

THE FLYER



April 2005

President's Message for this Month:

Happy Spring, everybody! (I say that having flown on snow two days ago, but you've gotta have hope!)

Anyway, welcome to the first newsletter published under our new editor, Bob Forgione. I can't thank Bob enough for stepping up and taking on this significant job. I hope everybody will do their part by contributing useful information that Bob can include in future editions.

In the meantime, your officers, directors, and committees have been working on the calendar for the upcoming year - please join with your fellow members in as many activities as you can, in addition to your regular flying. The Events Listing for the first half of the year is included in this newsletter. An updated version will be sent out later in the year, but the most recent version is always available on the website (www.mcrcf.org)

Speaking of flying, members of the Operations Committee have been working on providing a better, well-documented training program, including improvements to both the trainee and instructor guides. There will be more details on that soon. New club information packets will also be available very shortly. Particular thanks go out to Ray Capobianco, John Parisi, and Jim Orsborn for that ongoing effort.

Club membership is currently at 73, and we know of several new folks who will be joining us shortly. We had a small but enthusiastic turnout at our recent (low profile) open house at the Lewis Building. If their abilities on the simulators were any indication, a couple of the young folks who joined us that night will make fine R/C Fliers this year.

We had a very successful **joint auction** with the Burlington R/C Flyers club in January, and I'd like to thank everybody who participated in the planning and conduct of that even (it's a long list!). It went very smoothly, we made some money, and I think our event is building a reputation as one of the better club auctions in the area.

And finally (for now anyway) I'd like to recognize Dan Fisher, Jim Orsborn, and Charlie Bacon for stepping up to create a Basic Aeronautics and Intro to Aeromodeling Class that can be used for community outreach. They did this in response to a request from the Recreation Department, and came up with a great, flexible program that will accommodate students of various age groups. The initial schedule (and perhaps the suggested cost) requested by the Rec. Dept. didn't seem to be practical for people, but I expect that we'll put this program to use sometime this year. Thanks guys!

Next on the Calendar:

The **next regular meeting** will be on Wednesday, **April 13th**. The special topic will be "*Computerized Battery Analysis with the CBA II*" The CBA II is a great product from West Mountain Radio that allows you to discharge your battery packs under computer control and trace the complete discharge curve. Curves can be saved, and it's very easy to overlay traces in order to compare how a pack performs at various discharge rates, how a pack performs over its lifetime, or how similar packs compare to each other. The CBA II can be used on both radio and motor packs. We'll also have the usual *Show and Tell*, *Raffle*, and just talkin' shop! If you're not coming to the meetings, you're missing out!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday **April 23rd - Field Cleanup Day!** We'll need many hands to scour the area for trash, rake out the pit area, and do any other necessary clean up of our flying site. We do this in parallel with the town's Earth Day / Greenup Day activities. Of course, there can be no flying during our field cleanup, and flying will be limited while the Fishing Jamboree and other park cleanup activities are going on.

Another date to look out for is **Saturday, May 14th - it's the Spring Float Fly** at Nutting Lake!

The Empty Hangar:

Many of you are already aware of this, but we recently lost our friend and fellow member **Joseph V. "Joe" Micalizzi**. Joe suffered a severe stroke earlier this year, and never recovered. Joe was a past-president of the club, and a fixture at our meetings and activities for many years. Our thoughts go out to his wife and family at this difficult time. Contributions in Joe's memory can be made to: The National Aphasia Association, 7 Dey St., Suite 600, New York, NY 10007

Club Elections:

It seems like so long ago, but elections were held at the Annual Meeting in January. The current list of the club's officers and directors is printed elsewhere in this newsletter, along with contact information. Congratulations to John Parisi, who moved into the Vice President slot, and to Charlie "Chaz" Bacon, our newest Director.

Many thanks to former Vice President Gary Christiansen for his years of service as an officer of the club.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1/12/05	Annual Meeting - Elections
1/30/05	Auction (joint with Burlington R/C Flyers)
2/9/05	Regular Meeting (<i>Special Topic</i> : Covering - Part II with Bob Doucette)
3/2/05	Open House at Lewis Building
3/9/05	Regular Meeting (<i>Special Topic</i> : Crash Videos)
3/23/05	Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm - Lewis Building
4/13/05	Regular Meeting (<i>Special Topic</i>: Computerized Battery Analysis with the CBA II)
4/23/05	Spring Cleanup Day at the Field - 9:00 a.m. until done
4/27/05	Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm - Lewis Building
5/11/05	Regular Meeting
5/14/05	Spring Float Fly - Nutting Lake (rain date 5/15)
5/25/05	Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm - Lewis Building
6/8/05	Regular Meeting
6/12/05	Construction Derby - at the Field
7/13/05	Meeting and Cookout - at the Field (time tbd)

UN-SCHEDULED EVENTS (care to volunteer?)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
xx/xx/xx	Public Open House - at the Field?
xx/xx/xx	Fun Fly

