

# "THE QFRC FLYER"

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## *President's Corner*

*President's Message June 2007*

**WORK N' FLY:** The May 12th Work n' Fly was very productive even though only 12 volunteers showed up. The volunteers rolled the runway, filled the hoof prints, mowed the grass, trimmed growth, repaired cow fences, and performed general maintenance. Joe Monarca, VP and Field Maint. Mgr, headed up the effort with Bob Creter arranging, transporting and operating the roller and doing many other tasks. He got us the roller for only out-of-pocket costs. Barney Berman brought our tractor back from winter storage and maintenance at his house and mowed the grass. Barney takes the tractor home each fall and performs any needed maintenance, changing the oil, etc, at no charge to the club.

Bob Creter is arranging for permanent entry road repairs with a backhoe machine for only the cost of fuel! This should happen in a week or so. In the meantime the road is passable thanks to Andy Green's hand shoveling.



I'm disappointed that only 12 volunteers came out of about 63 members. There was plenty of notice so this was a poor showing. Some clubs give dues discounts to workers. Some clubs require mandatory participation in club events and meetings; the WRAMS and FLYRC are two that I know of. But, those programs need a lot of administration which requires someone to run the program. I'd rather try to find another way to motivate the members to help out more: open to ideas! (It didn't work out this time but we'll try to schedule for a Sunday next time.)

It's the same guys that do the field work most of the time. If you are not helping out in some way, just remember that if we had to hire contractors to do all the club's work, dues would be a lot higher, maybe \$500/yr! To paraphrase JFK; "Ask not what your club can do for you. Instead, ask what you can do for your club".

Anyway, here's the honor roll for the Work n' Fly, thanks to all. Great job! Barney Berman, Bob Creter, Art Fressola, John Gadacy, Andy Green, Bill Jensen, Dick Mathews, Joel Monarca, Joe Monarca, John O'Toole, Bob Piscatelli, Bill Young.

**JUNE 12 MEETING:  
(Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm)  
don't miss this one!**

I have lined up two special presentations: "GUSTAVE WHITEHEAD: FIRST TO FLY?" and "THE CT AIR & SPACE CENTER". A short business meeting will follow the presentations. More on this later via an email update. Please check with a fellow member if you don't have email. Please consider getting email service since this is becoming more-and-more the preferred way to distribute club info on a timely basis. It's "progress" guys; get on board!

**COW GATES: Remember to close gates 1 and 2, and don't depend on someone following you to do it.** This dumb practice can cause gates to be left open. Our members have generally been very good at closing gates but other users of the property may not be so compliant. If you see anyone leaving gates open, tell them the rules. I have seen hunters, dog trainers, and others, leave the gates open many times. They don't seem to be getting the message. (Paul, take note.) Joe Monarca is putting up more gate signage donated by Jim Petzold.

**FINALLY: Come fly! (But, not alone!)** Remember that besides Saturday and Sunday afternoons, there's usually Wednesday evening activity at the field during warm weather. Bob Piscatelli started a Wednesday tradition last year by firing up his grill! (Warning: There may be more eating than flying, however.) It's warm and we've got the field looking like a country club; like champagne on a beer budget! Enjoy!



*Vice President's Corner*

*Vice President's Message June 2007*

Due to certain circumstances there is no Vice President's message this quarter.

*Meeting Minutes 3-13-06  
By Joel Monarca, Secretary*

1. We have half the rent paid so far.
2. We have a membership of 54 as of the meeting, March 13 2007
3. The club is looking for volunteers for cutting the grass for the season .We would like to set a calendar up so we can assign people a specific date to cut the grass each week. This way everyone knows in advance Joe Monarca to setup calendar and talk with volunteers. As of the meeting we have these volunteers, George Garofalo, Bob Piscatelli, Joe Monarca and Joel Monarca.

4. The Northern and Eastern fence is in need of repair this spring. New poles and barbed wire need replacing. There is also the flight line that needs to be finished and the gully addressed.

5. Andy Green has volunteered to be the contact person for the explorers. He will setup times and dates for them to fly.

6. We have been informed that the gates have been found open numerous times at the field. If anyone finds that they were left open please close them. Joe Monarca is going to see if JP Hobbies can make the signs for us.

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

Renewed Adult Members 59

Junior Members 5

Non Paid Memberships 11

These 11 members from 2006 have not renewed their membership. As of 5/11/2007 their status was changed to inactive.

Total since 5/11/2007 64

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

Charter fee is paid.

AMA fee is paid.

The last half of the rent is to be paid shortly. Amount is \$1,250.00.

**Check balance to date is \$ \$2,781.44**

### *QFRC New Members*

Pasquale D'Aversa  
(Junior member)  
Naugatuck

Ronald Wasdo  
(Former member re-joined)  
Naugatuck

Marty Jalovec  
Ansonia

Ken Facer  
Naugatuck

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

### *Instructor Pilot*

Chief Instructor Andy Green  
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203-723-2741

If you would like to become an instructor pilot please contact an officer or speak with Andy Green.

**"We need a few good men"  
SIGN UP NOW**

*Safety Tips*  
*By, George Garofalo*

**Field Safety and Spring/Summer Clean Up**

It's that time of the year again. Finally flying season is here and as club officers, it's our duty to our members to give the field a once-over to look for those safety hazards that are bound to creep up on us.

