



CRRC Flight-Log

August 2015

<http://www.charlesriverrc.org>

AMA Charter 339

Next General Meeting

Wednesday August 19, 2015 7:30PM at Davis Field
No speaker, come to the field and enjoy the flying

A reminder, August 29 is the RES & 2 Meter Contest at Davis Field



CRRC General Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2015

Business Meeting:

Dave Spielman opened the business meeting at 7:30 PM at Davis field in Sudbury, MA. Seventeen members were present at the field.

Field Reports:

Although Davis field has been saved from development for the present, there are still pressures in the Sudbury parks and recreation department to pursue development of the field. The Sudbury town selectmen voted \$400,00 for field renovation, which would include field leveling and one multipurpose field. The tall grass on the side of Davis field will be mowed / hayed by the local farmer later this summer (completed as of the date of this newsletter).

Old Business:

Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Membership secretary reports that there are 119 current members.

CRRC hats are for sale. Contact Brian Rickman if you would like to get a hat.

The CRRC Fourth of July demo day was very successful with around 50 people coming out to observe and participate in the proceedings.

Upcoming Events:

Rudder Elevator Glider Contest - August 29. This the weekend before Labor Day (contrary to report in last month's newsletter)

The Acton STEM fair will be held in November



A variety of flying



ALES Contest



The best place to be on a hot, humid day





This does take practice, practice, practice











Presidents letter August 2015

Who would have thought that big business would like to play with drones or that there was a way that a drone could make an economical delivery of a package. Amazon believes that there is a market for this and they even mapped out airspace for their use. Thankfully the FAA said commercial use of drones requires line of sight flying. My concern is that left to big business the sky would be carved up for use by the highest bidder and aerial corridors could be taken over by eminent domain. Existing flying fields might be protected, but new ones would be more difficult to obtain. Reason has won out for the time being. It's time for all of us to let the AMA know about your concerns by writing or contacting our AMA district VP.

What's coming up? Well there are a bunch of options for you. August brings you the two day Soar-In, flying and lunch with MMAC, a demonstration at Marlborough airport, and the RES contest. We are also hoping to reserve some time at the School Street soccer fields in Acton. We definitely have something for everyone this month.

September features the two day float fly where CRRC and other local clubs are invited to fly off the shores of Lake Cochituate on Wayland Town Beach. Plan on attending this event if you want to try flying off water. It's a great way to

experience a different way to land. Lunch and drinks will be available for purchase. To help sweeten the deal, we will have a weekend raffle for a float plane. Come on down!

There's more happening. October is our combat contest at the Bill Martin Field in Medfield. Try your hand at combat with the plane you built this winter. It's time to be daring. After all, you'll have plenty of time to repair the damage this winter.

Start thinking about the STEM fair at the Goodnow library in November, the auction in November and possibly the Acton STEM fair. We could use help at all of the events. Your involvement is what makes these functions successful.

Adam Smith has volunteered to take over as Webmaster for Bert Cohen. Bert has had a full load of outside work and just didn't have time to keep up with the demands of the website. We need your confirmation to install Adam as webmaster. Please come to the August meeting at Davis field on the 19th and cast your vote.

I have to apologize for being late reserving the library meeting rooms. As a result of my tardiness, we missed out on our preferred day and date in September. The September meeting will take place at 7:30 on Tuesday September 8th, the second Tuesday of the month. There are a couple of other off dates this year so keep an eye on the web and newsletter calendars.

Great news! Together with MMAC we have officially secured the use of the Bill Martin flying field for a five year period. The paperwork has been filed and the fee paid. As part of the field use agreement with the state, we are required to report all incidents at the field including official complaints from local authorities, injury to people and damage to property. An incident report form is available on line or in the May 2015 newsletter.

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Davis Field faces potential changes next year. The Sudbury Park and Recreation commission is pursuing funding to renovate the site, leveling it and constructing several multi-use fields. This is less disruptive for flying than the previous design, yet can pose issues when soccer nets are left in place during the active season. As users of this field, Sudbury Planning Board and park and recreation have invited you to express your concerns. I encourage you to take them up on that by writing direct to the board. Davis Field has a lot to offer residents from Sudbury and surrounding communities, as one of the few open and relatively undeveloped areas. I find the setting quiet and relaxing and see it enjoyed by many users.

