

"THE QFRC FLYER"

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Quarterly Newsletter

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President's Corner

Hi Guys,

State of the club: In short, our club is alive and well! Our membership has grown 10% while other area clubs are shrinking. Our new field layout has been well received by our flyers, and new improvements are already in the wind.

The field grounds have been expertly groomed all year by Andy Green and some volunteers, especially Bob Creter's mowing and Barney Berman's tractor maintenance.

We have a great new website (www.QFRCF.org) thanks to the expert talents of Bob Piscatelli.

The 2007 budget will finish slightly in the black by few hundred dollars, I'm told, thanks to the good planning of the management team, and the dues increase.

Year in review: The Boy Scout Day was cancelled by the Scouts at the last minute, and it rained, but manager Andy Green and a handful of volunteers held it anyway!

The Fun Fly and Picnic run by George Garofalo and events by Rick Ketrenya was a big effort by a few volunteers but went off smoothly, drew some out-of-town flyers, guests, and vendors, and made a profit thanks to a generous donation for food by JP's Hobby Shop.

I'm sure everyone noticed the great new gate signage donated by JP's Hobby Shop and installed by Joe and Joel Monarca.

We've seen fairly well attended meetings with some interesting agendas, especially the Gustave Whitehead presentation by Andy Kosch.

The above good things didn't just happen. It took a lot of time, effort, and money invested by volunteer members, our management team, and our benefactors. Please thank them personally, and if you're feeling right now that maybe you'd like to do more to help your club,

Vice President's Corner

Vice President's Message Dec. 2007

please make it known that you want to pitch in, there's still, and always, plenty of things that need to be done!

Thanks to all the volunteers and to our management Team for a great job in 2007! (Please forgive me if I've not given credit to someone, I know there are many that I've missed.)

Elections: Election of officers is held at the December meeting. (Meetings are on the second Tuesday in March, June, September, and December) I believe that all the current management team members are willing to stay on for 2008; however, any member is encouraged to seek office. All you have to do is come to the December meeting, make your desire known, and you will be on the ballot. You can also email the members to make your pitch; a member email list is available from John Demeyer.

Remember that the field is open all winter. There's road plowing, a heated shed, and enough ski and float flyers so you won't be alone if you check in advance.

Finally, please follow the safety rules, always close the gates, and don't fly alone.

PS: We always need presenters and show-and-tells at the meetings, call me.



See you at the meeting and...Happy Holidays! BJ

Hi There,

First wishing each of you a Happy and Safe Holiday this year to my limited knowledge we've had no serious injuries. That's something to be thankful for. On a sad note we lost Bill (Engine Bill) Fredericks earlier this year. I for one miss him. He flew most Wednesday's with us. He enjoyed flying around at a slow pace the last year or so. We all miss him on Wednesday's. At the field we have a grill and a picnic table that is good shape that we make use of every Wednesday when we fly. We've straightened the flight line this year to rid ourselves of the dog leg we had. We had a Picnic/Fun Fly again this year. We invited a few guests who operate hobby shops this year. Mark from (HOBBYTOWN USA Fairfield) and Craig from HOBBYTOWN USA New Milford). And Rick from (J.P. Hobbies Seymour). And some people from Build Right, Fly Right. J.P. Hobbies donated the food and the prizes for the fun fly event. Mark and Craig gave away free T-shirts and raffled of an ARF and donated the proceeds to the club. I think everyone had a good time. I wish to thank everyone who came and helped in some way. Those that didn't help but flew that's OK because we all enjoyed watching you fly. Boy you guys need to practice for the next year. **I SHOULD TALK!!!** Two weeks ago I delivered the safety bench the membership allocated money to build. Let me know what you think? The cost was around \$50.00 and was constructed with treated lumber so it should last. More of these benches would be nice. Everyone have a good Holiday. Stay Safe.

Joe

Meeting Minutes 6-12-06
By Joel Monarca, Secretary

The meeting started with the reading of September's minutes and then the treasures report. Andy said we had about 900 dollars as of the meeting and we might have some left over at the end of the year. Dues as of Sept.1 are \$37.50 till the end of the year.

Our webmaster Bob P. mentioned the bulletin board for leaving messages or what ever questions anybody has. The club wants to send a newsletter with a section called "A year in review" out to all old members in hope of bringing some people back into the club, cost around 40 dollars.

