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**GENERAL MEETING**

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Wednesday

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7:30 PM

The Club Meeting for this month will be held at the **Goodnow Library in Sudbury**. Bring a friend or just come alone. See directions on the last page.

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**Upcoming CRRC Events**

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January 10, 2012:

**Rules Committee Meeting**

There will be a final rules committee meeting with Millis on January 10, 2012 to discuss updates and changes to Bill Martin Field rules and procedure. If anyone has suggestions or concerns, email Sky Andrew a concise opinion so he can best represent the club's views during this process. Once we have a final and agreed revision, Sky will bring it back to the club for ratification.

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**RAFFLE**

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# **First Prize**

## **Choice of**

Ultra Micro Sukhoi SU-26xp BNF by ParkZone



Walkera CH-47 RTF



CoxR Extra 300 EP 2.4GHz RTF



Carbon Butterfly Living Room Flyer



Snap & Fly 3-in-1 Micro RTF by Guillow



Classroom Fighter P-40 Warhawk



Phase 3 P-40 Warhawk Rx Ready w/Retracts  
(brushless) 40" wingspan



Venom GPV-1 Motorcycle RTR (ready to run)



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## President's Letter

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Happy New Year to everyone! In my first letter to the club, I would like to thank John Epling for his involved leadership over the last few years. He has really handed off a tier 1 club and I look forward to the

upcoming year as your President. As he steps down I hope to continue the tradition of an active and self-sustaining radio control club. For me, CRRC is my first club. Down where I got my wings in Tennessee, we had little in the way of organized flying or facilities. Empty parking lots, lonely builds and mail order props were the norm. Down there I had no one that shared my interest. That all changed when I joined CRRC. This club has really opened the world of model aircraft for me. In particular, the common interest, the dedicated facilities, the people. Charles River Radio Control is an exceptionally knowledgeable and active club. The camaraderie of flying and building, both good times and crash times has been a great experience. In my second year with the club I look forward to learning and growing as a modeler and I hope to help you all do the same. Over this past year, I noticed the familiarity of the faces at the monthly meetings and even some new members coming out. I have seen the effort put in to our many events throughout the year. The fly-ins, auctions, and competitions that we all enjoy so much, take hard work and commitment to pull off. Just having a nice cozy room to meet in during the winter months takes a good deal of coordination and logistics to secure. Guest speakers, raffles, donuts, and lunches in the field don't just show up, our people bring them to the event.

Just a few of these things are enough to make us a club. The fact that our people regularly go out their way to provide these things makes us a *great* club. Board members and general members alike demonstrate a passion and commitment that is absent in many other organizations. This passion carries the banner for The Charles River Radio Controllers. Without it, the standard falls, the wings come off, and we drift apart. Without this commitment from you we cease to be a club and become just a bunch of guys chasing planes. We have many devoted individuals who have spent years in service as board members, contest directors, and event organizers. We are lucky to have a grateful membership that shows up to take part in the events. Without active interest, all we have worked hard for is at risk. If you are a member who enjoys our events, the socializing, this newsletter, or just the fact that you have a nice RC field to call home, step up and take an active role. As of the 1st of January, our board of directors is incomplete, as we do not have a Vice President. In the New Year, I challenge every one of our members to step up and do something for the club. Participate in a meeting, invite a guest speaker, bring snacks to the field, and maybe become the Vice President. Happy New Year and I'll see you at the meeting.

