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President's Corner

President's Message 5-27-06

Hi to all,

Our club is alive and well! Membership is steadily growing toward the target of 75. All the club's documentation with AMA and the State has been completed, and the other administrative tasks are well in hand, the field has been rolled and in great condition, the grass is mowed, and the rent is paid up for the calendar year. The field maintenance and improvements are in full swing, and the weather's warm! Hope to see more members out flying in the coming months!

The first Work n' fly! Was a big success and the new cow fence is coming along with the posts installed. Thanks to the volunteers! (See the details and pix in this issue.)

The next meeting is June 13th. We need informal presenters and show-and-tells on RC subjects for this and all meetings. Do this and get free public speaking experience!! Art Fressola gave a great talk on batteries and chargers at the

last meeting. Bring your latest or favorite project. Please let me know if you have any ideas to make the meetings more fun. As a reminder, QFRC regular meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of March, June, September, and December, at the Oxford American Legion on Rt. 67 at 7:30 pm. Urgent: We need a volunteer to be in charge of providing coffee at the meetings! Please call me for details: 888-4819. Just a reminder of what it takes to operate an active R/C club. Many things have happened since the last meeting. Many of these things are behind the scenes, routine duties required to run an R/C club that most members are not aware of. These include maintaining good standing with the AMA, maintaining a data base of member information, attracting and welcoming new members, managing club finances, providing and maintaining a flying site, producing a newsletter, planning and running meetings, and many, many other details! Your club officers, appointees, and volunteers make all this happen for you, the member.

I hope you appreciate the amount of work being done on a daily basis. Historically, only a small number of members take an active part in a club. Please consider volunteering some of your time and/or resources to the club to help reduce the load on the few volunteers. Just paying dues will not assure that the club will survive long term- it also takes member participation. Please think about it. If you've helped out in the past, thanks very much, but yesterday's homeruns don't win today's ballgames!

Gates and cows: The combination lock will be placed on gate #2 by our landlord when the corn starts growing. Cows and growing corn don't mix! The combination is "2000". When the corn is harvested, the lock will be removed. Warning: do not leave gates 1 and 2 open for any reason, even if someone says they'll follow you! If they don't follow you right away, and the gate remains open, you are responsible. Don't risk the loss of the field just to save yourself the few seconds it takes to close and latch the gate. This is common sense, guys, please do it right! Gate protocol here;

Finally: If you have any questions, comments, input, etc, please contact the person in e of that area of responsibility as listed on the left column, first page, of every newsletter. For experienced pilots, pylon racing is great fun! I've been racing for 14 years; call me if you are interested or go to www.nepro.org for all the details and schedule. What are the two most useless things to a pilot: The altitude above and the runway behind! QFRC new air traffic controller: Ulanda U. Luckey

Happy Landings,
BJ



Meeting Minutes *By Joel Monarca, Secretary*

QFRC Meeting Minutes 3-14-2006

1. The membership as of the last meeting was 52. We made the field rent with some money left over.
2. We discussed the grass getting cut. And everyone at the meeting suggested that we use volunteers. Bill Tomanio had received some names of the volunteers.
3. We talked about rolling the field. Some ideas were thrown around but nothing definite. We need more discussion on topic.
4. It was decided that membership cards would be given out. John Demeyer to take Care of Cards.
5. We discussed the improvements to the field .We are planning on shifting the 4th gate at the flight line to give us more parking room and flight line room as well.

Revisions to the Bylaws:

There were 2 changes to the bylaws during last meeting.

1. A junior member is anyone that is under the age of 18.
2. Changed the officers and Appointees dues to \$25.00 for the year that they serve in. Changing the current free dues for officers on the following year of office.

Events at the meeting:

1. Art Fressola talked about the different battery types being used today for electric flight. The types of chargers that are required to charge the batteries. He also discussed the hazards associated with charging lipo packs.
2. We had a 50/50 raffle which the winner was Robert Lights who won \$16.00.
3. We would like to thank Bill for bringing the crash video in so we could watch and enjoy.

Field maintenance plan: 5-27-06 BJ

As mentioned the field maintenance tasks are well under way with the arrival of warm weather. Please see the field layout plan dated 5-27-06 in this issue. Everything is pretty straight forward except perhaps the flight station and safety fence arrangement.

I'd like to bring this up for general discussion at the June meeting to get member's input, ideas, etc.

Your Team 8 will need to decide on the final layout and they want the final version to be the best for safety and also to make best use of the minimum space available. The member's input along with AMA guidelines, and knowledge of other club's flight lines, will all be boiled down to a good plan for QFRC.

