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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday
September 21th
7:30 PM

The Club Meeting for this month will be held at the **Goodnow Library in Sudbury.** Bring a friend or just come alone. See directions on the last page.

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Upcoming CRRC Events

CRRC Altitude Limited Electric Soaring Contest

September 3rd, Davis Field

2011 CRRC Fall Float Fly

Sept 10-11 9:00 AM 3:00 PM
Wayland town beach.
Don't miss this. Great time last year. See May 2011 newsletter for pictures and details.

Webmaster Callout

We are currently in great need of a new webmaster to take over the duties from Tom Stammberger who will be unable to continue beyond the end of the year. There must be someone in the club who is willing and able to manage our website. Whoever you are, please contact anyone of the current CRRC officers.

Altitude-Limited Electric Soaring Contest

Saturday, September 3, 2011
Davis Field, Sudbury, MA

Planes must be equipped with a CAM or similar circuit that cuts off power to the motor at 30 seconds or 200 meters of elevation gain, which ever comes first.

CAM circuits will be available as loaners for the day. Also CAM circuits will be on sale for $40.

Scoring will be man-on-man thermal duration with the flight time starting when the motor is turned on.





Entry Fee: $15
(includes lunch)

Registration at the field: 8-9 am
Pilots meeting: 9:05 am

For more information, contact:
Dick Williamson
williamson@alum.mit.edu
978-618-5475

CRRC 2011 Fall Float Fly

(AMA Membership required)

Wayland Town Beach
Parkland Drive Extension, Wayland, MA

Sept 10nd & Sept 11rd, 2011

Flying 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days
$10 landing fee for weekend



President's Letter



Summer is over (almost), and there are just two more events left: altitude limited soaring (Sept. 3rd at Davis Field) and the fall float-fly (Sept 10th and 11th at Wayland Town Beach). I hope everyone can come out to these two events. After these two events, there should be plenty of flying left in the fall as we have both Saturday and Sunday mornings reserved at Davis Field for the fall.

We will now be holding our monthly meetings at Goodnow Library in Sudbury on the third Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30 PM. Sky Andrews is working hard to line up some interesting speakers for us.

Also with fall, we need to start thinking about next year's club officers. Many of the board members have been in their positions for several years, and there will be open positions for next year. Please consider running for any of the club officer positions. We will be accepting nominations right up to the elections in November's meeting. The most immediate need is for the webmaster position because Thomas Stammberger will be stepping down soon as he will need to put the hobby on hold until he finishes his MBA. We wish Tom the best and hope that he comes back to fly with us soon.

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– John Eppling
CRRC President

Treasurer's Report

August Activity Report Date 08/31/11

Starting Balance 08/01/11	
Checking	$4,906.53
Cash Box	$25.00
PayPal Acct	$412.03
CD Accounts	$6,867.34
Total Starting	**$12,210.90**
Income - CDs	
Interest August	$0.00
Total Interest	**$0.00**
Income - Checking	
HLG Contest net	$220.60
RES Contest net	$221.90
Paypal transfer	$400.00
Total Income	**$842.50**
PayPal Activity	
Transfer to checking account	**-$400.00**
Total activity	**-$400.00**
Expenses - Checking	
RES food #1884	$94.18
HLG food and misc #1885	$221.38
Davis Field Fall Rental #1886	$600.00
ESL sanction fees #1887	$128.00
Soar In Expenses #1888	$275.73
Total Expenses	**$1,319.29**
Ending Balances	
Checking	$4,429.74
Cash Box	$25.00
PayPal Acct	$12.03
CD Accounts	$6,867.34
Grand Total Ending 08/31/11	**$11,334.11**

Richard Roy
CRRC Treasurer

August Meeting Davis Field

Business Meeting

Vice President Sky Andrew opened the business meeting at 6:30 PM at Davis Field, Sudbury, MA. This was our third meeting "on the field" for the summer of 2011.