Fly safely
David Spielman



Sky Andrews graduated with Bachelor of Aeronautics majoring in Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

Safety Corner August 2015

Watch the winch lines. As a CRRC pilot you've seen the sailplane winches operate and know to keep clear. We take great care to maintain our equipment and the lines. When operating your plane near this equipment watch for launch activity and stay clear when a sailplane pilot announces LAUNCHING. Inform new pilots and pedestrians to stay away from the equipment and lines. Staying safe is no accident.

Did you know that there is an emergency off switch on all of our winches? When there is maintenance to be done you can deactivate the winch by turning the switch down. Ask the winch master how this is done. It may be a little different for each winch.

Also, Keep our neighbors happy and safe! The farmers house and yard across the street is a No Fly Zone.

David Spielman

Soar-In Contest



Dave Pearson the loneliest person on the field



Doesn't have time to sit and contemplate

42nd Annual Soar-In Contest Report

A week prior to the contest the weather forecast was ominous; rain with 10 to 15 MPH winds directly down the winch lines.

Fortunately, as we got closer, the forecasts improved. The rain disappeared and the winds calmed and shifted to the NE, which is more of a cross wind than downwind launch.

Saturday morning 20 contestants registered, including several out of state flyers from Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine. We had four sportsman and 16 expert pilots and decided to fly and score the two groups independently. The weather turned out to be perfect with mild, shifting breezes, lots of sun, and temperatures close to 80. The CD, Fritz Bien, called for two rounds of random, and then seeded man-on-man of four-man groups with a task of 10 minutes all day and 100 point AMA landing tapes with c-delta scoring of landings. Flying was challenging with wide sink and few thermals, so there were many changes in position as the day progressed. The conditions favored large, light planes. Of note is that in one round an Easy Glider, flown by Chris Schuch, thoroughly buried the three other high tech, hollow molded, ships in the group. Because of the prevailing wind direction from the NE landing approaches interfered with launches and slowed the contest down to a leisurely pace. At the end of the day, after 7 rounds the final standings were as follows: In sportsman 3rd place Mark Higgins, 2nd place Welcome Bender and 1st place Jim Otis. In expert class 3rd place David Walter, 2nd place Anker Berg-Sonne and 1st place Joe Melchiorre.

Sunday we had 19 contestants. 4 sportsmen and 15 experts. The weather was a bit cooler than Saturday, breezier from the NE, and lots of dark clouds, but no rain. The CD, Anker Berg-Sonne, called for exactly the same tasks as Saturday. Again, flying was challenging because of the long cycles of sink and widely spaced thermals, and we saw the same churning of standings, which made flying challenging and fun. As a result of the higher winds we had a few off-field landings, but all planes were retrieved with none of more than minimal damage. Again, the prevailing winds forced landings across the winch lines. We managed to fly 6 rounds and the standings at the end of the day were in sportsman David Spielman in 3rd, David Immanuel in 2nd and Maarten Broess in 1st. In expert the final standings were Lincoln Ross in 3rd, David Beach in 2nd and Joe Melchiorre in 1st.

The weekend champion was Joe Melchiorre. We hope he didn't test the three large mugs he won before returning to Delaware.

A very special thanks to the helpers: Dave Pearson for retrieving and returning winch lines all weekend, Dave Marshall and Ray Harland for scoring, Kenny Antonellis for lunch, Welcome Bender for providing the drinks and Dick Williamson for running the winch lines Saturday afternoon and all Sunday. A lot of the contestants also pitched in with setup, running the contest and tear-down, which was a huge help. Finally we want to offer a big thank you to all contestants for not breaking winch lines and being the usual fun-loving ESL crowd.

Fritz Bien and Anker Berg-Sonne

Photos courtesy of Ron Heerema





Photos courtesy of Adam Smith







Warbird Day



at Wingbusters Field, Halifax, MA

August 23, 2015 (9:00AM to 3:00PM)

WWW.WINGBUSTERS.ORG



WINGBUSTERS MAC, HALIFAX, MA

SPEND A DAY FLYING *NOTHING BUT* WARBIRDS AND PSUEDO- WARBIRDS FROM *ANY ERA* IN A LOW-KEY, NO-STRESS EVENT. IF YOU CAN CONVINCE YOURSELF THAT IT IS A WARBIRD, THEN YOU'VE CONVINCED US TOO.

No Landing Fee, no Contests or Demo's. Just show up and fly!
Open to all AMA Members. Drinks and snacks available on site.
Proof of AMA required. AMA Safety Rules Apply.

