

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

May, 2018



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 - 7:30PM

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

The weather has finally turned nice. That means good flying weather and later sunset times mean more time in the evenings for getting in a few flights after work. But a few things to worry about

Ticks!

First, watch out for ticks. Take preventive measures to avoid taking one home with you. I just removed a tick a little more than a week ago. I had been out to Davis Field, so I may have picked one up there, or I may have picked one up from taking our dog for a walk in a field behind my house. I'm planning to apply permethrin to a couple of pairs of jeans and socks. Permethrin will kill ticks, and each application lasts about 6 wash and dry cycles. I will also probably be wearing tall rain boots. It won't be a fashion statement for sure. If you don't take any precautions, at least perform a thorough tick check every night. Another advice concerning ticks, ... after you get home from an outing in tall grass or woods, throw all your clothes into the dryer and run them on high heat for about 15 minutes. The heat and the dryness will kill any ticks on your clothes. Supposedly, ticks can survive going through the washing machine.



Bill Martin Field Gate

Second, if you fly at Bill Martin Field in Medfield, there is a temporary policy concerning the gate and lock, and there will be new procedures in place soon.

As most of you are aware, there was an incident at Bill Martin Field last month. I won't repeat the whole story here, but a non-member drove his car down to the river and got locked in. He had to call the Medfield police, who

called the Medfield fire department because the police did not have a key. Anyway, there were some repercussions due to this series of events. As a result, and with consultation with the Medfield Police Department, there is a temporary policy of locking the gate behind you after you go through the gate. This will prevent a non-member or a non-guest from parking inside the gate, walking away, and getting locked in. This policy used to be the official policy until sometime around 2011 or 2012. Since then the policy that was adapted by the Millis club was to keep the gate locked in the open position when there are pilots at the field. The reason was to allow easy access by emergency vehicles in case of a serious accident at the field, especially when an injured pilot is alone at the field. This was decided after a grandfather of a Millis club member drowned while searching for a downed model aircraft. Since we share the field with Millis, it doesn't make sense to have two different policies, so the CRRC members that were regulars at the field followed the lead of Millis club. One rule that have always been emphasized to new members is that the gate must always be locked in the closed position when you are the last pilot to leave. That was a requirement from our landlord the Massachusetts Department of Conservation.

Unfortunately leaving the gate open allows non-member and non-guests to drive in and either park at the pit area or down at the river and go for a hike. While this is normally not a problem for people to come in and go for a hike, what do you do if you are the last pilot and you are ready to leave? The policy has always been to lock the gate when you are the last member to leave. Locking someone in can be more than just an annoyance to the driver. Unfortunately, like a lot of things in life, there is no simple solution that everyone will agree with. There are valid concerns on all sides. So, the eventual solution will be a compromise. First, the gate will be left unlocked. I think that can mean either in the open position or closed position as long as you don't need a key to swing the gate open. The pin should be left locked such that no one can walk off with either the pin or the lock - just put the pin back into the slot and secure the lock.

Once you drive to the pit parking area, use your gate key and unlock the big metal container. There will be one or two sawhorses that you will put across the roadway to prevent someone from coming in parking at the pit area or

driving down to the river. There will be clear signs on the sawhorse that states something to the effect that parking and access is only for CRRC/Millis members and guests and emergency/official vehicles.

Now you can't do this yet at the time of this writing because we don't yet have ready the sawhorses or some other portable barrier, and we don't have the signs ready. So for now the official policy is to keep the gate locked at all times. We will announce when the new procedure will be effective.

Just so that everyone knows, this is a policy that the Medfield Police Department would like to see. Mainly, avoid locking someone in. That means either prevent them from parking or if someone still ends up somehow parking, then don't lock them in. Leave the gate unlocked. The police have approved the idea of signs and methods to prevent unauthorized parking, and they are willing to give us something in writing that they approve of the policy, just in case someone comes in and decides to challenge us.

We have multiple responsibilities in our situation. We have rules from our landlord. We have concerns from the Medfield police and fire departments. We (CRRC) share the field with Millis, so we have to have rules that they will be happy with. There are members with strong opinions about leaving the gate open or leaving the gate locked. We also don't want to cause excessive hardship to someone who might get locked in accidentally.

One final thought. The main goal is to avoid locking someone in while satisfying multiple responsibilities. The new procedures might sound like a hassle, but if you are there alone, or if there are only a few pilots and they are all flying, someone could drive through unnoticed. Then they will be unknowingly locked in. If you have to leave the gate unlocked because of someone parking a car and walking away, please make an attempt to go back later, do a sweep, and lock the gate. If you can't make it back to the field, please call someone on the board of either club, and we will try to find someone who lives close by to go lock up. Worst case, someone will have to go the next day and lock up. If this happens, it is going to be a big pain in the you know where.

- John Eppling, President

Past Meeting Notes

April 18, 2018 - Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA

Field Report

All fields reported to be in good condition. The Medfield site held their clean up on April 14 and has had their new picnic tables installed. Thanks to anyone who helped out.

Raffle Results:

Turnigy 9x transmitter: Evan Haddington

Solder support: Lee Arnold

Nuts (pecans): John Eppling, Al Marshall, Ken Antonellis, Bert Cohen

Show and Tell

Jake Megowan showed his P-51 (originally built by Fritz Bien) that he is converting to electric power.

Istvan and Melani Sleder had two nice Fokker triplanes made from foam.

There were several airplanes and parts donated to the club that were matched to new homes.

