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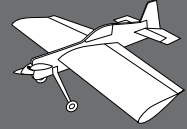


***One Year Later...
And He's Still
Smiling?!***

Next Club Meeting

April 10th, 2007

VFW Hall, Lexington



Secretary's Report

for February 13, 2007 membership meeting, by Mel Suarez

Al Prudhomme started the meeting at 730pm.

About 20 people attended at the Lexington VFW. Snow was starting to fall.

Treasurer's Report

John Hatfield said the club's bank balance as of 1/30/07 is \$2,625.68. No major expenses were expected in the near future so the club should begin the flying season with about \$3,000. (See the detailed report on page 3 of this issue).

Membership Report

While no new members were in attendance, Al mentioned his brief encounter with new member Dave from Maryland. Dave was flying an electric helicopter (T-Rex). Cesar and Naeder were also at the field and were very enthusiastic about honing their flying skills.

Field Report

Jack reported that the tarp covering on the lean-to was flapping in the wind and had to be removed. A few weeks ago, several members chopped some wood. It has been very useful for keeping flyers warm during winter flights. Al added that Tony Covino brought a steel drum and it was staked down near the tree line.

The field sign took some damage a while back and still needs to be repaired as does the wind sock and pole.

There has been no big movement on the Cummings property.

Membership Report

John Hatfield informed the

group that as of this date there were 50 members.

Coffee Break

Al scheduled Bill of Bill's Hobby Barn to give a short presentation. Al and Bill couldn't quite get it to work and Bill was a no-show.

Jack continued the field conversation by mentioning the tarp was ripped by the wind. The club ordered two more for \$70/each. For future winters, the tarps will be dismantled.

From the peanut gallery erupted, "We should be cutting down all the weeds around the flying field." Juhan felt the current mechanism for cutting is not efficient. We need a weed cutter twice the size of our current mower. The tractor took 2.5 hours and that's a \$40k machine! Dave said he is pricing out alternatives and the membership agreed with the new strategy. Dave will be investigating State auctions.

Lastly, Al mentioned that the Middlesex/BRCF auction was a good time. Jack and Al helped in the kitchen and enjoyed the experience. "From the beginning of the day, the school turned into a professional auction."

Vic Naimo brought the video library. There are several videos available although Jack needs to bone up on his flying skills and took several.

New Business

Because of the impending snow storm, new business was light. So light, there was none.

Show and Tell

Juhan Sonin brought in and flew

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Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

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:

As always there will be a nice ARF along with other prizes that will include a \$50 and \$25 gift certificate to Alex's RC Hobby Shop and fuel.

Club Activities

RC Auctions

Sunday April 15th

BRCF Field Day. Bring a shovel, wheelbarrow, rake and yourself to help clean up the winter damage. Any assistance would be appreciated. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Please Renew your membership!

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership. If you have any questions, contact John Hatfield at jrhatfield@rcn.com. Or visit

www.burlington-rc.com/membership.html for the latest dues and membership applications.

The Presidents Letter



Nice to see good weather come our way, and looks like it will stay around, this time. I look forward to see my new trainer, without the front gear, and made into a tail

dragger, will track on the ground, no special turn hookup on the rear wheel so will be fun to work bugs out, if there are any.

Many thanks to Rob Catalano for the past newsletters and Rob now has a full plate with his business and won't be involved with the Newsletter, but sure hope we will see Rob at the field this flying season.

With the cold winter, it was fun to visit the field on weekends barring a bitter cold or blizzard, there was a group of members flying, and I enjoyed visiting, and fun chats on many subjects with other great members, all warming up around the fire.

We have had some tough incursions in the field by thoughtless four wheels drivers, and must figure out a good way to keep them out...I know lot of us are working on this and must keep positive, and end the messing up of the field,

Last week I was at the field with

Jack S. Dave P. and myself in the afternoon for a little while, and all seemed normal, after some time someone said "Hey" where are the supporting pipes for the canvas shade cover, (that looks nice and is comfortable in the Sun). "It was gone, and we had just noticed this, taken by someone, and only four holes left in the ground. Thanks to Dave P. we have another tarp, or two, and will have to get new support pipes.

Lets hope we can keep it up with Dave P. idea for cement bases for the pipe.

The April meeting will have a guest to tell us the latest goings on with the Cummings Trust and other issues. Catherine Moore, will again visit with us and give us a update on the latest, issues. I have extended a invitation to James Gilliatt this district vice president for the AMA... who lives close by in Concord.

