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## I Want to be a Pilot!

## President's Message - Spring at Last!

OK, now we're getting somewhere, weather-wise... For a while there I thought we'd go straight from Winter into Fall - but things are sprouting, greenning, pollinating, and blossoming, so have hope!

Too windy, you say? Think of it as a good chance to brush up on your crosswind landing skills (or perhaps tree-climbing skills - but let's hope not!)

Before I forget, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone who showed up for Clean-Up Day at the field and park. (See photo collage on page 3)

We had 20 folks who cleaned, painted, repaired,

weed-whacked, and otherwise improved the condition of the field, gazebo, and upper park. You know what they say about "many hands..."

As Jim points out in his summary on page 2, all of the special projects were accomplished, in addition to the regular cleaning up. We even had time (and good enough weather) to inaugurate Tyler Shepard's new plane, and get him on the buddy box for the first time. (picture on page 2) Awesome!

Peggy Hannon-Rizza (Recreation Director in Billerica) sent along her thanks to the crew for keeping the area looking so good.

Thanks go out to (in the

order I scribbled them down later, and with apologies to anyone I have overlooked): Ray Capobianco, Eric Schultz, Rick Buccieri, Dave Varrell, Rich Kruszynski, Dean Read, Walt Ackerman, Charles Harding, Ralph Neff, Ernie Hollis, Tyler Shepard, James Shepard, Clay Shepard, Frank Sullivan, Vic Vogel, Jim Orsborn, Bob Forgiione, Chaz Bacon, and Jerry (Jerome) Crowley.

Thanks also to Jim Orsborn for the terrific program that he presented to our Girl Scout visitors a couple of weeks ago, and to Ray and the rest of the guys who helped with Trainer, Buddy-Box, and crowd control duties the following night. It was great to see so many young girls learning about flying

and about aeromodeling. Thanks to Dave V. for arranging that event.

Hopefully, you're thinking about your high-speed building strategy in preparation for the upcoming Construction Derby (June 10th). The flyer is available from the MCRCF web site. Don't miss it!

Lest I forget, spring soccer season is in full swing. Saturdays in the park will be very busy for the next 8 weeks or so. Remember the flight restrictions! Also, keep an eye on the horse ring, as they do have a few Sunday events scheduled for this year (6/3, 9/9, and 10/14 so far)

Be safe, and have fun!

*Jeff*

## April Meeting Summary

The April 2007 meeting had 19 members and 4 visitors in attendance. Ray says our current membership stands at 67. Our Treasurer, John Caci again reported that we still have money in the bank. In fact, this month I noted that the ending balance was around \$5,800.

Dave Varrell reminded us that the Girl Scouts are still planning on coming to see us on April 26th. This same date was published in the Recreation Department's listing of activities as an Open House and Intro to

Model Airplanes.

Final plans for our Spring Clean-up day on Saturday, April 21st were discussed.

Jeff reminded everyone that there are several extra projects that need to be accomplished this year, include repairs to the gazebo fascia and painting the ceiling.



Dave Varrell brought a unique .32 size engine

test stand for Show and Tell. Yes, it seems Dave needs to break in several OS .32 SX engines that he plans to install in a multi-engine plane he is working on. He saw the small bi-plane and thought it would make a perfect in-flight engine test stand.

### Post Meeting Notes:

Yes the Girl Scouts did come this time and approximately 15 girls with a half dozen leaders and friends attended a lecture session at the Lewis building on April 26th. Jim Orsborn led a presentation that covered an introduction to Aerodynamics. Ray Capobianco brought several helicopters for display along with several

aircraft. All of the girls took home a small glider, and then several of them met Ray and Jeff at the field the following day for a hands-on flight demonstration.

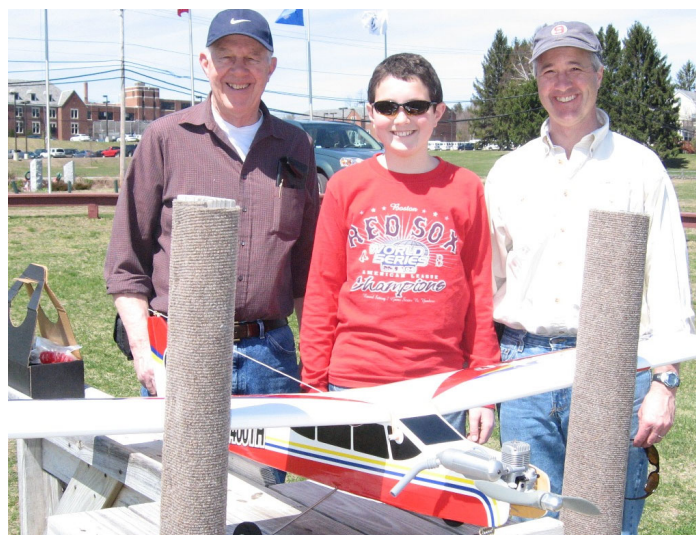
The 2007 Clean Up day was a big success. Attendees know that there were donuts and coffee for the early arrivals, and some pizza for those who stayed for lunch. Check out the photo collage on the facing page showing a few of the members and friends who showed up. All of the special projects were completed, including the repairs to the gazebo and painting the ceiling.

## Flight Training Resumes

It's time to take the old lawn mower out and get it ready to cut the grass; so that must mean it is time to startup our Flight Training program again this year. Actually we've already taken a couple of new pilots up for their first (and second) lesson.

If you are interested in receiving flight instruction please contact one of our approved flight instructors and set the time for your lesson. If you call ahead of time, we will be at the field and know what to bring in support of your lesson and no one will be waiting at the field wondering who will show up.

New students are always welcome. If you are new and don't even have a plane, give us a call and we can set up a free demonstration flight. If you have already bought a plane, bring it by the field and let an experienced pilot check your flight setup.



**Tyler Sheppard (and family) waiting for his first Flight Training lesson. Watch for his solo photo coming soon!**



## Cleanup Day at the Field—2007





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