



# The Signal

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## Of Special Interest:

- Spring Fashion Show
- Next Club Meeting on **Tuesday**, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Room B.



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The meeting was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and called to order at 8:00pm.

**Attendance:** Patrick Aanstoos, Lyn Alford, Jim Beard, Bill Becker, Paul Brill, Len Cacciatore, Greg Clarke, Chris DeBlass, Ed DeGritis, Dan Edelman, Len Ferenchak, Ken Hoeg, Ray Jajko, Tommy Jederlinic, Marc Julius, Sal LoSardo, Cash McManus, Dave Rollino, Tony Rossi, Tom Viechor and Jim Vignani.

The club was happy to welcome our guests Gaylord Olson, John Santack, Jeff Mikrut and special guest speaker Larry West.

And we're very happy to welcome our newest members: Alvaro Navarro and Carl Claesson.



## May Dates To Remember!

The club's May meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bridgewater Library at 8:00pm in Room B.

The date was adjusted due to the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

And remember – the club's Opening Day BBQ is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> down at the flying field. Check with Tony Rossi to see what you can bring or do to help out.



## Treasurer's Report

### Expenses

Corporate Renewal, Ck #1527	\$ 50.00
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	\$ 50.00

### Income

March 50-50	\$ 32.00
Dues	\$ 30.00
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	\$ 62.00

<b>Balance As Of 4/26/2006</b>	<b>\$1,777.84</b>
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## Keep Off The Grass!

Actually, just while the grounds keepers are cutting it. When they are cutting the grass on our field they would like us to stay up at the parking lot level until they are finished. If people are nearby they have to deflect the lawnmower discharge chute downward and it tends to leave "clumps" on the field. So, please stay up in the parking lot area and don't set up your planes until they are done cutting the grass.

If nobody is nearby they can let the mower blow the cut grass out further and it does a better job.

We have a great relationship with the Park Commission and this is a pretty simple request. Let's all do our part to help out. Thanks very much.





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## Ready Today... Preparing for Tomorrow

Larry West, the Flotilla Commander for US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-20, Aux Air Station Caldwell, based out of Caldwell (Essex County) Airport was our guest speaker Wednesday night.

The USCG Auxiliary (the all-volunteer, uniformed component of the US Coast Guard) is always looking for new members, particularly for people interested in flying.

Their biggest need today is for Air Observers. Observers do not have to have any prior flying experience, and do not need to own an aircraft, boat, or radio.

All they need to do is take an online exam, a swim test with raft boarding, and fly 10 or more hours as a trainee. Obviously, they should have an interest in flying, and be willing and able to fly in small, single-engine aircraft. Larry, although not a pilot himself, logged over 100 hours of flight time last year as an observer.



According to Larry and our own Ken Hoeg, who is a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, it is a very interesting and rewarding experience.

If you wish to find out more about this unique opportunity, you can get in touch with Larry West via e-mail at [lwest@mac.com](mailto:lwest@mac.com) or contact Ken Hoeg.



## Spring Fashion Show

We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spring Fashion show at the April meeting and we had quite the turnout. The competition was fierce and the judging was close, but finally three winners were declared: Jim Vigani for his custom designed and scratch built Scratch, Sal LoSardo for his Foamie Electric Bi-Plane and Marc Julius for his Air Hogs Aero Ace (check out the professional way he applied those decals!).

Thanks to all of you who participated this year.



Jim Vigani's Scratch, Marc's Aero Ace and Sal's Foamie Bi-Plane



Chris DeBlass's kit-bashed Fazer



Jim Vigani's Home Made Spyder - NICE!



Lyn Alford shared his carry case for taking his airplanes on a vacation!



## Somerset Signal Senders



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## Miscellaneous Club Business

**April 50-50:** The club took in \$25. First place (\$15) was won by Greg Clarke and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$10) was won by Patrick Anstoos.

If you ordered a new shirt and have not yet received/paid for them, please contact Jim Vigani.

The club's taxes were filed by the Treasurer and the club's corporate renewal was handled as well. We are legal for yet another year of fun and flying! Woo Hoo!

The new landing strip was discussed again and it was felt by the majority of people present that it will serve as a good guide for take offs and landings. While flyers will not be held to

landing and taking off on the runway, it will help them if they ever opt to fly at other fields, where they might be much tighter on space.

The Membership Committee, headed by Jim Vigani, reported that they have a new membership form. It allows for a prospective new member to be referred by an existing member in good standing or attend three club events, as dictated by our by-laws.

**For Opening Day:** Hey Len F. – Remember the Chile!

The Flight Instructors informed the club that they are creating a Learner's Log, which will help document what a student has accomplished so far. This will be instrumental for when a student moves between

instructors. They will know exactly what the student has accomplished and what they're capable of.

The club will be conducting a presentation at the Okee Sunokee Camp for Special Children on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Park Commission Office. Ken Hoeg was volunteered to head up the project with the help of President, Len Cacciatore. Contact either one if you're interested in helping out or if you just have ideas about what activities and topics we should cover with the kids. Keep in mind we only have one hour per group and we'll be working with 20 kids in each group.

## Club Information

- The Somerset Signal Senders will meet **TUESDAY**, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm at the Bridgewater Library in Meeting Room B.
- Our club website is <http://www.somersetsignalsenders.org>
- Questions concerning our website can be directed to: [webmaster@somersetsignalsenders.org](mailto:webmaster@somersetsignalsenders.org)
- Head Flight Instructor: Tony Rossi
- Field Safety Officer: Len Cacciatore
- Newsletter Editor: Marc Julius, [newsletter@somersetsignalsenders.org](mailto:newsletter@somersetsignalsenders.org)
- Questions can be directed to: [President@somersetsignalsenders.org](mailto:President@somersetsignalsenders.org)

## Upcoming Events

**May 21, 2006**

Opening Day at the Field, BBQ and Flying... and Combat Test Day!

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2006**

Reading Airshow ([www.maam.org/wwii/ww2\\_sched.htm](http://www.maam.org/wwii/ww2_sched.htm))

**June 30, 2006**

Presentation to Okee Sunokee kids at Somerset Park Commission

**July 23, 2006**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glider Contest