Since the flightline may be installed before the September meeting, I'd like to see the attending members at the June meeting give Team 8 the approval to determine the final arrangement and to install the new flight stations and safety fence. Please think about this and be ready with your input at the meeting.

The layout proposed on this plan is just that, proposed, and not final. It's just to get you thinking about it. Six flight stations are shown for symmetry, but only five aircraft are allowed in the air simultaneously in the by-laws. Obviously, the sixth can only be for staging or getting ready.

An enlarged version of this layout is included for viewing.

BJ

Grass Cutting:

Grass cutting is, of course, in full swing at the field and I need to advise members of the club's grass cutting arrangement and ask for your cooperation.

1. **Andy Green, our Treasurer, is also the official person in charge of grass cutting. He attempts to cut on Thursday or Friday, when needed, to provide fresh cut grass for the weekends. He gets paid \$25 per cut, a big savings compared to a commercial service. He gets up two hours early in order to do this before going to work.**

2. **There may be times when Andy can't cut the grass due to his schedule. It is at these times Andy or I will ask for a qualified person to fill in and to cut the grass on a specific day. The club will pay \$25 for this service if the person requests payment. Anyone who feels qualified to operate the club's mower/tractor should call or email Andy to get on the list of alternates. Please do not operate the club's mower/tractor if you do not have experience with this equipment and have not notified Andy. Do not change the cutting height. Too low a cutting height can scalp the grass and damage the mower (which has happened in the past).**
3. **Qualified volunteers are welcome to cut the grass, without remuneration, using the club tractor and the club appreciates your contribution, however you must notify Andy that you are cutting, for two reasons. First, he needs to know who is operating the mower, and second, he does not want to make unneeded trips to the field at 5am if it's already been cut.**
4. **After I repair it by this weekend, the line trimmer will be in the shed. Please feel free to help with the trimming anytime. The cow fences are the most important to keep free of high growth due to shorting to ground of the electric charge. (The trimmer uses a gas/oil mix like a chain saw.)**
5. **There is a backup mower/tractor, donated by Chauncy Dance and stored next to the shed that may also be used for mowing.**
6. **Andy Green's contact info: 203-723-2741, email: agreen@websterbank.com**

**Thank you for your cooperation,
and a special thanks to all who
volunteer their services to the club.
Happy flying!**

Andy Green-Treasurer- My Modeling Bio-

I began my love for model airplanes as a young boy. My mother would purchase plastic airplane models for me. By the age of 10 I was building my own planes out of balsa wood. My dad was a line control flyer. He had 5 sons and we had a workbench in the basement where he and I spent a lot of time together. We built and flew, crashed and rebuilt. Even to this day, the smell of the ambroid glue is a sweet memory of my childhood. My dad had a good friend who also built airplanes and flew line control with him. Their friendship brought our two families together, and that's how I met my wife.

Today we have seven wonderful children 6 sons and 1 daughter. We have also cared for many foster children over the years and three of them have been in our family most of their lives. Our oldest son is 25 and our youngest just turned 11. Out of all 6 boys, I have one son, Timothy, who loves airplanes. As a toddler he had the airplane spoon that "flew his food into his mouth. His "airplane" turtleneck shirt came out of the dryer and onto his back almost daily, and every toy was an airplane. Today, at 14 he's not interested in building and flying as he used to be, but he has a desire to be a "real" pilot someday.

I began to get interested in Radio Control Flying about seven years ago. I bought a used motorized glider at a tag sale and my wife bought me an new radio to go with it for Christmas that year.

The love of radio control began for me. I bought my first Trainer 40 in the spring. I searched for a club to join and because of Quaker Farms openness and willingness to teach me to fly and even to "allow" me to fly was my reason for joining. Richard Matthews patiently taught me to take off, fly, and land.

I absolutely love line control and Radio Control flying and I am at the field as much as my free time allows, but my true love is in the actual building of airships out of balsa wood. Anyone who knows me knows I love my airplanes. One half of my cellar, and it's a very big cellar, is filled with models and every accessory to the hobby that I feel is needed. God has given me a talent. Yes, creating something wonderful out of a piece of flat wood is a talent, and I am thankful for it.

Andy Green



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New Members

As of today, we have 57 active members. Since the last meeting (March) we have had 3 new members and one old member come back. (He has been inactive for a number of years.)

New members are:

Louie Malta, Newtown, CT

Lenny Nealy, Ansonia, CT

Javier Alicia, Naugatuck, CT

Salvatore Casa, Derby, CT

Old member:

John Tyson, Ansonia, CT

We all wish you a warm welcome into our club.

Instructor Pilots

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.

THE LATEST CRASH



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NOTE: Please submit any info for the next newsletter to George Garofalo