

# "THE QFRC FLYER"

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## President's Corner

### President's Message March 2007

Well, the WRAM show is over and it was great. Hope you were able to attend.

Winter flying: Some members have flown on skis this winter but the opportunities were rare with little snow. Just a reminder that the field is open year-round with plowing done when needed. The shed heater works great, too, so there's no excuse not to go flying. Call your buddies to meet at the field. Bring a gallon or two of kerosene if you can.

You can announce your plans to go flying to the members on the club website thanks to Bob Piscatelli. Just log on to [www.quakerfarmsrcflyers.org](http://www.quakerfarmsrcflyers.org) and push the "members" button.

Yale students: A group of about ten Yale engineering students have applied for, and your Team 8 has offered, a discounted membership fee for the group. We expect them to accept the offer. They're developing a helicopter RPV for video uses and are going to learn to fly an



RC heli as an important part of the project. We're looking forward to seeing these guys progress with their learning process. They will be supervised by one of our instructor members while learning. Please welcome them if you happen to see them at the field.

Boy Scouts: There are plans to have a Boy Scout day or two at the field this summer. We will need a project manager and some volunteers to make this happen. Our contact for the scouts is Charles Waldo, 203-879-6273, [cwaldo@candkconsulting.com](mailto:cwaldo@candkconsulting.com). Please call Charles or myself if you can help.

Newsletter: We're trying to produce the best newsletter possible but material has been scarce. We need "for sale" ads and any news items. If you have anything to contribute, please email or call George Garofalo, Newsletter Editor.

Spring projects: VP Joe Monarca is heading up the field maintenance projects this year.

Joe reports he will be scheduling work parties to replace the North and East cow fences.

Also, we're planning to straighten the East side of the runway. That will require a backhoe machine and a road trailer.

I'm sad to report the passing of Ron Testa, past president for five years of the Connecticut Model Airplane Club, CMAC. Ron was the driving force behind obtaining the Plymouth field for his club. The field has been named after Ron. For more info about CMAC and the Plymouth field, check out [www.CMAC.org](http://www.CMAC.org).

Don't forget our spring meeting March 13th "show-and-tells" welcome!

BJ



## *Vice President's Corner*

*Vice President's Message March 2007*

Hi Guys,

My wife recently informed me that daylight savings starts early this year. March instead of April. So Lets finish up our winter projects!! The season to fly is rapidly approaching. And who can't forget those cookouts at the field.

Maybe we can have a cookout and club meeting at the field this year? (There's a rumor that somewhere out there is an AT-6 Texan that may fly this year if the pilot can get rid of those butterflies) Joel says no way it will fly this year.

This year we're going to fix the fence on the east side of the field (I hope I've got the points of the compass correct) this will require filling in the depression and a whole new fence. So I'm asking everyone to be on the lookout for cedar posts. Or if someone knows where we can go and cut some posts. Please let me know and we'll get a crew together and get it done. I think we need approx. 60 posts to complete the new fence. If we must get more we can replace the north fence also. We'll need a couple of larger posts to fix the gates on the north side so they line up properly.

I think we need to develop a network of volunteers to mow the grass to ease the burden on our finances. Anyone who would like to volunteer please email me at [jmonarca@sikorsky.com](mailto:jmonarca@sikorsky.com). Or call me at 203-723-7993 after 5PM. I'll try to make up a schedule and see where we're at. Hopefully we can mow this year with volunteers.

Joe

## *Meeting Minutes 12-12-06* *By Joel Monarca, Secretary*

1. We discussed about having the boy scouts Explorer Post coming to the field and getting some flying time in to teach the kids about model aviation. They are hoping to come at least a couple times to the field for some airtime. The Boy Scouts are also going to be involved in full size aviation up at the local airport. We will be discussing this at the March meeting.

2. Quaker farms RC website is on the AMA website. Bob Piscatelli took care of getting web sight on AMA. If anyone has any questions regarding our website please contact Bob.

3. For the year 2006 we acquired 16 new members. The end of year total was 64 as of the December meeting.

4. The club was informed that a member in our midst has a trailer with a 10,000 pound capacity. In case any heavy equipment needs to be moved to the field. I did not get his name the night of the meeting.

### *Elections*

The club now has two new officers.

\*Joseph Monarca –**VICE PRESIDENT**

\*George Garofalo – **SAFTEY OFFICER**

All other officers have remained the same.

### **WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK!**

1. Bob Piscatelli for putting on a small demo of the club website and all its features.

2. JP Hobbies, for all the donations of building tools and supplies to the raffle. And for helping out with the newsletter distribution.

### *Treasurer's Report* *By Andy Green*

Charter fee is paid.

AMA fee is paid.

½ the field rent is paid.

**Check balance to date is \$1,374.44**

### *Membership Report* *By, John Demeyer*

Renewed Paid Members 50

Non Paid Memberships 2

Total since 2/22/2007 52

### *New Members*

Charles Bailey      Ansonia

Marc Rosenblum      Fairfield

Ron Slossar      Oxford

Ron Virilli      Milford

**We welcome all of you into our club.  
And we hope to see you all at the field soon.**

*Safety Tips*  
*By, George Garofalo*

## **Safety in the workshop**

It's still winter and the building season is still in full swing for some of us. We should not forget about shop safety during the building season. Below are some general tips to share.

