

## Secretary's Report

for April 24, 2005 membership meeting

Meeting Minutes were read by Mel Suarez and accepted.

### New Members introduced themselves:

*Sergui Lenke* – not much flying exp. RC cars. Has a small slow flyer at home.

*David Curts* – when he was a kid his dad told him he couldn't fly his and get his own. HS Physics teachers and is using RC cars to motivate kids.

*Mike Nicholson* – went to college, didn't have time to finish it. Hopefully get the plane finished and flying.

**Treasurer's Report:** Opening balance \$680.65. Total Income-\$2,856.74, Total disbursements-\$393.73 for a new balance of \$3,143.66

**Field Marshall's Report** – Needs work. Lots of gofer holes. Lower runway has mud. Field day coming up. The more hands the better. Bring rakes, shovels, wheel barrels, trash bags. Stefan noticed that there were bikers there. Suggested a net. Only authorized vehicles. There's an 800 number for the Environmental Police.

**Membership Report**—John Hatfield reported that we are at about 40-45 members.

**Newsletter**—Kudos to Rob, Mel and Al. Looking for submissions. Jon had a great article.

**Safety** – Juhan mentioned that on Sunday people were flying by the runway. Use the 20 feet off the runway pilot station. Habit forms. Bob Johnson went to put up a couple flights. Heli pilots were on the runway

with their flight boxes. Sailplane pilot came over the edge of the pit and didn't apologize. Bob Johnson talked of a little Gremlin that the guy started it in the pit area with full elevator and landed no more than 1 foot away from a guy in the pit area. When we say no taxiing in the pit area, a guys motor jammed and went flying across the pit area. "Fellas, you have to get involved." Use pilot stations. Especially when student pilots are landing. It was suggested that taxiing areas start near the runway. Juhan: Bob's passion for the Club is evident. Safety is a primary concern.

Bob Pawlak mentioned that it might be good if there was a reason given for the pins.

On the website someone put a picture of a scalp with a tattoo.  
Donuts & Coffee -

### New News

Field Day on April 24th, 9am, no flying till 11 or so.

Fly-In on May 15th – with demo from Mitch hopefully. It is a new league, another level to this hobby.

Fun-Fly on June 5 – need to getting a Fun Fly committee. Dave and Stefan offered to spearhead it, Pete and Gil also volunteered.

Fly-in on July 10th  
Fly-In August 7th  
Basically the

Middlesex is having it's spring funfly on the 14th with a rainday on the 15th. Also doing the construction derby in June in mid to late June (after Father's Day). Will post on the discussion board. The things are butt ugly but it was built in 90 minutes. "They fly as good as they look." It's

## Next Club Meeting

**Tuesday, June 14, 2005**

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:**

## Club Activities

**Fly In - July 10, 2005.**

Come join us for a casual, non-competitive day of flying. Bring your favorite plane or bring the beater.

## Other Activities

**Construction Derby - June 12, 2005**

Middlesex RC club's 11th Annual Construction Derby. Contact Jeff Ward for more info: (978) 663-4493

## Please Renew your membership!

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership. Download the membership form from the membership page of the web site ([www.burlington-rc.com/membership.html](http://www.burlington-rc.com/membership.html)) fill it out and send in with your check. Or you can sign up at the next club meeting. If you have any questions, contact John Hatfield at [jnhntfld2@cs.com](mailto:jnhntfld2@cs.com).



## The Presidents Letter



We've scheduled a flying-based event every month which began in March and will go through October. Already, we've had several

successful fly-ins from the Frozen Finger to our recent Spring fly-in. Even with the misty weather, we had over 20 pilots for our May 2005 gathering. See the online gallery page for photos (<http://www.burlington-rc.com/gallery.html>). Beginners, sport, and expert flyers are all welcome to any of these organized sessions. Bring friends and family; they are all welcome to participate. Our next fly-in will be on Sunday July 10, 2005. Our BBQ mess sergeant and hash slinger, Al Prudhomme will be on the scene, manning the grill. Al's fab food is an annual treat. There will be no competition on July 10th; it's a casual day of flying, eating, and socializing.

### Tick Alert



With the warmer weather, we need to be vigilant of fellow 'field residents' that are looking for a meal as well... of your blood. Ticks are common at the field and tend to hide in damp, shady, low bush areas. Unfortunately, they can carry a variety of diseases such as Texas Fever, Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia, and Lyme Disease. If you suspect you were bitten by a tick, here are some Lyme Disease warning signs to look for. Most of these symptoms appear within the first 7 to 14 days after infection:

- A bull's eye like rash around the bite area
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Muscle, Joint aches

[source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]

Please check for ticks often while at the field. Removing them early lessens the likelihood of disease transmission.

Many thanks to Dave P., Jack S. and Stefan C. for leading the June fun-fly. It was a gorgeous day and the events went smoothly. See pictures on the following page.

*See you on the field, Juhan*

### Briefly Noted:

A safety letter was mailed/given to all members of the club last month. It is up to each member to know and obey the rules at the field. Jack Stanley has been nominated the club's new Safety Coordinator, but it's up to each member to be/fly safe.

