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President's Message for this Month:

Hello all - a few news items for you this month. (Is it ever going to be warm and sunny again...hopefully, at the same time, and on a weekend?)

The "Wall that Heals" in Vietnam Veterans Park - as I've mentioned before, a "moving" version of the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall will be on display in the upper park from May 12th through the 15th. The wall arrives on the 10th, is set up on the 11th, and breakdown and departure is on the 16th. Out of respect, the park will be *closed to all other activities* during this time - no soccer, no horses, and no models operating (on the ground or in the air.) There will be a lot of traffic in and out of the park as visitors come from all around to see the memorial.

This memorial deserves peace and quite to allow for solemn reflection. It is major event for the town, a big part of Billerica's 350th celebration, and it will have a great deal of visibility in the community. I have assured the Selectmen, the Park Committee, and the Recreation Department of our cooperation. Please do not engage in any modeling activities in the park between 5/10 and 5/16, and please spread the word. There will be other preparation work going on in the days before the wall goes up, so keep an eye out for that as well. Hey, it only happens every 50 years or so!

Bridge and Park Dedication Ceremonies, Sunday May 15th - On the final day of the Wall's visit, there will be several special ceremonies. At 3 p.m., the bridge carrying Treble Cove Road over Route 3 will be dedicated as "Veterans Memorial Bridge" followed by a procession to the new memorial circle in the park for a rededication of Vietnam Veterans Park. There will be a parachute drop, dignitaries and other honored guests - the whole nine yards. If you can possibly attend (wearing your club hat, shirt, or jacket) that would be nice! Details of the event's schedule are available at www.billerica350.org

Spring Float Fly, May 14th - The Spring Float Fly will take place on Saturday, May 14th at Micozzi Beach on Nutting Lake. Flying starts at 10:00 a.m. Lunch provided for participants, no fee. Open to members of the 495th, Middlesex, and Burlington clubs. Keep in mind that our field on Treble Cove Road will be closed. Pray for a decent weekend! Raindate is Sunday the 15th.

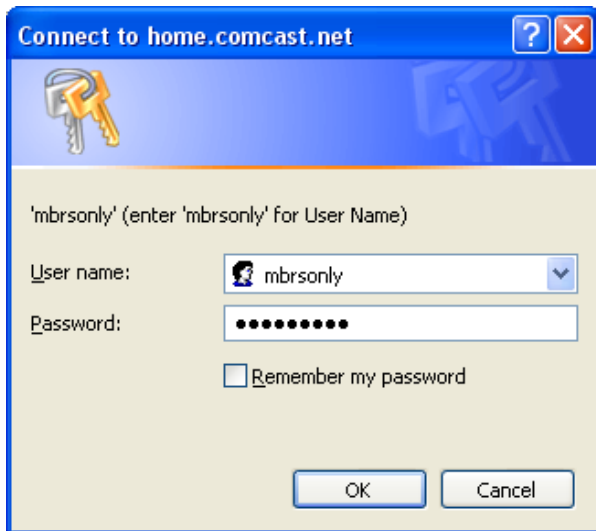
Safety on Saturdays - In my capacity as Safety Officer (how did that happen?) I feel compelled to remind you of the first part of Club Operational Rule #7:

7. No flying over Equestrian events, the Soccer Field or Soccer parking lot during events. Both take-offs and landings must be from the end of the field opposite the event...

Please note that this rule *does not* continue on to say "unless the wind isn't to your liking, or your plane isn't flying very well, or you just don't like that end of the runway." If you can't safely operate your model from the opposite end of the runway and avoid the event (most likely the soccer fields and parking lot) under the conditions prevailing at the time, then please don't fly!

Wednesday night is training night - Once again this year, Wednesday nights during the warmer part of Daylight Savings season will be "Training Nights", i.e. instructors with students have priority, and at least one instructor will plan to be at the field. Please be considerate of instructors and students.

"Members Only" Web Page - If you've visited the club's website recently (www.mcrcf.org) you may have noticed a new link at the top of the main page - "**Members Only**". This is a password-protected page, and currently the only thing available through it is a membership directory. Many people have asked for member lists before, so this is one way of getting the information out there. If you click the link, you will be prompted to enter a username and password. The username (mbrsonly) is given to you right on the screen - you won't have to remember it. If you would like access to the member information list, send an email to info@mcrcf.org and I'll send you the password.



If you have any problems with this page, please let me know. If you don't use the Internet, I'll be happy to mail a hardcopy of the member list if you ask me.

Bye for now! *Jeff*

Next on the Calendar:

SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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

VIETNAM VETERANS PARK ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
5/12 - 5/16/05	Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall (on display in upper park - no flying 5/11 - 5/16)
5-22	Horse Show
6-12	Horse Show

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Editors Corner

A couple of things come to mind from our last meeting. I was lucky enough to win the MiniFuntana 3D. Well, as most you must know I am hardly ready to do 3D flying. Does that require special glasses? Anyway, kidding aside, thanks to the club for providing the opportunity to get into electric flying. Any hints on a good radio value will be appreciated.

I would like some contributions to the newsletter. People were interested in a classified section and I will be glad to include it. Also I received nothing for hints and tips this month. I found the last hint provided by Dave Varrell on canopy installation quite valuable for my Fly Baby windshield. I used the same principal and it worked out well. We have an opportunity for a photographer to come on Sunday morning to take photographs for the newsletter of some Sunday Morning flying. I hope to be able to include them in the newsletter. *Bob*

Notes from Last Meeting April 13.

- Beginners and instructor training manuals are now available. See Ray Capobianco or John Parisi for a hardcopy - softcopies to be posted on the Training web page soon.
- Great presentation by Jeff Ward and Tom Breen regarding computerized battery conditioning and analysis. Jeff can provide more details.
- More discussion around fence and what is provided. Also access keys are available for the gate chain in case the soccer crowd blocks you in.
- Discussion about placing a shed or storage structure at the field. Size, cost, placement, etc. Some pricing has been received, but no decision has been made at this time. It would be used to store things like:
 - Poles, ropes, and other model retrieval gear - maybe an inflatable raft/boat.
 - Field striping equipment
 - Tables, tent, etc.?
- Every Wednesday is Training Night at the field. There are a couple of club training planes provided by members of the flight operations committee for those who want to "try before they buy". (Read the training manual and you will get an idea what is required to solo at the field.)
- Members wanted to include a classified section in the newsletter for selling RC equipment.
- Bob Forgione won the MiniFuntana raffle prize!