We had a couple of discussions about field maintenance, building a plane stand, and the picnic. We are looking for some strong orange fencing that will stand up to the elements better than what we use now. Something like the green fencing around the frequency board. Joe Monarca brought up the idea of building a plane stand shown at the AMA website. The members present voted to build one and try it out and if everyone likes them we can make more. Last discussion was about the picnic and all the things we needed especially volunteers. John demeyer said that he could spray the fence line to help keep the weeds down. Last but not least Bill Jensen showed us some video about a float fly, some pylon racing.

Joel Monarca

Treasurer's Report
By Andy Green

No update at this time. But from what I hear we are in the black.

Membership Report
By, John Demeyer

2007 ends with the membership as follows:

Renewed Adult Members 66

Junior Members: 1 Stand alone, 6 registered as part of a family membership.

Total since 12/02/2007 73 Members

Membership renewal information was sent out to all current active members in late November. Please contact me by phone at (203)264-1312 or by e-mail at bjohnd2@yahoo.com if you did not receive your renewal information. The dues structure remains the same for the 2008 season as it was in 2007. Any questions about your membership status please get in touch with me. Please check your renewal form for your e-mail information--- please update it if necessary. The deadline for 2008 dues is February 1, 2008, after that date a \$10.00 late fee applies (as per the club by-laws). Please get your dues in on time---better yet-- come to the club meeting on December 11. Pay your annual dues, get your 2008 membership card (the club saves \$\$\$ on postage), have coffee and donuts; vote for next years officers, chat with fellow club members, what could be better!! See you there!!

John Demeyer

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE
YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN!!**

Safety Report

By, George Garofalo

As of December 2, 2007 there have been no reported injuries.

Safety Tips

By, George Garofalo

RC Flying Do's and Don'ts

Some basic safety tips

Some RC flying do's

If you are new to the hobby, choose a suitable model *ie* a model suited to your current flying experience, not the model that looks the best in the shop, but you won't be able to control.

Be very aware of proximity to houses, roads, schools etc. and keep as far away as possible. The larger the open space for flying the better.

Try to carry out some kind of frequency check before you fly, especially if there are many flyers the day you are flying.

Be aware of your radio gear battery levels. A drop in charge after lots of flying will result in the model going out of range, and out of control. Very bad situation when a lot of spectators are around.

Write your name and the phone number somewhere on the model (or use an address label). RC airplanes have been known to fly off by themselves, and the finder has more reason to return it if there is contact information.

Some RC Flying don'ts

Fly where flying isn't permitted

Fly too close to built up areas or roads, or anywhere you can be a nuisance.

Fly in an area with lots of trees, pylons, posts and power lines.

Fly close to people who are out trying to enjoy the sunshine. Or anyone at anytime, for that matter.

Try and fly beyond you capabilities *eg* try advanced aerobatic maneuvers without mastering the basics first.

Fly over your head or behind you – it's the quickest way of getting completely disoriented and confused with what the model is doing.

The Fly on windy days different models can handle different strength winds, but for a basic electric park flyer a wind of 10 MPH could be too much. No wind or a very gentle breeze is ideal.

Turn on your transmitter if you see other modelers around. Check which frequency they are using first.

Fly if you are in any doubt about your model, or situation. Wait for another day instead, or choose a safer area.

Common sense should dictate how you fly if you are flying at our flying field you should have the clubs rules at hand. So obey those at all times.

Remember keep it safe, be sensible and responsible but have fun!

SAFE FLYING IS NO ACCIDENT

MEETING REMINDER

(Tuesday December 11th 2007 at 7:30pm)

Oxford American Legion Hall, Rt. 67 Oxford

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**If you would like to be nominated for an officer's position,
please let Bill Jensen or one of the officers know.**

We would like to see all members attend.

DIRECTIONS to the Oxford American Legion Hall (David S. Miles Post)

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) on the right just past the Dunkin Donuts and Great Hill Rd on your right also.

Parking in rear and along road in front.

From Rt 8:

Exit 22 in Seymour for 67,

If Northbound 8: Left on 67 North and West,

If Southbound 8: Right on 67 North and West,

The American Legion Hall (David S. Miles Post) is about 2 miles on left after Mountain Rd and the Mobil Station.

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