Sponsored by the Wingbusters Model Airplane Club, Halifax, MA

Directions:

- **From Route 24:** Take Route 106 into Halifax. Once in Halifax, turn right on to Route 105 (Thompson Street) for about 2.5 miles. Turn left on to River Street and go ½ mile. The Wingbusters Field sign is on the right.
- **From Route 44,** take Route 105 (Thompson Street) thru Middleboro toward Halifax. Just before entering Halifax, take your first right on to River Street. The Wingbusters Field sign is about ½ mile down on your right.
- **From Plymouth:** Take Route 3A to Route 106 into Halifax. Turn left at Route 105 and go about 2-1/2 miles to River Street. Turn left on to River Street. The Wingbusters sign is about ½ mile down on your right.
- **GPS Users,** use the Intersection of River and Trapp Street, Halifax, MA.



The South Shore Radio Control Club Presents the 2015



Bill O'Donnell Memorial Multi-Club Fly-In

Saturday, September 26, 2015

(no rain date)



Flying Hours: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

**Keep the memory of Bill O'Donnell alive and give yourself a Change of Pace.
Give yourself a treat with a single day of flying at our Field with its huge,
groomed grass runway. Meet and make new friends. Bring your favorite
airplane(s), talk shop, and get new ideas for your next Project!**

 **No Landing Fee**

 **No Contests or Demos to interfere with your Air Time**

 **50/50 Raffle**

Directions are on our website www.ssrcc.org or put 792 Conant St, Bridgewater, MA into your GPS

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To start your your instruction please call the Chief Instructor, Dick Williamson. You will be match with one of the Instructors. All Instructors are qualified AMA pilots and willing to give assistance to fellow club members.

Types of instruction - B = Building, G = Glider, E = Electric, F = Fuel, H = Helicopter

Dick Williamson - B, G, E

978-618-5475 - Sudbury

Fritz Bien - B,G, E

978-369-1720 - Concord

Tom Bauer - B,G, E

781-235-7344 - Wellesley

Brian Rickman - B, E

774-249-2494 - Marlborough

Derick Veliz - B, E

978-337-7867 - Acton

John Weigel - B

508-655-2138 - Natick

Richard Gammon - B, G, E, F

508-835-2049 - West Boylston

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Bruce Schneider - G, E

978-460-0305 - Hudson

Lincoln Ross - G, E

978-800-0608 - Maynard

Dave Walter - G

978-562-5400 - Hudson

Jon Leehey - F

508-358-5721 - Wayland

Tony Davids - H

978-568-9598 - Stow

Calendar

August 19, 2015

General Meeting at Davis

August 29, 2015

RES & 2 Meter Glider Contest
at Davis

Tuesday Sept 8, 2015

General Meeting at Goodnow

September 19 & 20, 2015

Float Fly at Wayland Town Beach

October 3, 2015

Electric Combat at Billy Martin

October 21, 2015

General Meeting at Goodnow

Tuesday Nov 17, 2015

General Meeting at Goodnow

November 29, 2015

CRRC Auction VFW Natick

December 16, 2015

General Meeting at Goodnow

Frozen Finger Fun Fly

January 1, 2016

Davis Field

January 20, 2016

General Meeting at Goodnow

February 17, 2016

General Meeting at Goodnow

Tuesday Mar 15, 2016

General Meeting at Goodnow

April 20, 2016

General Meeting at Goodnow

May 18, 2016

General Meeting at Goodnow

General Information

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. Effective April 1 the key for the 2015 season is key #4. Ken may have keys at the meeting. A \$5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key.

New Wings

Flying Sites

Go to the CRRC Website and select the Flying Sites tab to see the various sites. The site page will give current weather and site information.

Ray Harlan at the
Kibbie Dome in
Moscow ID during the
2014 National Indoor
Competition