### **Keep it Clean**

Many injuries result from poor housekeeping in the shop. Trips, slips, and falls account for the bulk of the mishaps.

Scrap material and wrappings, loose parts, scattered tools and equipment, or oil spills can cause injury. Debris should be swept up and disposed of. Parts should be kept on work benches. Tools should be placed where they cannot fall and cause damage or injury. Oil spills should be covered with absorbent material and cleaned up.

### **Lighting, Heating, and Ventilation**

Enough windows and overhead lights are required for a good level of overall illumination. Additional lighting should be available over benches and stationary tools.

When Supplemental heating is required for winter workshop operations, the heating unit should be located to provide an adequate, even distribution of heat;

But should not cause a fire hazard. Adequate systems are needed to vent smoke, fumes and exhaust gases. Open windows and doors may provide enough ventilation in the summer. Special systems may be needed to remove exhaust fumes and other gases during the cold-weather months.

### **Little Things Can Make a Big Difference**

When working on your next building project do not forget the safety precautions below:

**Safety Glasses or Goggles** - Protects eyes from sawdust and Ca glue and other materials. You only have one set of eyes protect them at all costs.

**Face Mask** - Protects lungs from particles and fumes in the air.

**Ear Plugs** - Protects ears from loud noises that could cause hearing damage.

**Clothing** - Loose clothing can get caught in machinery; make sure clothes fit snugly.

If we all can follow these few simple safety tips this winter. We all will have a great flying season.

**THINK SAFE,  
THINK SMART**

## *Motor Restrictions at the Field*

**Just a reminder...** Maximum By-Laws allowed engine size at the field is 42cc's or 2.6 Cubic Inches. Examples Quadra 42, Zenoah G38, Brison 2.4 etc..etc..

## *QFRC Gate and Lock Info*

This time of year there is no locked gate. Paul Schriber sets the combination. The lock that is on gate #2 is only there during corn growing season.

**\*AS A REMINDER CLOSE ALL GATES BEHIND YOU SO THAT THE COWS WON'T ESCAPE\***

## *Newsletter via email*

If you would like your newsletter sent to you via email please update your email address with John Demyer the Membership Chairman. If you don't have email we are still going to mail out hard copies. So don't worry. We are just trying to save the club money to pay for other things we might need in the future. So get that update in before the next newsletter.

## *Instructor Pilot*

Chief Instructor Andy Green  
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**Please contact an officer if you would like to be listed on the roster as an instructor pilot.**

## *QFRC Member Serving in IRAQ*

QFRC member Roger Sicard from Woodbury isn't letting the fact that he is thousands of miles away from our field in Oxford stop his RC habit. When Roger joined QFRC in 2006, he let us know that he would be serving in Iraq. He left in June '06 for a month at Fort Dix, and then it was off to Iraq in July. Roger's wife Jackie has been keeping him supplied with RC stuff including a recent shipment of blades and parts for the helicopter which she sent him for Christmas. Jackie also recently sent a set of plans for an airplane and a shipment of balsa is being sent soon. Building the plane is "stress relief" according to Jackie, Roger doesn't expect to fly it over there due to the snipers in the area, but plans are for the finished plane to come home on a C-130 transport. Roger is in Tikrit, Iraq, which is north of Bagdad; he is with a Combat Support Battalion. Their job is to get supplies, fuel, ammunition or what ever else is needed to the soldiers who need it, mainly through truck convoys. Jackie and their children are looking forward to April when Roger will be home for 2 weeks on leave. This will be his first time home since he was deployed last June. Roger then goes back to Iraq to finish his tour and is expected home in August.



**Thank you Roger for your service. QFRC is proud to have you as a member! STAY SAFE**

## *Local Hobby Shops*

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New Milford, CT 06776

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 <http://www.hobbytown.com>

**860-355-3000**

**Hobbytown USA**  
847 Post Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824

 <http://www.fairfieldct.hobbytown.com>

 <http://www.hobbytown.com>

**203-256-0773**

**JP's Hobby Center & Vinyl Graphics**  
100 South Main Street  
Seymour, CT 06483

 <http://www.jphobby.com>

**203-888-6509**

**Ace's Hobby Shop**  
\*Nitro & Electric\*  
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Bridgeport, CT 06604

 <http://www.acesnitrorc.com>

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**Closed Saturday & Sunday**

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**Branford Hobbies**  
609 West Main Street  
Branford, CT 06405

**203-488-9865**

## **HELP WANTED**

Experienced R/C'er and RC engine repair mechanic for full or part time or occasional engine repairs. Your shop or mine. Familiarity with gas, glow, all sizes and strokes preferred. Please contact Bill Jensen Club President.

### *NOTE:*

*Please submit any info and if you have or any other hobby shops that you would like listed for the next newsletter drop me an email or call me please.*