VIETNAM VETERANS PARK ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April	Spring Soccer Begins
4/3/05	Horse Show
4/23/05	Earth Day Cleanup
4/23/05	Annual Dan Powers Fishing Jamboree
5/12 - 5/16/05	Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall (on display in upper park - no flying in the park 5/11 - 5/16)
5/15/05	Dedication of Veterans Memorial Bridge (the bridge over Rte. 3 at Treble Cove Rd.)
5/22/05	Horse Show
6/12/05	Horse Show

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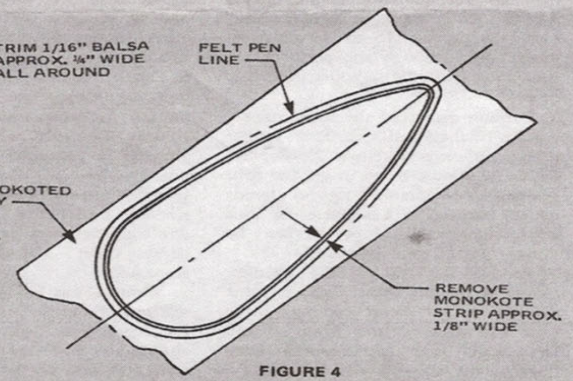
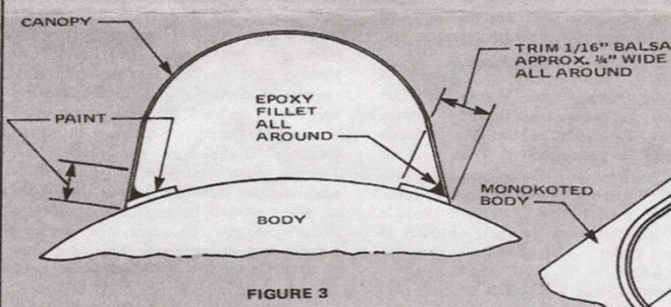
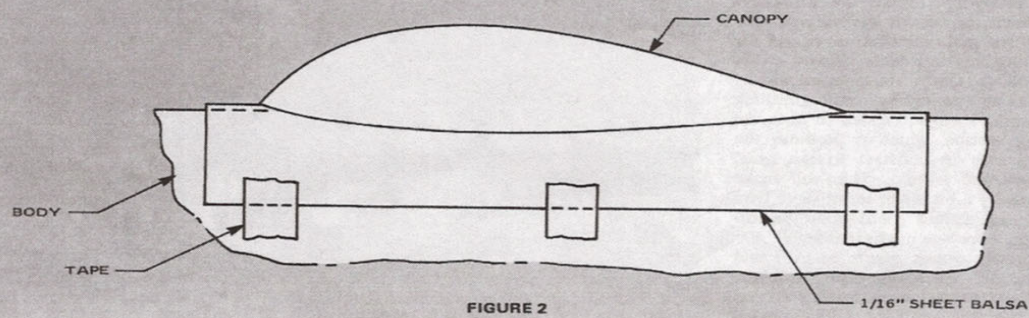
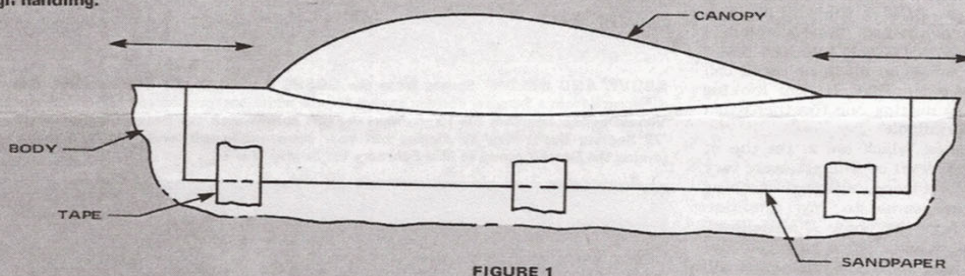
The following is an article contributed by Dave Varrell on canopy installation. I have had this problem before and those of you who are building for the spring may find it useful. I will be happy to add your tips to the newsletter.

Bob

INSTALLING CANOPIES OVER MONOKOTE

BY A.D. WATSON

Have you ever had difficulty installing a plastic canopy to a MonoKote finished model? Try this simple method from A.D. Watson of Bellevue, Washington, which will give you a neat, strong, and lasting installation. After the fuselage has been MonoKoted, rough trim the canopy to size and finish by sanding to exact fit using sandpaper taped to the fuselage as in Figure 1. Select a piece of soft 1/16" thick balsa sheet and wrap around the fuselage. Lightly sand the edges of the canopy and epoxy to the sheet as in Figure 2. When dry, remove the canopy/balsa sheet from the fuselage and trim and finish as shown in Figure 3. Position the finished canopy on the model and mark the outline on the MonoKote with a felt pen. Using an X-Acto knife, remove a strip of MonoKote from the fuselage as shown in Figure 4. Clean the felt pen marks from the MonoKote and epoxy the canopy in place. Now you have an installation which is neat and which will withstand plenty of rough handling.





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Next Meeting

April 13, 2005
7:30 PM
Lewis Building
248 Boston Road (Rt 3A)
Billerica, Mass



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