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Summer has finally arrived!!!

President's Letter July 2009

By Mel Suarez

Mosha calls up and we talk. "How long have you been with this desire to fly?" "Oh, I've been thinking about this since I was a kid." Mosha's son got a cheap heli. And so he figures it's time to get into it.

We get so many calls from people who have always wanted to fly. And it's kind of cool and not too corny to think that our club makes people's dreams come true. People come who have literally crashed their dreams into the ground while their sons and daughters watched. And it's sad but hopefully, thanks to the internet or a hobby store they hear about us and can get going.

We now have two working club trainers thanks to several people - Bill SanSoucie, Dave Palermo, Dave Goncalves, Doug Druce and Joe Lapan. Joe and Linda showed up recently and Joe has been flying the club trainers. He took one home and replaced the nose wheel after it got whacked. Joe wanted to do something in return for free flight training through the Intro Pilot Program plus the Club Trainer Program.

There are plenty of new people now. We are up to 90 members. Our newest member is none other than Adam Woodward who spoke at the recent meeting (see Meeting Minutes) and is not only a crazy RC pilot but also creates fancy RC aircraft (aka UAV's) for a living.

We've renewed our Flickr account for another two years. It has been a great hit thanks to Dave and Debbie and Doug Druce. Pictures go up as soon as the flying is over. I'm sure I'm not the only one that goes there at the end of the weekend to see what happened. The site can be reached from our home page at www.burlington-rc.com by clicking on the link below the main picture or by going to this address directly <http://www.flickr.com/photos/brcf>. Members can post photos and videos. Get the ID from the main forum entry regarding Flickr. Incidentally, you can see a video of Anthony Maraschiello's inverted takeoff there.

It takes a village to run a club, grounds keeping, training, web site maintenance, newsletter, membership applications, and public relations. There are many people to thank. I wanted to highlight one very helpful individual and friend to many of us - Warren Cummings. When Warren isn't helping move dirt around to fill holes or mowing the runways, he can be seen sitting in his white pickup sneaking a peek of the action from the gated entrance.

Keep your ideas coming and enjoy the summer skies.

Mel Suarez



Schedule of Events:

August 30th, 2009 - Time TBA

BBQ Fly-in at the field.

September 26, 2009 - 10:00am

495th Squadron 4th Annual Helicopter Fun Fly at Ogonowski Flying field.



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Meeting Minutes June 9th, 2009 By Dan Quaroni, Club Secretary

- 25 people were in attendance
- Dan "read" the last meeting minutes from memory
- Marco reported that we have 86 members, which is 2 more than the same time last year
Marco read the treasurer's report
- Dave and Tony reported on the field conditions.
Tony says we need a field day and that we should wait and not do it this week.
- Mel announced that Hanscom is having their summer bash Friday, June 26th.
- Mel asked Dave to talk about the boy scouts event. He says we have 4 trainer airplanes ready, Tony will do pizza, and we need 2 more instructors to help out.
- The meeting broke for coffee and donuts.
- The meeting reconvened and Mel announced events.
- The speakers, Brandon Suarez, Adam Woodsworth, Adam Tourgee, Chip Whittemore, and Greg O'Neil spoke about their Design Build Fly competition experience.
- Show and tell began with Adam showing a tiny micro airplane that he's working on at his company (Aurora). It uses off the shelf micro airplane components and will be designed to fold up and go in a pocket.
- Rafe showed Clearview simulator, which is \$40 and an electric profile airplane
- Al P. showed a magazine article about UAV use by the Navy
- Kalin showed a charger from Hobby King
- Mel talked about his use of callers during aerobatics so he can concentrate on flying and not reading from a sheet of paper
- Raffle prizes were awarded
- Adam flew the micro airplane inside that he had displayed in the Show-and-Tell.



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My first trip to the field, by Debbie Druce

My first visit to the field was on May 31st, 2009. Doug had been going for a few weeks and I had stayed home...but curiosity got the better of me. This particular weekend Doug said to me 'come on up there with me honey you'll have fun'....so at this point, kind of hesitant, I agreed to go.

On the morning of May 31st we get up at a ridiculous hour for a weekend...well to me anyway...I'm used to being in bed until at least 9:30/10am...I like to catch up on my sleep on a weekend!!

So off we go to the field....after a trek through the brush we made it to the tent and all I see are men milling around talking about planes. Doug introduces me to everyone and my attendance there was pleasantly welcomed (to my surprise, I must point out I was a bit cynical back then!).

I proceed to take out my camera and start shooting anything that moved. I really got into my groove and couldn't stop looking up at the planes, whizzing through the sky....my neck ached really badly at the end of that day I have to tell you...I have since developed neck muscles I didn't know I had.