Thanks again to Jack for the great up-keep of the field!



## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance 3/21/05</b>	<b>\$ 3,143.66</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$ 535.00
Raffle	\$ 59.00
Fuel order	\$ 426.00
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,020.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Coffee/Donuts	\$ 14.77
Raffle	\$ 40.35
Newsletter printing	\$ 83.53
Postage	\$ 55.50
AMA Charter	\$ 90.00
Fuel	\$ 1,307.00
<b>TOTAL Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 1,591.15</b>
<b>Bank Balance 5/16/05</b>	<b>\$ 2,572.51</b>

## Flight Instruction

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

### Beginner Flight Instructors:

Victor Samsanov	(781) 279-0231
Sandy Holmes	(781) 646-2354
Bob Johnson	(781) 272-5442
Juhan Sonin	(617) 504-3390
Dave Palermo	(781) 279-0186
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Victor Samsanov	(781) 279-0231
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## Out and About with Al *by Al Prudhomme, Jr.*

It was one of those late winter trips I took to the candy store. That's amateur radio talk for a trip to a radio store in Salem, N.H. which has a lot of radio equipment and supplies Hams enjoy, and if you got the bucks you take it home and play with it.

On my drive back to the Mass border on route 28, I caught the sign of a R/C hobby store and since I passed it I turned into the next lot thinking why not check it out? I had a few minutes and a couple of bucks in my pocket.

The store had lots of goodies and many planes, boats and many supplies which all looked good to me. Behind the counter was the owner, a cigar smoking friendly guy. We got talking and I learned quickly that he would match in exact price the catalog sale price of a major mail-order outlet (Tower Hobbies). That was great news, as I had an order I was planning to send in by mail. I further learned he was an official at the Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas, and that he knew Walter Brown, the famed and very wealthy land owner in Las Vegas and who built Caesar's Palace. He said Walter Brown enjoyed model RC Planes so much that

he had built a state-of-the-art flying field in back of Caesar's, and until sickness slowed him down, Walter Brown flew his many models daily.

The owner turned on a video, on the counter TV set he had set up. There he was talking with Walter Brown and officiating an event in the TOC, a few years back. Recently, on a return visit, I found that the model shop owner had bought a home close to the flying field. He does very well gaming in Las Vegas, and eventually plans to move there.

For just a short stop to a model store, I thought to myself, "now that was quite a visit"! Lots of interesting information, totally unexpected, from a model shop owner who had a lot more to say and to share in pictures and stories in this interesting hobby than I would have ever thought.

O Yes! on my first visit, you recall, he could match Tower's price, so with all that to think about, I also bought my big order of stuff from him. And down the road I rolled, after saying goodbye to Bill.

—Al Prudhomme, Jr.

## Meeting photos from April 24, 2005



*Pete S. shows off another electric.*



*Raffle prizes were first rate - the nice Hangar Nine J-3 Piper Cub ARF was won by Al Prudhomme.*



*Al presenting his durable ugly stick.*



*Miguel M. showing off his P-47 which he is going to dress up with Brazillian insignia. Miguel has put a lot of hours into sheeting and glassing the entire airframe - it's gonna look sweet when its done.*



*Juhan "Hawaiian shirt" Sonin, showing his way-cool e-flight yak.*



*Bob Johnson with another beautifully built plane - a kit-bashed Sig biplane.*

# Fun Fly photos from June 5, 2005



*Dave and Al ready to roll.*



*Pete's magic trying to kiss the balloon.*



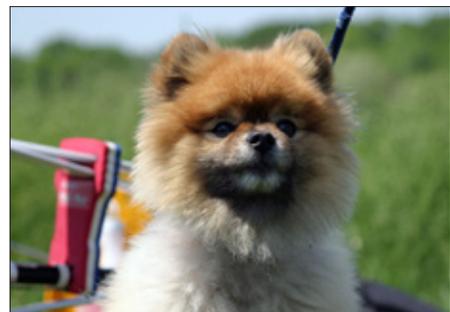
*Dan arriving in style (unaware there was valet parking)*



*Nice KE pass by Victor "he da man"!*



*Victor and his fine-tuned OMP Edge.*



*Mel's dog Barney taking it all in.*



*Rob and his son Matthew showing up.*



*Its always fun when Ricardo's around.*



*Richard going low in the balloon pop.*



*Ricardo trying to pop some balloons.*



*Pete concentrating "Let go, Pete...use the force"*



*Stefan dropping down on the deck.*

## Burlington RC Calendar:

Club meetings are at the Lexington VFW hall, 2 Hayes Lane (off Woburn Street) Lexington, MA.

Fun Flies and Fly Ins are at the field, usually beginning around 9 am. Fly in's are casual - non competitive flying. Fun Flies will have competitions and prizes.

