

# THE FLYER



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**Congratulations Walter Ackerman, Winner of the Big Prize at the MCRCF Annual Holiday Banquet**

Photo by Jim Orsborn

## President's Message - *Baby, it's cold outside!*

OK - it's seriously wwwwinter now! To think that we were enjoying unseasonable warmth not that long ago... Oh well, it's a good time to hunker down in the workshop and make repairs, build, assemble, test, and simulate - anything that can be done where there's heat.

I'm sure there are a few of you hardcore, hardy New Englander pilots out there flying, and you have my undying respect and admiration, which I am happy to pass on to you from my current location - basking in the warmth of my computer's exhaust fan.

However, I'll get my due next week. I'll be in Minneapolis Minnesota, where it was -15F earlier

this week, and that was *before* the wind-chill calculation. Oh boy!

Unfortunately, that means I'll miss the meeting on the 14th, which I leave in the able hands of VP John Parisi.

As Jim O. mentions in his comments elsewhere in this edition, the 16th Annual Auction was a success, despite the problems we had with a last-minute change of location, among other things. My personal thanks to everyone who pitched in to make things go so smoothly on auction day.

Although we're still waiting for the final accounting of rental for the school cafeteria, It looks like our club will net over \$500. Some of this windfall comes by way of

the sale of the remains of Bob Mason's estate - planes and equipment. Our thanks to Bob's family - I'm sure he would have wanted it that way.

There's no doubt in my mind that we could do at least as well even without the donation if everything went right. I'm hoping to appoint a co-chairperson from our club to start work with Burlington on the next auction earlier this year, to maximize the potential this event offers. **Care to volunteer?**

Thanks to our returning, departing, and new club officers/directors. Let's make this a great year! *Fly safe, have fun, and stay warm!*

**JEFF**

## January Meeting Summary

The January 2007 meeting had 18 members and 4 visitors in attendance. Our Treasurer reports that we currently have \$5,300 in the bank.

As the first order of business Jeff checked to confirm that we had a quorum and then addressed the business of our annual elections. The proposed slate was read and then he opened the floor for any other nominations. There being none, Jeff asked the secretary to cast a ballot for the slate of Officers and Directors as presented by the nominating committee. Congratulations to all, and thank you for volunteering.

### 2007 MCRCF Officers & Directors:

**President** — Jeff Ward  
**V. Pres.** — John Parisi  
**Treasurer** — John Caci  
**Sec.** — Ray Capobianco  
**Directors:** Charlie Bacon, Dan Fisher, and Dave Varrell; News Editor Jim Orsborn.

Our visitors included Drew Brejcak from Stoneham (who is probably a member by now - welcome Drew!) and three generations of the Sheppard family (Jim, Tyler and Clay) from Marblehead and Topsfield.

Jeff explained briefly the circumstances behind the decision to change the location for our An-



nual Club Auction. Suffice it to say that quick work saved the day and we're looking forward to a successful event.

Jeff and John reported that all of the plans were in place for the annual party. See the following article for a brief summary of this event.

Finally, Dave Varrell brought a unique Sea/

Ski Plane for Show & Tell. Looks like a wing and an engine mounted on a float. Dave thinks it will fly on snow or water.

Are you working on something new or unique over this winter? If so, why not bring it to the next meeting and share it with everyone else.

## MCRCF Annual Holiday Party

The MCRCF Annual Holiday Party was held on January 12th. I did not get an exact head count, but over 20 members and at least 4 spouses were in attendance.

The food included an all you can eat buffet that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Crab Rangoon was there for Dave and both shrimp

entrees were excellent.

The event committee did a great job again of rounding up some wonderful raffle items. The spouses had four American Express gift certificates to choose from while members had an assortment of RC hardware as well as Gift Certificates from RC-Buyers to choose from.

The big raffle item was a 60 size Twist 3D from Hanger 9. And yes, the cover photo shows Walter claiming his prize shortly after the last ticket was drawn.

If you have not had a chance to attend one of our holiday parties, I'd suggest that you watch the calendar this year and try not to miss out

on all of the fun and excitement. And speaking of fun and excitement, the board is starting to work on the events calendar and I'm sure it will include several that will be a "must attend," so stay tuned.



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### February Calendar Notes:

**Wed. 2/14:** Club Meeting at the Lewis Building on Boston Road.

**Sun. 2/18:** Cape Ann RC Club Auction; Rowley MA

**Sun. 2/18:** Lazy Loopers Club Auction; Franklin MA

**Feb. 23, 24, 25:** Annual WRAM Show in White Plains, NY

**Sun. 3/6:** South Shore Club Auction; Bridgewater, MA

**Sun. 3/6:** 107th Club Auction; Saugus, MA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

### Membership Renewals:

**2006 Frequency Pins are no longer valid.** *Everyone should have their new AMA membership card by now. How about your MCRCF membership? Renewal forms are available on the Website.*

### MCRCF Annual Auction

Nothing official yet, but all indications are that the Annual Auction was another great big success. Thanks to all that showed up to work and support this event.

I saw well over 100 people in attendance. Jeff should have a final accounting by the next meeting, but I understand there were over 80 items put on the auction block, and the 50/50 raffle, JR radio raffle, and food sales were all quite successful.

I had the opportunity to work a new "small items" table where we collected a small flat fee. Although there were only a few sellers, almost everything did sell — Sorry Rich that your mufflers didn't. I also had a collection of small items that had been donated to the club, and they helped the table turn a \$70+ profit.

By the way, I'm not sure who won the 50/50 Raffle, but I won the JR Radio!

### FOR SALE:

**JR SX600 FM Radio System;** New and in the box with 4 servos, RX and battery. First offer over \$100. Contact Jim Orsborn, [jto@mitre.org](mailto:jto@mitre.org) 617-893-9668

### Club Paraphernalia:

New T-Shirts and Hats with our club logo are available from Jeff Ward. Additional items, including Sweatshirts and Jackets can be ordered directly from Greco Graphics 14 Hadley St. Unit C Billerica, MA Phone: (978) 663-9122 or on the Web at [www.grecographics.com](http://www.grecographics.com).

### New Hobby Shop:

#### HOBBY FEVER

279 Boston Rd Billerica, MA  
Phone: (978) 667-1626 or on the Web at [www.hobbyfever.com](http://www.hobbyfever.com).



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<http://www.mcr cf.org>

## First Class Mail

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
7:30 PM  
Lewis Building  
248 Boston Road (Rt. 3A)  
Billerica, MA

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