



CRRC Flight-Log

September 2015

<http://www.charlesriverrc.org>

AMA Charter 339

Next General Meeting

Tuesday September 8, 2015 7:30PM at Goodnow Library

Vinnie Livieratos will be our guest speaker on September 8.
His topic is "Projects" at <http://aurora.aero>

CRRC General Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2015

Business Meeting: Brian Rickman opened the business meeting at 7:30 PM at Davis field in Sudbury, MA. Eleven members were present at the field.

Meeting Notes:

Adam Smith has been confirmed as webmaster. Thanks to Adam for taking over this role.

Dave Marshall reported that we made a small profit at the ALES and Soar In events, and have also taken in some funds via new or renewed memberships.

The float fly will be happening September 19-20. Contact Wayne Mackeil for details.

The annual combat contest will be held on October 3. This is a really informal and fun contest. Any plane with less than 100 watts (or any plane powered by a 2-cell Lipo) is eligible so bring out those old foamies for some hot combat action. Contact Dan Sullivan or Brian Rickman for details.

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The owner of the house across the street (Rt 117) complained about planes crashing in his yard, and asked that everyone avoid flying over his house.

Jimmy talked about the School Street fields in Acton. The person from Acton Parks and Rec is concerned about safety, and would like us to put up a sign with field rules. Glow and Gas planes are absolutely not allowed to fly there, but a couple of locals are doing so anyway. There will be a designated area for multi-rotors to fly, so that mid-air between multi-rotors and planes can be avoided. Jimmy is working with John to get AMA site insurance for the field. Jimmy is also trying to arrange for the soccer people to setup their nets on one side of the field so that planes can more safely be flown on the other side.

Safety Corner September 2015

I mentioned that kids will be on many of your usual flying venues. That can be pretty frustrating, and flying there anyways may be tempting. When that happens think first, remember the AMA safety code and if you do end up flying make sure you are flying away from the team sports and never above them.

Fly safely
David Spielman



RES

The annual CRRC RES contest was held on Saturday, August 29th at Davis field. Entrance was down this year, with only seven pilots. Five planes were contested in the '2-meter' class, and three planes in the 'Unlimited' class. All of the Unlimited class entrants were of built-up wood construction, while the 2-meter class had two built-up wood planes and three foamies. It was a gorgeous summer day, with lots of sun, a few puffy clouds, and a variable breeze. Lift was generally present, but quite compact and thus tricky to find. With only two flight groups, we were able to fly a whopping 9 rounds, keeping the pilots fairly busy. As usual, the tone of the RES contest was more towards fun than sharp competition. Adam Smith stopped by and took some nice photos, see them at <https://goo.gl/photos/6xaCTiACeDNMJYgA9> . We also had several 'civilian' spectators stop by to watch with interest.

Lincoln Ross established an early lead in both classes (he was the only pilot entered in both classes), and managed to hold it throughout the day with several rounds of essentially-max time and a good landing bonus. Mark Higgins chased Lincoln's scores in the Unlimited class, but was never quite able to catch him, finishing with a 2nd place. Fritz Bien started with a few low scoring rounds, and then made some CG adjustments to perk things up.

Unfortunately the improvements were too late to catch Lincoln or Mark, so Fritz finished up in 3rd place in the Unlimited class.

In the 2-meter class, Lincoln's lead was relatively unchallenged, with the drama really in deciding the 2nd and 3rd place awards. Chris Schuch put together some nice rounds, particularly towards the end of the day, to pull through with the 2nd place award, and Welcome Bender took 3rd place in the 2-meter class.

Big thanks go to the many folks who helped make things happen; Dave Marshall and John Nilsson ran the scoring super-smoothly; John Marien supplied a winch and retriever and a lot of timing assistance; Fritz supplied a winch and retriever; Welcome, Dick Williamson, Ken Antonellis, and Chris brought various beverages, canopies, landing tapes, etc; and all of the pilots helped each other with timing and retriever duties.

(And a P.S... Most of the planes flown were of course on the 2.4GHz band, but there were three on 72MHz. And, defying the odds but yet obeying Murphy's Law; of those three, two were on the same channel.)

