

# "THE QFRC FLYER"

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## President's Corner

*President's Message March, 2009*

I'm so glad that spring is finally on the way. It's been a long winter with too much snow and too much wind. Flying season is finally approaching and I personally can't wait.

Last year I started flying again after a nine year break that included a move to South Carolina, falling in love with a girl in Connecticut, moving back to Connecticut, getting married, buying our home in Seymour and settling down.

Settled, I was ready to start flying again and was fortunate to find Quaker Farms RC Flyers which is ideally located between my house and place of business. Over the last year I've made many new friends, reignited my passion for flying RC and somehow was elected to be president of the club.

Thankfully, our past president, Bill Jensen has left the presidency with the club in fantastic shape. Please come to the meeting to join us in recognizing his efforts on our behalf.

At QFRCF we are all fortunate to have a great group of members, many dedicated volunteers and a strong team of leaders willing to go the extra mile on behalf of the club. Our executive team has many years of experience guiding the club and they are helping to make sure our success will continue for the many years to come.

February 16, we held an executive committee meeting in preparation for our first meeting of the year that will be held at the Oxford American Legion Hall at 7:30pm on March 10.

We covered the important details – AMA documentation and our field rent, discussed field maintenance, membership, safety and planned a work party for field improvements which will be held on May 2, 2009.

As of that meeting we had 49 members in good standing and 16 members that had yet to renew their membership for the coming year. Our membership income is the fuel that makes having a great flying site possible. So, please renew your dues as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meeting, at the field this summer and to working with you to the benefit of our club. Quaker Farms RC Flyers is a great place to fly and a great place to make new friends.

**Let's keep it fun, and KEEP IT SAFE!**



Dave

### *Vice President's Corner*

As we begin the New Year let's all strive to continue to maintain our safety record. Soon the temperature should start rising and getting more comfortable so we all can start flying again. Although several members have flown throughout the winter months. They say flying off snow is great. Even our President says helicopters fly well off the snow? "Oh, they go straight up so it must be easier to take off and land??"

This year Bob Creter is lining up his friends to roll the field once again. Thanks in advance Bob. This years major field improvement is to install a new fence along the north and east side of the field. This was discussed last year and more or less approved. The executive board has discussed several ideas on this matter and will do an on site evaluation on this mater and also come up with a list of things that will need to be done at our annual clean up day.

As for fence posts for the new fence line. John Demeyer suggested we use 3 1/2 inch X 5 inch landscape ties. We're always looking for cedar posts but never get any. So the landscape ties sounds good to me. If every member could contribute the cost of at least one landscape tie we could put up the new fences. John Demeyer has offered to use his machine to drill the holes for the fence posts. Thanks in advance John. Remember, we space our posts approx. 8 ft. apart. So we need several as you can see. Again anyone having ideas on improvements please contact me or any officer.

JOE

### *Meeting Minutes 12-09-08* *By Joel Monarca, Secretary*

- 1) Ending balance was \$350.48
- 2) Our total members for the year were 63.
- 3) Club rules have been posted on the frequency "pin" house for all to see.
- 4) Joe Monarca will mail newsletters to people that don't have e-mail.

- 5) Please bring home all garbage including planes and debris from crashes that go down in the woods. We must leave the area the way we found it. There's too much garbage building up in cans and no one bringing it home to discard it.
- 6) Bob Piscatelli turned over control of the club website to Paolo Duarte.
- 7) Dave Miles complimented the new helicopter pilots on their progress in flying this year.
- 8) Bob Creter is going to pick up the tractor and store it for the winter.
- 9) There was discussion of a putting a travel trailer on the club site. The membership took a vote on the issue and vote against the trailer.
- 10) Thanked George Garofalo and Rick Kentra for the success of the club picnic.
- 11) Bob Creter and Jay Capolla received awards for their work on the field and the shed.
- 12) John Demeyer is to take care of newsletter distribution.

## Elections

Bill Jenson stepped down as president this year because of other commitments. We had an election and voted in Dave Miles as our new President. All the other officers would still hold their offices again this year.

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

**Our current membership as of  
2/22/2009**

We have 50 current members (renewed and paid for 2009) there are 13 club members from 2008 who have not yet renewed their membership for this season. If you see or talk to any of the following people, encourage them to get their dues in ASAP!! As per the club by laws, there is a \$10.00 late fee added to dues which are not received by February 1st.