After about an hour or so of just watching and shooting photos this man appears out of nowhere. He caused such a stir that everyone stopped what they were doing to greet him. There is this big guy, grinning like a Cheshire cat with the biggest remote control plane I had ever seen in my life...probably nearly as big as me!

As all the guys chatted and admired his plane, I stood back and just watched. I was soon introduced to this gentle giant...his name is Anthony....yeah you all know him!

Once he was fueled and ready to go I whipped out the camera again...ready for the action because everyone seemed so excited to see this guy take this plane into the sky!

Up...Up...and Away he goes, after about 5 minutes of tricks and everyone cheering the plane swoops over the field into an inverted climb...awesome...but....ah oh!....the wind just changed and the plane is no longer inverted, it's kind of doing a flip and is now nose down and oh boy, down it went....then nothing, silence.....for a few seconds it stays silent..... then some whoops and " way to go Anthony " start erupting from the crowd ...all I am doing is standing there, my mouth open and dollar signs in my head...what the!.....what did he just do? He just destroyed his plane, that's what he did! Anthony's smile hasn't disappeared. He takes a bow, and then joins the rest of the guys in the recovery effort....OH MY GOD!!.....they're all completely out of their minds!!!

They all descend on the long grass as I stand on the sidelines trying to get a hold on what just happened. "This guy just crashed his plane and he's still smiling and laughing, who is this guy?...why isn't he in tears?"



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My first trip Continued....

About 5 minutes or so go by.....I start to see red flashes above the brush, " Oh is that a wing...what is that I just saw John hold up, what does Paul G. have in his hand " Then Anthony picks up the remainder of his plane and they all start to walk towards me, each with a different part of the plane. All I could summon up was " OOOH NOOOOOO !!! ". I was devastated. But all the guys are laughing and joking about what just happened. I just stood there in shock!!!

Eventually I collected my thoughts and took some pictures of the rescue crew as they preceded towards me with the bits of the plane.....unbelievable to me that Anthony wasn't in the least bit upset.

So in a nutshell this was my first experience up at the field and boy was it an experience. On the drive home I was still in shock saying to Doug "I can't believe what just happened! ". He said that someone had given him a really good piece of advice when he first joined..." Don't fall in love with a plane ". Valid point which I have since taken on board and look at them as only objects that can easily be replaced..... I really think that day I was more upset than anyone..... and it was nothing I had put countless hours and care into putting together. Taking the time to assemble, tune, fine tune, check and recheck before taking it into the great blue yonder.....

So guys... Carry on with what you are doing..... I love being there and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for such a great couple of months, for allowing me to take up my hobby of photography again..... photographing and documenting your every flight. Most of all, for accepting me into the club and hanging out with you all. You are all really wonderful, great people, from all walks of life....but with one common interest that pulls you all together....That is what makes this club truly special!!!

You all make me feel so welcome and I don't feel in the way at all, which was my main concern when Doug asked me to come up there initially.

You are stuck with me now guys, I ain't going anywhere! You are all awesome and I love the opportunity to be part of your weekend fun at the field!

Deb





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News from the Fun Fly July 26, 2009



Mel Congratulating Vu being a solo Pilot.



The crowd enjoying a fun Sunday of flying.



Vu picking up hot coals!!



The competition crew keeping everything running smoothly.



Let the Fun begin.



The kids love that simulator



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The much anticipated Fun Fly day arrives and to the dismay of all, the weather doesn't appear to be cooperating!

Arriving at the field on a warm, muggy and rainy Sunday morning you can see Mel and Jim setting up the simulator, Tony C. has the extra tent set up preparing the BBQ area, Dave P. is down on the runways making final adjustments for the egg drop and limbo.....in the pits, Don, Rob, Bill S. and Vu are all fine tuning their planes ready for the day of competition. It's only 8.30 am and everything is pretty much good to go!! It's easy for the visitors that come later in the day to not see all the hard work that goes into making the day so much fun for everyone...

Now all we need is for the weather to cooperate!!!! Will it, won't it?? Everyone at the field is on their handheld devices checking the latest Doppler reports..... OH NO!....the heavens open, everyone runs for cover.....10 mins later, the rain stops and out comes that glorious sunshine....FUN FLY IS GO!!!!

10am and the games begin. The competition crew are near the lower runway with their clipboards, tape and megaphone ready to kick off the first of the events, the Egg Drop! Pilots ready their planes, attaching cups to hold the egg on their wings. Bill S. is everyone's pit crew, getting the planes fueled and started, Paul D. is helping the learners compete on buddy boxes...The first drop is off....Dave P. and Doug grab the tape and out they run to make the measurement, the crowd waits in anticipation.....230FT is shouted through the megaphone, now everyone knows the distance to beat!!!