-Tracy





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Thanks to Adam Smith for some of the photos



President's Letter September 2015

Pay it forward, an idea made popular by a recent movie. This is what CRRC has been promoting for as long as I've been a member. As of recent, we've been stepping up the gain and doing a lot more for our community. Free pilot training, public flying displays, STEM fairs, Cub Scout meetings and assisting fellow fliers are all elements of this obsession... uh... sport... better yet, hobby. Yes that's it hobby, well that's what I tell my friends. I'm proud to say I'm a member of CRRC.

The Goodnow Library in Sudbury will be hosting a "FUNraiser" the evening of October 24. This is a STEM fair, primarily for adults. CRRC will be there with a fun program geared for the older crowd. Expect to see indoor flying models, flight simulator and static displays. If you'd like to participate and help make this event a success, contact me [president\(at\)charlesriverrc.org](mailto:president(at)charlesriverrc.org).

In January a neighbor who's son used to fly, gave CRRC a 40 size glow trainer and flight equipment and asked us to give this to a new pilot to help ease the cost of starting in the hobby. A few parts, adjustments, tape and a minor use of a

heat gun, and it was ready to go. Along came Ryan, a perfect candidate who has been nonstop talking about starting to fly RC. He had been to a hobby shop ready to spend his savings on a beautiful new \$3,000 setup, fast, with a big engine and all. The shop owner who I have to admire said, "I'd love to sell you this plane, but you'll crash on the first flight and never fly again". I gave Ryan a tour of my hanger and preached our mantra, start small, electric, inexpensive, and pick a high wing design. He was determined to fly fuel with smoke and noise and all the great smells you have with glow and gas. That's when I knew who needed this plane. We'll be seeing Ryan around pretty soon. Promote model flying by helping out new pilots like Ryan.

School is starting next week and the fields will be filling with soccer, lacrosse and football players. Expect to find Sudbury youth soccer at Davis Field between 11:30 am and 3:00 on weekends AND AFTER 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS. DO NOT FLY WHEN THERE ARE KIDS ON THE FIELD. A large club presence will be at the field starting at 8:00 on both weekend days. Plan your day to maximize your flying time. Guests are welcome to watch and talk with the pilots.

We have three big events planned this fall. Next up, the float fly on September 19th and 20th at Wayland town beach. Wayne MacKeil, CD for the event has just informed me that the sanction has come through. It was a close call. A New Hampshire club has their float fly on the same dates and the AMA was worried about conflicts. It turns out that our float fly mostly draws people from CRRC and a few other local Massachusetts club's, however, we will welcome all AMA members to fly with us. Pilots meeting is at 9:00 am and flying continues till 3:00. We'll have a rescue boat with motor, and a lunch available for a small fee. Fuel and electric planes are welcome. Pilots will be asked not to fly over the neighbors dock. A weekend raffle with an awesome floatplane is planned.

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Break out your foam fighters because we have a combat event on Saturday October 3rd at the Bill Martin field in Medfield. I'm calling it an event because contest is too intimidating.

Pilots will get a chance to try out their Nifty, Nut Ball, Fast and Furious planes to see who can fly the longest and still have a streamer attached. Dan Sullivan is CD for the event. This should be a fun time and a chance to meet members of the MMAC who have been invited to join the fun. Come out and join us!

My favorite non-flying event, the CRRC annual auction takes place Thanksgiving weekend November 29th at the VFW hall in Natick. I personally think we have the

best Auction in eastern Mass. That's because we have a large community that participates to help make our Auction a success. Now is the time to clean up your hanger so that your spare, gently used and outgrown equipment can find a new home.

CRRC will be renting the School Street Field in Acton Sunday afternoons starting at 4:00. This is an electric only field. Both planes and quad copters can be accommodated here. Contact John Eppling or Jimi Two Feathers for more info.

Fly safely and have fun doing it!
David Spielman



Raffle Prizes



After being gone for the summer, the raffle prizes are back for the fall. To kick off the indoor meetings, the grand prize for September will be yet another FliteTest kit, ..., but wait, this time you get everything you need to get it flying (except for the RX). The prize is the FliteTest Bloody Baron kit with the Power Pack C. The power pack contains the motor, ESC, servos (enough for two Baron's), LiPo, tools, LiPo sack, servo extensions, and prop.



<http://store.flitetest.com/bloody-baron-speed-build-kit/>

<http://store.flitetest.com/power-pack-c-fixed-wing-large/>

We will also have a few other items, including a kit being donated by Brian Rickman. It is an electric paper airplane kit!



http://hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/_56664_Electric_Paper_Airplane_Kit.html

A Day at the Airport



Dear Brian,

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to you and the members of CRRC who attended A Day at Marlboro Airport last Saturday. You all did a great job of keeping the flightline lively. The demonstration flights were very impressive and loads of fun! And the flight simulator was a big hit with everyone, especially the kids. You all played a critical role in the success of the event.