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New Business

No new business.

New Wings

No new wings.

The rest of the meeting consisted of some sport flying.











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Dick Roy

August 13 & 14 Soar In.

The Charles River Radio Controllers hosted the 38th edition of the annual Soar In on Aug. 13 & 14. The conditions at Davis Field in Sudbury, MA were uncharacteristicly ideal on Saturday, with copious sunshine and light, variable winds providing mostly up-wind launches.

With the "seeded man-on-man" scoring format sweeping the ESL, CRRC decided to give it a try. Dave Beach's excellent scoring program fully supports this format and made it a breeze to establish flight groups, print launch order, and enter round scores. Bravo, Dave!

To expedite launch operations, CRRC employed John Nilsson's brilliant dolly system, a 4-wheel cart pulled back and forth across the field by mini-winches with enough power to retrieve 4 winch lines simultaneously. The system worked flawlessly all weekend, and it should be noted that there was not one broken line!

Thirty contestants entered the competition Saturday, 10 in Sportsman class and 20 in Expert. We flew a 7 minute task in the first round and 8 minutes for 6 more rounds. At the end of the day, these were the results:

Sportsman Class - Saturday

Place	Contestant	Score
1	David Bradley	7416
2	Pete Nicholson	6910
3	David Bradley, Sr.	6891

Expert Class - Saturday

Place	Contestant	Score
1	Luis Bustamante	7470
2	Leszek Zyga	7353
3	Peter Schlitzkus	7266

Dave Walter, Saturday CD

The Sunday morning setup crew was greeted with steady drizzle. Thanks to smart phones and dynamic weather maps we could see that a reasonably sized clear window was approaching, so we set up everything in anticipation. By the time registration opened at 8AM the rain had stopped. At the pilots meeting just before 9 we were still missing two pilots, but we decided to start flying since we knew they "were on their way". After some juggling of flight groups they did show up and 4 rounds had been flown by the time we broke for lunch. During the 5th round we checked the weather maps and with steady rain approaching we decided to call the contest early.

Winch and retrieval operations continued to operate incredibly smoothly with no disruption. This is the smoothest contest the CDs can ever remember running.

The final Sunday results were:

Sportsman Class - Sunday

Place	Contestant	Score
1	Brandin Wait	5179
2	David Bradley	5118
3	David Bradley, Sr.	5063

Expert Class - Sunday

Place	Contestant	Score
1	Lesczek Zyga	5343
2	Tony Guide	5321
3	Jim Tyrie	5301

Weekend champion was Luis Bustamante.

Anker Berg-Sonne, Sunday CD

We would like to thank the helpers for making the contest work so smoothly: John Nilsson operating his magical retriever system all weekend. David Marshall for scoring all weekend. Joanne Bustamante for assisting with the scoring. Miner Crary for getting coffee and donuts. Fritz Bien for

winch mastering. General helpers: Welcome Bender, Warren Hopkins, David Spielman, Ken Antonellis and Dick Williamson. And finally all of the contestants for jumping in and helping when we were shorthanded. Without contestants there would be no contest and we thank all of them for investing their time and money in coming to the northernmost ESL contest.

























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Dick Roy

CRRC BUILDING AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

To start your flight instruction; please call our chief instructor:

Richard (Dick) Williamson
978-618-5475

Dick will match you with one club instructors. Our instructors are qualified and willing AMA pilots and fellow club members.

See http://www.charlesriverrc.org for directions to the flying fields. If you have any questions about the construction of your airplane, or want to have an experienced pilot pre-flight check your airplane before heading to the flying field, then call Brian or any of the building instructors.

