultimate biplane. He said it was easy to build and the covering turned out very nice. He wants to have someone fly the plane with him on it's maiden flights. All agreed Paul did a very nice job on the plane.

Josh Keegan showed a box of electric "stuff" he was selling and mentioned the radio he has is a good beginners type.

Rob Catalano showed his White Wings paper and balsa gliders. He said the box of six models sells for about \$8. Rob said they will thermal with the right conditions. He mentioned they sell them in the Discovery store and they are lots of fun. They will also give your credit card a rest, he noted.

Mel Suarez said he is selling his Hobbico Extra and would talk with anyone interested.

Teddy Wang was reducing his "stuff" and would post the items for sale on the forum.

Raffle

Gil Levey won the airplane

Rich Szostak won a gallon of fuel

Jeff Ward won a gallon of fuel

Paul Difeo won a gallon of fuel

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. and President Sonin wished everyone a great flying summer.

Respectfully,

Alfred Prudhomme, Jr., Secretary

New England RC Club Dues for 2004

	Regular Member	Jrs	Srs	One Time Initiation Fee
Burlington RC Flyers (current)	\$25	\$15	\$15	\$20
Charles river RC	\$35	\$20	\$25	-
Southern NH RC Club	\$35	\$5	\$35	\$60
495th RC Squadron	\$40	\$15	\$40	\$30
Middlesex RC	\$42	\$28	\$28	\$25
Country Squires	\$45	\$15	\$30	\$55
Southern NH Flying Eagles	\$45	\$15	\$25	\$25
Millis Model Aircraft Club	\$50	\$15	\$50	\$25
Wachusett Barnstormers	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$5
Cape Ann RC Club	\$55	\$20	\$30	\$15
NH Flying Tigers	\$60	\$0	\$50	\$15
South Shore RC	\$60	\$12	\$36	-
Proposed Burl. RC Flyers Dues	\$40	\$20	\$25	\$25

Olympic Effort

Artour Samsanov, the son of fellow club member Victor Samsanov, represented the USA in the recent summer Olympics in Athens. He competed in the two-man sculls event, with rowing partner Luke Walton. They made it as far as the semi-finals. We congratulate Artour on a super achievement, and congratulations to Victor and his family!

Briefly Noted:

- Big thanks to Steve and Dave for once again providing Richard a place to eat his breakfast on Sunday mornings. The new bench is great.
- Thanks to all who organized and showed up for the last fun-fly.
- Thanks to Jack and Gil for making a new frequency pin holder.

A message to those on the newsletter mailing list:

Please notify the newsletter editor (Rob C) by the end of the year if you wish to remain on the newsletter mailing list, otherwise you will not be mailed a newsletter next year. We encourage all to download the newsletter from the web site. It saves the club money on printing and postage.

New Frequency Pin Clip Bar

At the field, you will notice the new bar to clip frequency pins is limited to 4 pins. This is to remind us that only 4 flyers (max) should be in the air at one time. Please remove your pin when you are finished flying and pin it to the back of the large sign board if you plan on flying again. Be courteous and let other people fly if they have been waiting.

2004 Summer Photos!

The field has seen all types of flying this summer. Profiles, e-flyers, helis, and scale craft have all been buzzing around nicely. Here are some photos, by Juhan, of some of our summer activities/fliers.



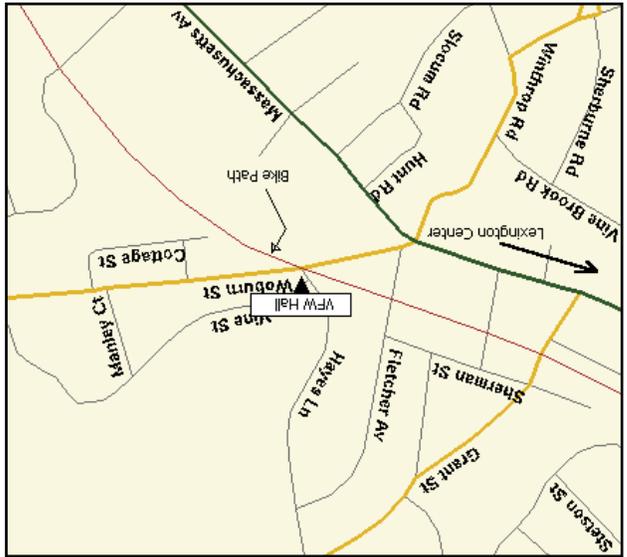
A nice photo of all who participated in the Fly-In on Sunday, August 22. It was a nice day and a lot of fun! Hope to see everyone at the next one.



Photos by Juhan Sonin

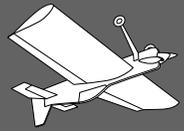


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