A special thanks to you for coordinating with the rest of your members, attending our planning session, and making it all happen. I hope you won't mind if we call on you again in the event we lose our minds and decide to do this again in a couple of years. :-)

Best wishes,
Christine

Christine Pulliam









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

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

Ken Antonellis - G, E, F
508-653-8369 - Natick

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

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

CRRC Flight Log

Tree Climbers

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.



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

Paul Harrington (Medfield)
508-376-2573

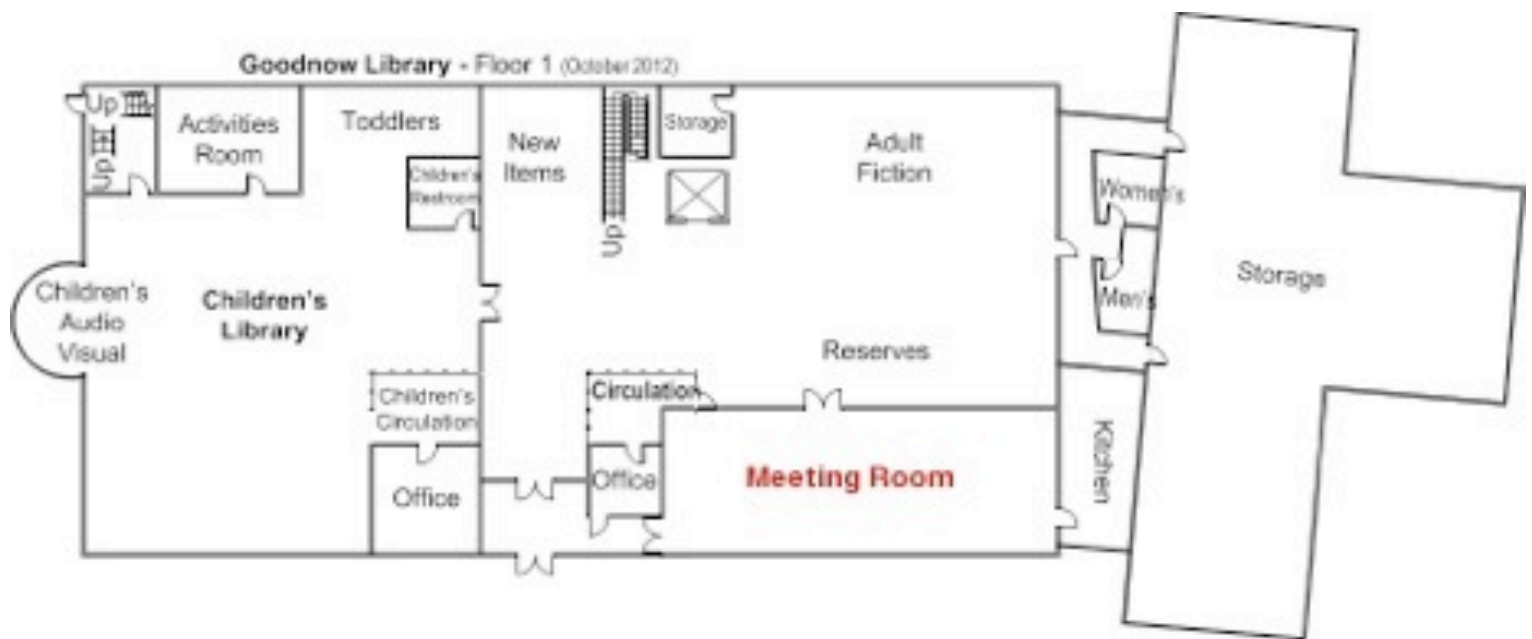
Scott (Sudbury)
508-203-3845

Tony Morais
A1 Tree Services
(Framingham)
508-626-0088 or
800-657-7788

Stephen Canessa
The Tree Guy
978-460-1000

Hartney Greymont (Medfield)
Sean Comer
781-444-1227
thescomer@gmail.com





September Club Meeting Guests are Welcome

Tuesday, September 8, 2015
7:30PM at the Goodnow Library
21 Concord 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

Please note the option below:

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