**Not renewed as of 2/22/2009:**

**Marcelo Almeida  
Barney Berman  
Vic Critelli  
John Cyr  
James Emmett  
Phil Feinman  
Dominic Fiorillo  
Brad Knorr  
Dave Ogden  
Kevin Rhodes  
Ken Spector  
Ron Verrilli  
Bill Young**

## Frequency Board Usage

I have been notified that 2 long time members will not be back with us this year, Marty Jalovec has moved from the area and Bob Milanese wrote to say that he just doesn't have the time for flying right now. **We're sorry to see them go! Good luck to them both.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since our last newsletter and club meeting in December:

**Mike Lane and his son Sam - Bethany**

**Eric Light - Seymour**

Keep spreading the word about **QFRC!!** If you see someone flying at a park or school, invite them to the field-- **The more members we have, the more secure our club is!**

**See you at the meeting!**

John D.

## REMINDER BYLAWS VOTE

**Bylaws will be voted on in the March 10th meeting. Please be there.**

## YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT

**REMINDER.** Place your AMA card or your QFRCF membership card or something with your name on it with your correct frequency pin on the right side of the board. **(pilot standby)** When you are ready to fly, take it from the standby side and place it at the top for **(active flyer)**. When done flying place your pin back on standby side till your ready to fly again.

If someone else is using that frequency, find out who that person is, introduce yourself if you don't already know him or her, and coordinate your flights. This simple step may save an airplane, maybe yours!!

Some of us have gotten into some bad habits:

- \* Taxiing our aircraft from the runway towards the pits.
- \* Flying alone (not recommended but not outlawed either)
- \* Leaving "stuff" behind.
- \* Not using the Frequency board.

Familiarize yourself with the QFRCF RULES.

At all times the AMA Safety Code is to be adhered to.

[www.modelaircraft.org/files/535-b.pdf](http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/535-b.pdf)

## **Helicopter Safety**

I'd like to discuss a few safety related items concerning model operation at our field. By nature, fixed wing and helicopters create a very odd mix of performance envelopes and it may take a measure of understanding and common courtesy for the two disciplines to co-exist at the same airfield.

Here are a few simple guidelines for all helicopter pilots flying at the QFRCF Field.

A thorough "body-off" preflight inspection including a check of batteries, push rods, plugs, etc., (remember all those moving parts?) on the first flight of the day at a minimum.

Beginners (able to hover or close in forward flight) and all test flights should fly from the designated helicopter area.

If you are comfortable with forward flight, then fly in the standard aircraft pattern.

While in the pattern, as a courtesy to our fixed wing friends, please give the right-of-way to all takeoff and landing aircraft (remember, they can't just stop and hover).

Clear the runway as quickly as possible after landing or land in the practice area to keep the runway open.

Never ground taxi (hover) in or out of the pit area; carry your helicopter to and from the takeoff and landing area.

Remember, most pilots, including myself, are a little intimidated by helicopters because the potential for danger is obvious. The answer to Rodney King's timeless question "Can't we all just get along?" should be a simple yes, if we follow these basic guidelines and try to exhibit a measure of common courtesy while flying with our fixed wings friends.



## **Tips for Safe Flying and Handling of RC Model Planes**

When preparing your model for flight, try to limit the number of people that are in the immediate proximity of your plane. You shouldn't have more than two people involved in starting and tuning the engine. The prop on an engine that is running at full throttle can be very dangerous. You can use some kind of anchoring device to hold the plane in place while it is being started and tuned or have a reliable person holding it until you are ready for takeoff. Be sure to use a "chicken stick" or an electric starter in order to avoid injury.

The area directly in line with the lengthwise direction of the prop should be cleared of any bystanders. Also, it is a good idea to dip the tips of the prop into some white or yellow paint to help make the spinning prop more visible. Black propellers are almost impossible to see when the engine is running.

Don't forget to do the radio function test before flying. Anything can happen when a pilot loses the ability to control the airplane. Having a crash is bad enough but if someone gets hurt it is much more serious.

## **Flying RC Planes Is a Safe Hobby**

I don't want to frighten anyone away from RC flying, but we all need to be careful. It is a safe sport but accidents can happen. If everyone does their part to help keep it safe, we all can have fun flying and still be able to return for another day of remote control airplane fun.

**Have Fun, But Stay Safe Doing It**

# MEETING REMINDER

**(Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:30 PM)**

**OXFORD AMERICAN LEGION HALL, Rt. 67 OXFORD**

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**David S. Miles Post 174**

From the North and I-84:

I84 east or west to exit 16, 188 in Southbury/Middlebury. Left (south) on 188, 4 miles to 67, turn left on 67 south and east.

Stay on 67 south for about 6 miles into Oxford.

Look for the Legion Hall (David S. Miles Post 174) on the right just past the Dunkin Donuts and Great Hill Road which is on your right also.

From Rt8:

Exit 22 in Seymour for 67

If northbound 8: Left on 67 south and west

If southbound 8: Right on 67 north and west

The American Legion Hall (David S. Miles Post 174) is about 2 miles on the left after Mountain Road and the Mobil gas station.

**Parking is in the rear and in front of the building.**

**LOOKING FORWARD SEEING YOU THERE**

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