Little Plane, Big Sky

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## **Treasurer's Report**

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### December Activity Report Date 12/31/11

<b>Starting Balance 12/01/11</b>	
Checking	\$6,250.38
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$130.71
CD Accounts	\$6,874.21
<b>Total Starting</b>	<b>\$13,280.30</b>
<b>Income - CDs</b>	
Interest Nov.	\$0.00
Interest Dec.	\$5.87
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$5.87</b>
<b>Income - Checking</b>	
Membership	\$70.00
Raffle	\$57.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$127.00</b>
<b>PayPal Activity</b>	
Membership	<b>\$45.00</b>
less PayPal fee	<b>-\$1.61</b>
<b>Total activity</b>	<b>\$43.39</b>
<b>Expenses - Checking</b>	
Raffle expenses #1897	\$28.40
Web Hosting #1898	\$119.40
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$147.80</b>
<b>Ending Balances</b>	
Checking	\$6,229.58
Cash Box	\$25.00
PayPal Acct	\$175.71
CD Accounts	\$6,880.08
<b>Grand Total Ending 12/31/11</b>	<b>\$13,310.37</b>

David Marshall  
CRRC Treasurer

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## **December Meeting**

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### **Business Meeting**

President John Eppling opened the business meeting at 7:39 PM at Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA.



The treasurer and secretary's reports were approved as written in the December newsletter.

### **Field Reports**

Dick Roy has been flying at Davis Field and reports all is well. John Eppling and I were at Bill Martin Field the day before the meeting. Recent heavy rains have left the road under water. While there, a freight train came rumbling by, stopped, and one of the crew walked over and introduced himself as Bill Martin. The previous day he noticed that the sign at the entrance to the field was off to the side, either due to vandals or a gust of wind. He was dismayed that the sign had been disturbed as the site was named in honor of his father, Bill Martin, and he offered to repair the sign and return it to its proper place.

### **Membership Report**

Ray Harlan reports our paid up membership roster for 2012 is 40.

### **Board of Director's Meeting**

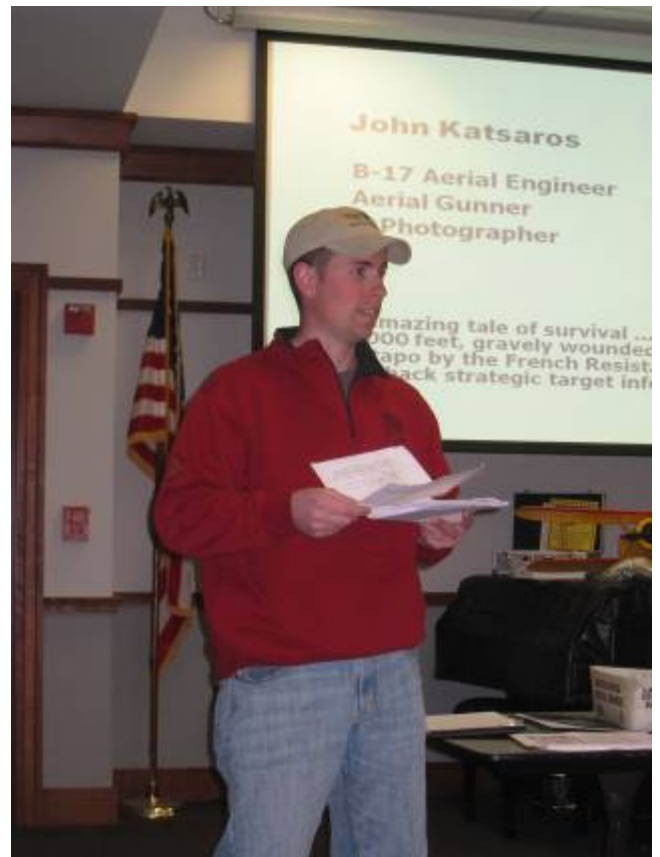
Next Tuesday's BOD meeting will be held as an online with Skype conference.

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Sky Andrew attended a recent meeting with the Millis Model Aircraft Club to discuss updates to the field rules to address park flyers and helicopters at Bill Martin Field. Sky has been posting updates to the Yahoo Groups email list as the discussion evolves.



Dick Williamson reports the Sudbury Park and Recreation commission is conducting an impact study to assess the use of sports fields across town, including Davis Field. Dick says that comments from fellow commission members suggest that the rolling, wet terrain of Davis would require a sizeable investment to make major improvements to the site, making Davis a less likely candidate for an extreme makeover. Stay tuned for further updates.