Our mission is to keep the club meetings the best they can be, and with members like Jack Stanley and others will continue with ideas and leads ...If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Happy flying.

Sincerely,

ALFRED PRUDHOMME, JR.
President, Burlington RC Flyers

About the cover:

Juhan Sonin shot this photo of Paul Difeo's 180 sized Chipmunk. Up until just the past week or so, the field has been snow free. Lot's have people have been showing up to fly over the weekends. Spring is just arriving and that means mud! Is that really an engine?

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance 1/30/07 \$ 2,625.68

Income

Dues	\$ 730.00
Raffle	\$ 70.00
TOTAL Income	\$ 800.00

Disbursements

AMA Charter	\$ 90.00
Prizes	\$ 14.00
Newsletter	\$ 48.68
Postage	\$ 15.60
Coffee & donuts	\$ 21.25
TOTAL Disbursements	\$ 189.31

Bank Balance 3/26/07 \$ 3,236.37

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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Helping Hands

Out and About with Al Prudhomme, jr.

April. I have a friend who is a detective Lt. in a major west coast city, and share a good friendship born out of a difficult situation some years ago while in the Navy. He has told me in a number of chats, that it is always one thing or another each and every day of people in all kinds of situations and when you think you have seen it all, something comes along that surprises even him.

To keep faith in peoples actions is always a real challenge, in lieu of all the problems he and his police department face, he has told me time after time.

Well I felt the same way the other day, when I came to the field, and saw the damage done by a vehicle, and with no concern for others, then when we saw the shade supports stolen and damage to the new sign and broken plexi-glass, I just wondered why people do the things they do. I thought of my friend and what he has said to me on several occasions, as mentioned above.

Then came Tony C, Jack S, Dave P, and so many other of our members and on a recent Saturday morning. We filled in much of the ruts, dug holes, poured cement, and put in a

work table, another bench and made plans for the new sun shade coming soon...all the while everyone was doing what is done best: flying the model plans, all having fun.

I thought on the way back not bad, not bad at all, and even the ugly ruts holes and other messes, didn't seem so bad and will all shape up in due time.

Alfred Prudhomme, Jr.

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a Hobby Lobby micro heli. It costs around \$125. It flies great with its twin rotors. Juhan had it going forwards, backwards, and did pirouettes and even crashed without any damage.

Prizes

Pete Rizutto – \$25 gift certificate to RC Buyers Warehouse

Edson Costa - \$25 gift certificate to RC Buyers Warehouse

Paul DiFeo - glow plug battery and charger

Mel Suarez – took the 15% heli fuel

Al Prudhomme – took bottles of CA glue.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Pic of the Month

Victor hovers down the runway!



Death becomes us... or at least our planes.

One year ago this April, Paul Difeo hammered a beautiful P-39 (built by Bob Johnson). Not to be outdone by Ricardo, Paul has introduced an annual homage to his own crashes. He's seen here with his newly shredded Chipmunk.

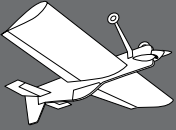
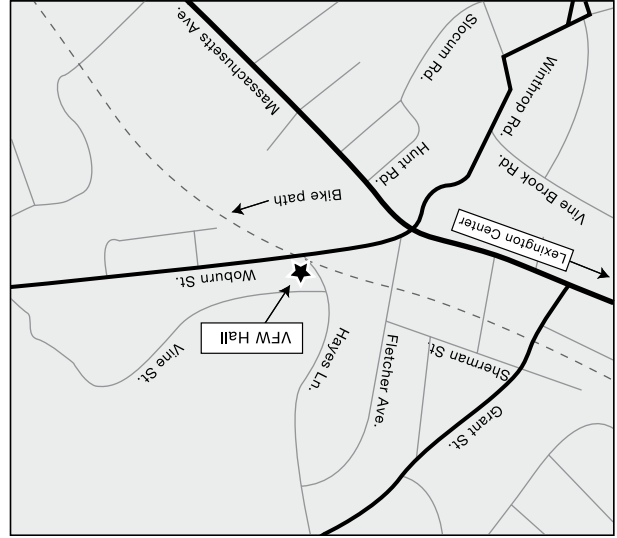


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Meeting Location

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Meeting time is 7:30 PM

Next club meeting:



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