Courtesy of
Tom Bauer

Tree Climbers

LloydKeyes(Wayland)
508-358-9197 or
508-341-0110

Paul Harrington (Medfield)
508-376-2573

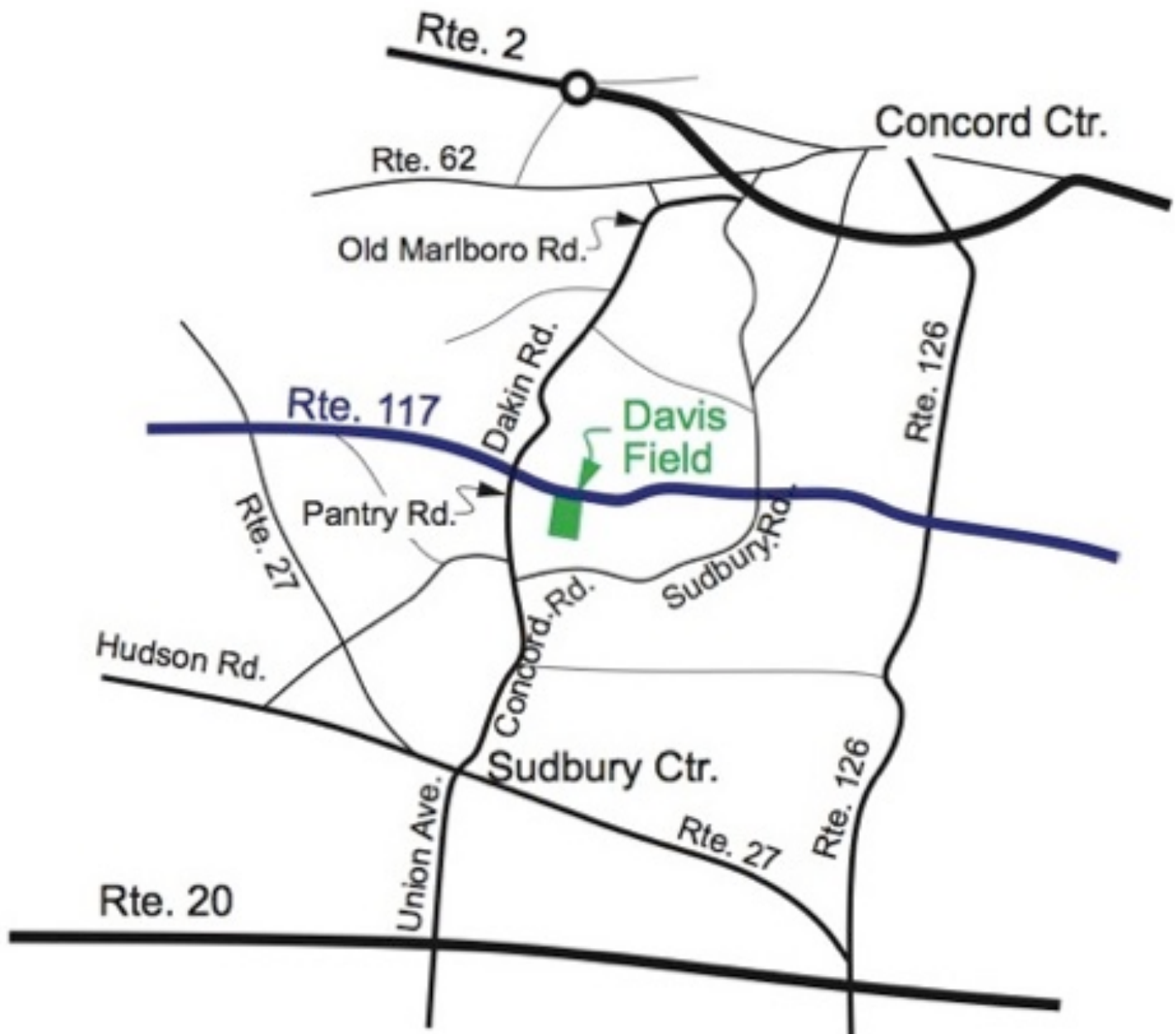
Scott (Sudbury)
508-203-3845

Stephen Canessa
The Tree Guy
978-460-1000



August Club Meeting Guests are Welcome

Wednesday August 19, 2015
7:30PM at Davis Field
195 North Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776



2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name
Street
Town State Zip
Telephone
E-mail

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

Junior membership is free apply at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/youth.aspx>

By submitting this membership application you agree to comply with the AMA safety code including documents 550 and 560

AMA No.

Birth Date (AMA req'd)

To receive membership card and field pass, bring this application to a club meeting, or mail to the membership secretary (address below).

John Epping

Membership Secretary CRRC

43 Nylander Way, Acton MA 01720

781-771-7400

Email: membership@charlesriverrc.org

Please make check payable to: **Charles River RC**

You can pay by check or use PayPal.

(PayPal to membership@charlesriverrc.org)

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	MEMBERSHIP CATAGORY	On or before Mar 1, 2015	After Mar 1, 2015
☐	OPEN Member	\$40.00	\$45.00
☐	JUNIOR member, (Under 19 before Jul. 1)	Free if AMA member	Free if AMA member
☐	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

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