## New Wings

No wings to report.

## New Members

Neil Kaufman renewed his club membership after a long absence. Neil is a past club Chief Instructor.



## Guests

Dave (??) was a guest this evening to hear John Katsaros's talk.



## Raffle

Sky Andrew was the first prize raffle winner this evening. His prize was a yellow and red RTF Waco Biplane from Hobby Lobby.



Second prize of a bottle of CA adhesive went to Warren Chafe.



## Show and Tell

Neil Kaufman says that despite not being able to fly, he still is able to build and he displayed his very nicely scratch built F6G Hellcat. Neil powered his park flyer with an outrunner 400 motor and he is anxiously looking forward to getting it airborne.



Warren Chafe bought a glow-powered helicopter ten years ago at the CRRC auction. Recently he cleaned out the gunk in the OS35 engine. Warren admires the heli's construction and keeps it around "just to look at it."



Ray Harlan shared another of his delicate and intricately crafted creations. This Peanut Scale, free flight, rubber-powered biplane, weighs in at a mere 8 ¾ grams without rubber. Ray estimates he has spent 60 plus hours building. The model glides nicely but has not yet flown under power.





## Guest Speaker

Sky Andrew introduced our guest speaker, John Katsaros.



Two days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, John, a twenty-year-old kid from Haverhill, MA, enlisted in the US Army Air Force. John served as an aerial gunner aboard a B-17 “Man O’ War,” and on his 11<sup>th</sup> bombing mission over Frankfurt Germany, his plane was heavily damaged by enemy fire. Seriously injured, John parachuted into France and was captured twice by the Gestapo before escaping to freedom over a period of three long months. John owes his life to members of the Free French Resistance who helped shelter him and attend to his injuries. Many of John’s crewmates didn’t survive the mission, and he also tells of the great loss of both men and aircraft, as many other B-17 bombers were similarly lost in battle. Following his escape, John was sworn to secrecy until, 50 years later, he has written a book entitled “Code burgundy, The Long Escape” to tell his story.



His story is one of courage, heroism, and John adds “a lot of good luck.” Thanks John for your service to our country.



The meeting concluded at 9:45 PM.

*Recording Secretary  
Larry Wetmore*

*Photos courtesy of  
Dick Roy and  
Larry Wetmore*

## 2012 Frozen Finger Fun Fly

CRRC and MMAC joined forces for a successful Frozen Finger Fun Fly on New Year's Day 2012 at Bill Martin Field. A large crowd of enthusiastic flyers had a fine time on a winter's day with sunny skies, no wind and temperatures nearing the 50-degree mark.



Cars were parked halfway out the access road, which had been under water only two weeks ago.



Late morning, a handful of brave warriors did battle against potato and paint ball guns.





Aircraft continued to fly with missing control surfaces and damaged wings, but no one was knocked out of the sky. Both clubs were well represented.



*Report and photos  
courtesy of  
Larry Wetmore*



## CRRC BUILDING AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

To start your flight instruction; please call our chief instructor:

**Richard (Dick) Williamson**  
978-618-5475

Dick will match you with one club instructors. Our instructors are qualified and willing AMA pilots and fellow club members.

See <http://www.charlesriverrc.org> for directions to the flying fields. If you have any questions about the construction of your airplane, or want to have an experienced pilot pre-flight check your airplane before heading to the flying field, then call Brian or any of the building instructors.