2 hours of Egg Dropping ensues.....Everyone has their own strategy on hitting the target, some come in low and fast, climbing hard, some go high and slow, rolling... some decide that a series of 4 loops at around 20ft over the target will do the job (that would be our very own Happy Gilmore AKA Rob, nice flying!).....But Mel has the ultimate strategy, he takes his Heli up to 10ft hovers over the bulls-eye and with a quick jog of the throttle out pops the egg.....3ft!!! Ladies and gentlemen, we have a winner! All 16 competition pilots have completed their runs, and after 2 hours everyone is ready for some food and much needed fluids!!!!



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The spectator area is full of fellow flyers, family, friends and some new faces.....Kids are lining up to use the simulator and Tony C. plus his cooking team of Greg and Greg are sending out burgers and hot dogs at a quick pace trying to fill all these hungry mouths. The raffle is doing brisk business with an engine and a plane up for grabs. It's a busy scene, 40 maybe even 50 people.....talking, laughing, asking questions, signing up for the IPP program. Everybody has a smile on their face, enjoying the flying and fun.

Time for the next event.....The Limbo!!!! Test pilot Bill S. heads up first, but with gusty shifting winds even this veteran flyer is having trouble!!.....The call is made, the Limbo is cancelled.....The runways are open for free flight. Pilots head to pits, ready their planes and several hours of aerial spectaculars begin, with the large crowd in awe!

Now for the last event... Dave P. has a club and 30 golf balls.....time to see who can chip the closest to the bulls-eye. Let it be said, we have a lot of very talented flyers at our club, but we are woefully lacking in any kind of golfing skills! The competition finishes and the winner is awarded the \$20 cash prize, which I must add he generously donated straight back to the club.

Now for some of the funniest scenes of the day.....Why don't we get a Profile to hover over the Bulls-eye, and see if we can hit it with a golf ball from 100ft away?? This may sound crazy from the planes pilot perspective, but true nonetheless!! If you weren't there to see the action check out the hilarious videos posted in the gallery, you can also see a lot of photos taken of the day.

It's 2.30pm and the last task of the day is to get a BRFC Family photo. With this done it's time to pack up and call it a day. Despite the rainy start the day has been a complete success, and most importantly a good time was had by all.

Many Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this a Fun Fly to remember and to all the competitors, family and friends that turned up to share the day with us. When is the next Fun Fly?

Article by, Doug Druce.





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Club Member Article



A day at the field at Burlington RC, by Anthony Maraschiello

I joined the club 3 years ago and I was attracted to the club because of the nice people associated with it. I was accepted with open arms. The members are always there to help with a challenging project. Since all of my rc planes and heli's are in need of help it is fun to watch them scurry over and lend assistance. Every member has an opinion and they differ greatly. But in the end the planes flies and lands at least once.

Recently I had experienced a crash. I searched for the plane for many hours but could not find it. I had 20 witnesses as to where it went down. I finally had to fly over with my ultra light and was able to spot it in the tree. It was exciting having me and the rc planes flying together. After a short while I was just another plane in the sky. Just a little bigger and slower. I got the lost plane back



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Trivia

In each month's edition we'll include a couple of little competitions. There's no prize's to be won, but everyone who gets the right answer will get a mention in the next issue, and of course bragging rights!

Name that Plane...

One of these planes completed World War Two with 207 operational missions over Europe, more than any other American aircraft. These early short winged aircraft were designed for speed (323mph), and were often too hot for newly trained pilots. Single engine performance was poor, landing and takeoff speeds were high and the aircraft was unforgiving of mistakes. Combined with engine and propeller malfunctions, excessive anti-aircraft damage on low altitude missions would initially cost many of the aircraft and the lives of their crews. This aircraft had a 5 man crew consisting of a Pilot, Copilot doubling as the Navigator, Radio Operator, Bombardier and a Tail Gunner.

E-mail answers to - doug.druce@hotmail.com

Did you know...

The North American P-51H Mustang ended WW2 fitted with the legendary Rolls Royce Merlin Engine producing speeds of 487mph at an altitude of 25,000 ft. However the original Mustangs were ordered by, and delivered to the British RAF (designation IA).....

What engines were the British Mustang IA fitted with, and in which other famous WW2 fighter had the same engine been used?

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Plane Spotting...

Can you name this plane?





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Trivia Continued...

Name that Pilot...



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