Obviously we need to check the fences and the grounds for holes into which a person might fall. Look out for any leftover stakes from some previous project. Keep in mind that many accidents are of the trip-and-fall type. It is equally important that we look for items that could cause this sort of accident as it is to look for things that might cause or worsen an accident involving a model airplane.

While you are considering safety, have you thought of how you would deal with a fire? Believe me, this isn't a threat to take lightly. Fires occur on a regular basis and we need to be prepared to deal with them.

Now that electric models are becoming a large part of our activities, it is not uncommon to have to deal with a fire in an electric model. Do you have the right type of fire extinguishers for this type of fire? A few buckets of dry sand can be a big help in dealing with a Li-Poly fire, whether it occurs during charging or after a model crashes and damages the battery. **NEVER PUT WATER ON A LITHIUM FIRE!**

**Never use a standard fire extinguisher to treat a lithium fire, because they do not work and may substantially increase the hazard.**

Class D (metal/sand) extinguishers are the only type capable of putting out flammable metals through smothering the fire.

There are a variety of class D extinguishers available, however, for use at flying sites where lithium fires may happen, only two of the types should be used: powdered copper metal or graphite-based powders.

Accidents are not the only thing to be prepared for. Medical emergencies can occur at flying sites. Perhaps it's a sign that we are getting older, but I hear of a number of heart attacks, strokes, and other incidents on AMA club sites each year. And of course, keeping our fingers out of the propellers is not a skill at which we have become adept.

We all hope that all of the preparations we make in this area are never used—if that were the case, we would all be quite happy. But I would far rather have spent a number of hours preparing for the emergency that never occurs than running around for a minute and wondering why we hadn't been prepared for the emergency that just happened!

**THINK SAFE, THINK  
SMART, KEEP COOL &  
DRINK PLENTY OF  
WATER**

**Please fly safely this summer. It's much more enjoyable than the alternative.**

## *QFRC Mowing Program*

Now that we're into the grass mowing season, I think it might be useful to review the club's mowing program that is now in its second year.

Andy Green is in charge of getting the mowing done on a timely and cost effective basis. He has been doing a great job.

Here's the way it works:

The club asks for and welcomes volunteers to mow in order to keep mowing cost to a minimum. When there are no volunteers, the club pays for mowing at the rate of \$35 per cut.

5. Volunteers are asked to call Andy (203-592-3792) to announce to him their intention to mow. Andy will put that mowing into his schedule. It is important for him to schedule the mowing, not only to ensure it's going to get done, but also to avoid the possibility of a person showing up to mow and finding that it has just been done. This has already happened this year.
6. For each cut, Andy decides whether it will be done by a volunteer, to hire a contractor, or to make the cutting himself.
7. The ideal days to cut are Tuesdays and Fridays in order to have fresh cut grass for the Wednesday and the weekend flying sessions. Of course the weather and other conflicts may make other days necessary.

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2. When volunteers call Andy, he will brief them on the operation of the club tractor. For instance, it is important not to lower the cutting height from the preset height to avoid scalping and damage to the grass and the mower. This happened 3 years ago and cost the club \$350 for parts plus 10 hours of volunteer labor to repair the mower deck.
3. It is important not to simply cut the grass, without calling Andy, for the reasons stated.
4. A new twist in the program: Bob Piscatelli, our webmaster, has set up a forum page on the club website ([www.quakersfarmrcflyers.org](http://www.quakersfarmrcflyers.org)) where volunteers can post the date(s) they can mow or any other info concerning mowing. Look for the "mowing" button on the home page. Using the Internet in this way is the wave of the future for the club, but for now, it is a supplemental form of communication, calling Andy is still the only official way to participate in the mowing program.

If you have any questions, please call Andy or myself (203-888-4819). Call Bob for questions on using the club website.

Thank you to the volunteers! Including Andy and Bob!

BJ

# BOY SCOUTS VISITING QFRC

**DATE: JUNE 16TH**

**TIME: 2:00 PM TILL DUSK**

**EXPECTING 25 BOYS 11-18 YEAR OLD**

**FOOD & FUEL WILL BE PROVIDED**

**FIELD WILL BE CLOSED TO REGULAR FLYING DUE TO  
SCOUTS VISITING THE FIELD**

**PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**WE NEED TRAINER PLANES AND PILOTS**

**BRING YOUR AIRPLANES  
FOR SHOW & FOR DEMOSTRATIONS**

**CONTACT ANDY GREEN [AGreen@websterbank.com](mailto:AGreen@websterbank.com) or call 203-723-2741  
IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST IN SHOWING SOMETHING OR  
DOING A DEMONSTRATION.**

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Branford, CT 06405

**203-488-9865**

### *NOTE:*

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

## For Sale: Good deal!

Great Planes Cessna 182 Skylane, 40 size scale ARF, still in the box, a Futaba SkySport 4 channel radio, both new but stored several years. A hobbico SuperSport 40 size trainer airplane. Both planes have slight repairable hangar rash. Asking \$185 O.B.O. for the lot. I can bring them to the meeting. Contact Bill Jensen (selling for a friend) 203-888-4819.