Name	Town	Phone	Building	Glider	Electric	Fuel	Helicopter
Dick Williamson	Sudbury	978 618-5475	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Fritz Bien	Concord	978 369-1720	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Tom Bauer	Wellesley	781 235-7344	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Brian Rickman	Marlborough	774 249-2494	Yes		Yes		
Derick Veliz	Acton	978 337-7867	Yes		Yes		
John Weigel	Natick	508 655-2138	Yes				
Richard Gammon	West Boylston	508 835-2049	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Antonellis	Natick	508 653-8369		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bruce Schneider	Hudson	978 460-0305		Yes	Yes		
Lincoln Ross	Maynard	978 800-0608		Yes	Yes		
John Nilsson	Clinton	978 368-7136		Yes			
Dave Walter	Hudson	978 562-5400		Yes			
Jon Leehey	Wayland	508 358-5721				Yes	
Tony Davids	Stow	978 568-9598					Yes

## TREE CLIMBERS, KEYS, MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING

### TREE CLIMBERS

**Lloyd Keyes:** [Wayland]  
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**Paul Harrington** [Medfield]  
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**Monkey Man** [Marlboro]  
508-215-4290

**Scott:** 508-203-3845 [Sudbury]

**Tony Morais**  
A1 Tree Services [Framingham]  
508-626-0088 or 800-657-7788

**Stephen Canessa**  
The tree guy  
978-460-1000

*Editors Note: If you know of any tree climbers or tree services,*

*please send contact information to the Newsletter Editor*

### Keys to the Bill Martin Field

To get a Key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email Ken Antonellis at [kxa@verizon.net](mailto:kxa@verizon.net). Ken is the key-master. The key for the 2011 season is key #4. Ken will have keys at the meeting. A \$5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key. Keys are also available at Hobbytown in Ashland, MA (Valid CRRC membership required)

### MEMBERSHIP

Here are the updated CRRC membership figures. The table summarizes the membership status from 2003 through 2011.

Year	Renewals	New Members	Peak Totals
2005	144	20	164
2006	124	26	150
2007	132	32	164
2008	100	23	123
2009	90	28	118
2010	74	22	96
2011			108

**-Ray Harlan**  
Membership Secretary

### DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next directors meeting will be, Tuesday December 20 at 7:30 PM. It will be a Skype telephone meeting.



# THE CHARLES RIVER RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC

## 2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AMA Charter 339

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (AMA req'd) \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** You must be an AMA member in order to receive your CRRC membership card.

To receive membership card and field pass, bring this application to a club meeting or mail to the membership secretary (address below). You can pay by check or use PayPal.

(PayPal to [membership@charlesriverrc.org](mailto:membership@charlesriverrc.org))

Please make check payable to:

**Charles River RC**

**Ray Harlan**  
**Membership Secretary CRRC**  
**15 Happy Hollow Road**  
**Wayland, MA 01778**  
**508-358-4013**

E-mail: [membership@charlesriverrc.org](mailto:membership@charlesriverrc.org)

	<b>MEMBERSHIP CATAGORY</b>	<b>On or before Mar 1, 2012</b>	<b>After Mar 1, 2012</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN Member	\$40.00	\$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	JUNIOR member, (Under 19 before Jul. 1)	\$10.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	SENIOR member, (If age 60 before Jul. 1)	\$30.00	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	SENIOR member, (If age 75 before Jul. 1)	Free if AMA member	Free if AMA member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full time STUDENT	\$20.00	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family member additional to OPEN membership	\$20.00	\$25.00

Please choose from the options below:

- DO NOT include my personal contact information in the club phone book

**Help reduce operating costs by downloading the newsletter from the CRRC website.**

**SAVE \$5 - EARLY BIRD DUES RATES ARE LISTED**

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## **NOTICE: THIS MONTH CRRC CLUB MEETING**

### **Guests are welcome!**

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**When:**            **Wednesday *January 18<sup>th</sup>*, 2012 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)**

Note: Check for the meeting announcement in our monthly Newsletter.

**Time:**                **7:30 p.m.**

**Where:**              **Goodnow Library in Sudbury, MA**  
**21 Concord Road**  
**Sudbury, MA 01776**

**Directions:**        **0.1 miles on Concord Rd off RT 20 in Sudbury.**