Name	Town	Phone	Building	Glider	Electric	Fuel	Helicopter
Dick Williamson	Sudbury	978 618-5475	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Fritz Bien	Concord	978 369-1720	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Tom Bauer	Wellesley	781 235-7344	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Brian Rickman	Marlborough	774 249-2494	Yes		Yes		
Derick Veliz	Acton	978 337-7867	Yes		Yes		
John Weigel	Natick	508 655-2138	Yes				
Richard Gammon	West Boylston	508 835-2049	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Antonellis	Natick	508 653-8369		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bruce Schneider	Hudson	978 460-0305		Yes	Yes		
Lincoln Ross	Maynard	978 800-0608		Yes	Yes		
John Nilsson	Clinton	978 368-7136		Yes			
Dave Walter	Hudson	978 562-5400		Yes			
Jon Leehey	Wayland	508 358-5721				Yes	
Tony Davids	Stow	978 568-9598					Yes

TREE CLIMBERS, KEYS, MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING

TREE CLIMBERS

Lloyd Keyes: *[Wayland]*
508-358-9197 or 508-341-0110

Paul Harrington *[Medfield]*
508-376-2573

Monkey Man *[Marlboro]*
508-215-4290

Scott: *508-203-3845 [Sudbury]*

Tony Morais
A1 Tree Services [Framingham]
508-626-0088 or 800-657-7788

Stephen Canessa
The tree guy
978-460-1000

Editors Note: If you know of any tree climbers or tree services, please send contact information to the Newsletter Editor

Keys to the Bill Martin Field

To get a Key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email Ken Antonellis at kxa@verizon.net. Ken is the key-master. The key for the 2011 season is key #4. Ken will have keys at the meeting. A $5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key. Keys are also available at Hobbytown in Ashland, MA (Valid CRRC membership required)

MEMBERSHIP

Here are the updated CRRC membership figures. The table summarizes the membership status from 2003 through 2010.

Year	Renewals	New Members	Peak Totals
2005	144	20	164
2006	124	26	150
2007	132	32	164
2008	100	23	123
2009	90	28	118
2010	74	22	96
2011			

-Ray Harlan
Membership Secretary

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next directors meeting will be, Tuesday September 27th at 7:30 PM. It will be a Skype telephone meeting.

THE CHARLES RIVER RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC

2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AMA Charter 339

Name_____AMA No._____

Street_____Birth Date (AMA req'd)_____

Town_____State___Zip _____Tel. ( )_____-_____

E-mail _____

IMPORTANT: You must be an AMA member in order to receive your CRRC membership card.

To receive membership card and field pass, bring this application to a club meeting or mail to the membership secretary (address below). You can pay by check or use PayPal.

(PayPal to membership@charlesriverrc.org)

Please make check payable to:

Charles River RC

Ray Harlan
Membership Secretary CRRC
15 Happy Hollow Road
Wayland, MA 01778
508-358-4013

E-mail: membership@charlesriverrc.org

SAVE $5 - EARLY BIRD DUES RATES ARE LISTED

	MEMBERSHIP CATAGORY	On or before Mar 1, 2011	After Mar 1, 2011
☐	OPEN Member	$40.00	$45.00
☐	JUNIOR member, (Under 19 before Jul. 1)	$10.00	$10.00
☐	SENIOR member, (If age 60 before Jul. 1)	$30.00	$35.00
☐	SENIOR member, (If age 75 before Jul. 1)	Free if AMA member	Free if AMA member
☐	Full time STUDENT	$20.00	$25.00
☐	Family member additional to OPEN membership	$20.00	$25.00

Please choose from the options below:

☐ DO NOT include my personal contact information in the club phone book

Help reduce operating costs by downloading the newsletter from the CRRC website.

NOTICE: THIS MONTH CRRC CLUB MEETING
Guests are welcome!

When: ***Wednesday September 21st, 2011 (3nd Wednesday)***
Note: Check for the meeting announcement in our monthly Newsletter.

Time: ***7:30 p.m.***

Where: ***Goodnow Library in Sudbury, MA***
21 Concord Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Directions: ***0.1 miles on Concord Rd off RT 20 in Sudbury.***