**June 14** - Club meeting 7:30 pm

**July 10** - Fly In

**August 7** - Fun Fly and BBQ

**August 29** - Board meeting

**Sept 4** - Labor Day Fly In

**Sept 13** - Club meeting 7:30 pm

**Oct 31** - Board meeting

**Nov 8** - Club meeting 7:30 pm

### Other club events:

**June 12** - Middlesex RC club's 11th Annual Construction Derby. Contact Jeff Ward for more info: (978) 663-4493

**June 25-26** - Ernie Huber Memorial Fun Fly, Stow MA

**June 25-26** - New England Scale Championship at Gardener municipal airport, Gardener MA

**Sept 17** - 495<sup>th</sup> Club's Helicopter Fly In. \$10 entry with food and prizes.

**Sept 23-25** - East Coast Extreme Heli FunFly, Plymouth CT

Check our web site [www.burlington-rc.com](http://www.burlington-rc.com) for links to these clubs for more info.

## Secretary's Report *(continued from front page)*

a takeoff from MIT's design class. You start with a bag of parts.

Auction this weekend, the NH Flying Tigers. Mel suggested crushed rock for the path. Dave Palermo suggested moving the path up to the tree line.

Mel suggested rolling the field for flatness. Jeff says they roll Middlesex every year. Jeff talked about the Combat RC idea. Brought rules for "Slow, Survival Combat". Run 15 size engines. Plane has to weight 2.5 lbs empty thus you are limited to 50 mph. Stock carb, stock muffler and 18x3 prop. JK Aero Tech makes foamies for this purpose.

### Show N Tell:

*Pete Sussman* - \$30 kit by GWS, it's a zero, that he flies with a Park 370 Brushless motor. Flies great. 60-70 mph, screams. 3 cell lipo, no tip stalls. One of the best he's flown. He only does elevator and aileron. He has 400 mah and flies for about 15 minutes. Can even go to 1200 mah and get a lot more flying time.

*Bob Johnson* - Kit bashed SIG Ultimate. Got the idea from RC Universe. Changed the wing config. Enya 40 CX. Servos at the wing made it nose-heavy so he moved them near the tail. Covered with Ultracoat. Has used it for 4 flights. Weight came in at 4.5 lbs. He bashed it by adding the tips and the tail feathers also added more profile to the profile.

*Al Prudhomme, Jr.* - Ultra Stick Dura Plane. Al needed something he could fly the pants off of. Wants to keep it in the car and just pop to the field.

Put a 40 on it. His Magic was too hot to handle first time out in the spring.

*Miguel Machado* - This is a little project that I've been working on for 4 winters. P47 Thunderbolt. Going for the Brazilian Air Force. Going to Hobarts pneumatic with retractables and four stroke Saito 120, all fiberglass. 32 oz fiber. Ed Grossheim recommended poly urethane. He recommended 6 coats. Bought 1/64th and 1/32 wide tape then one final coat over the tape. First 4 coats then panel lines. Bob Johnson also suggested mixing spakling. Coats dry in 45 minutes. Use a soft, good quality brush. Carving the tips was the hardest part, wing tips and wing roots. It's not exactly a scale plane "but it does look neat. I like the looks of it."

*Juhan Sonin* - Extreme Flight RC Electric YAK. 70 bucks. Did it in 16 minutes before the meeting. A friend is a writer at eFlyer. It's the same power as Axi \$30. Juhan will post the site. He gets it out to you in 2 days. Axes are \$70 so this is a deal. Plans to use a 2cell Li-Poli at 1400 mah. He buys the servo gears in bulk. This may be the way to go for combat.

### Raffle

*Al Prudhomme* - won the J-3 Piper Cub. Al won the second one!

*Steve Stylianos* - picked up a glow start.

*John Hatfield* - snatched 4 glow plugs.

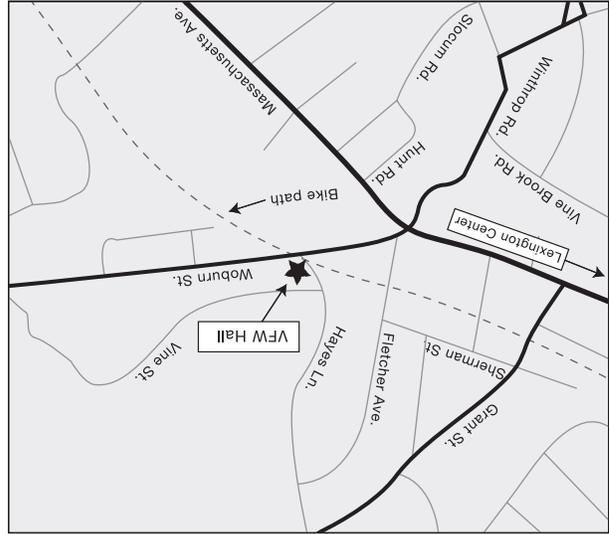
*Rob Catalano* - took the pump.

*Miguel Machado* - ended up with the fuel.

—Mel Suarez



*The gang at the May 15, 2005 Fly-In. It was a great day with Paul and Mitch bringing out the big birds (Paul's Radio Craft Extra is front and center) Thanks to all who came!*



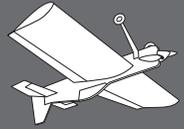
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