Guest Speaker

John Weigel gave a presentation on the history of CRRC and had examples of old radio gear and model aircraft.

May Meeting Topic & Raffle

Topic

May will be our belated Winter Projects showcase. Bring out whatever you've been working on this winter/spring/whatever, and let us see the results of your efforts! Hopefully you haven't already maiden/crashed it...

Raffle

This month's raffle has some exciting items, including a 3D Robotics flight controller!

Scheduling Notes

Please note that due to conflicting events, **we do NOT have Davis Field reserved on May 20th or June 17th.**

However, May 20th is the Millis MAC Float-Fly at Milford Pond, so go get some water flying in! See below:



MILLIS, MASSACHUSETTS / AMA CHARTER 1463

Millis Model Aircraft Club



The Millis Model Aircraft Club will be hosting a float plane fun fly at Milford Pond on May 20, 2018. It is open to members of both MMAC and the Charles River Radio Controllers. We will have a rescue canoe on site. This is a Bring-Your-Own food event. Milford Pond is located next to Plains Park on Rte.85 (Cedar Street.) Contact John Holcomb at [617 512 3775](tel:6175123775) or jh4adp@aol.com to confirm attendance or ask questions.

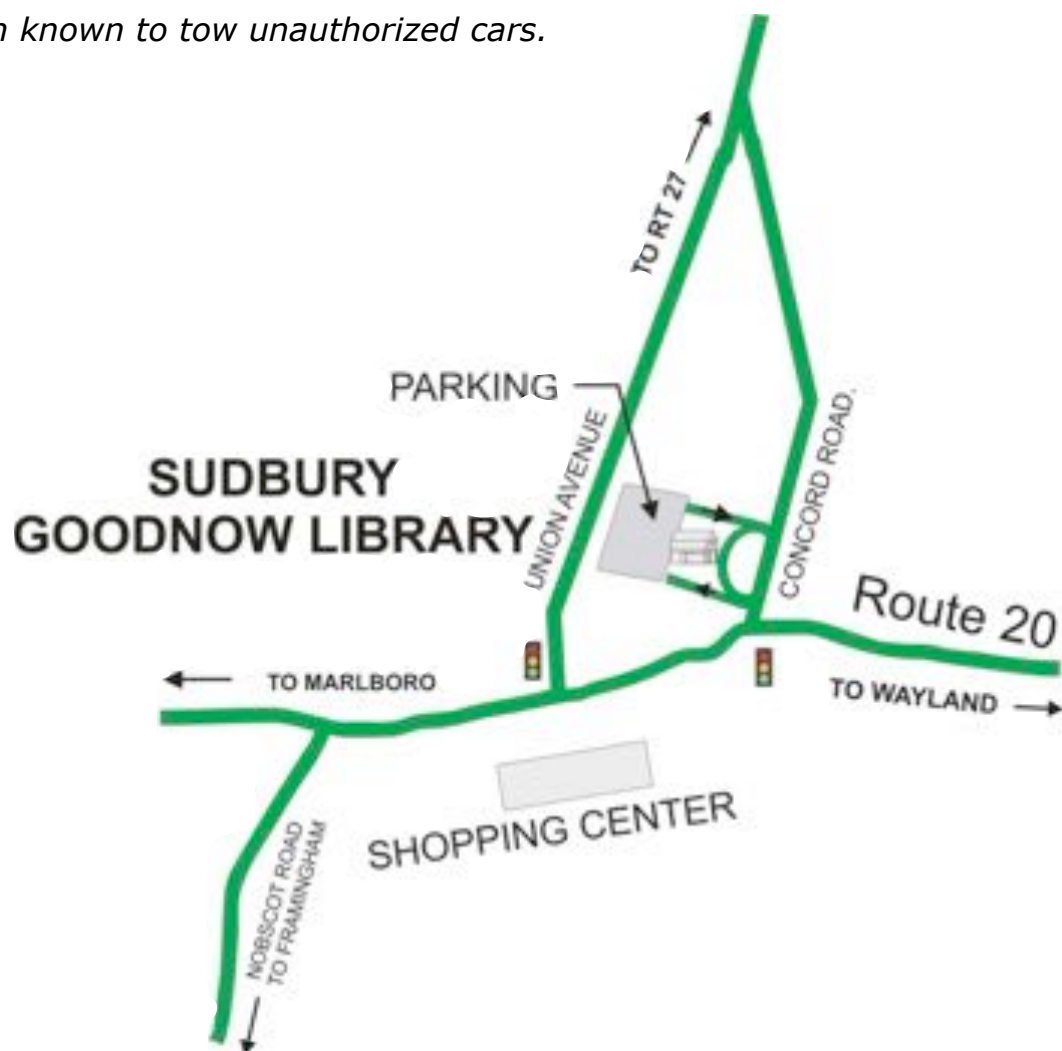
This Month's Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16th, 7:30PM**, at **Goodnow Library** in Sudbury. Club meetings are open to the public, we welcome visitors and guests to learn about model aviation and CRRC.

As a reminder, the following three meetings will be at the flying fields: June and August in Sudbury, and July in Medfield for a change this summer!

Directions to the Goodnow Library: <http://tinyurl.com/j8h427e>

Please also be sure to use Library or other public parking - the lot next door has been known to tow unauthorized cars.



Club Information

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Instruction

To start your your instruction please call the Chief Instructor, Dick Williamson.

Types of instruction

B = Building

G = Glider

E = Electric

F = Fuel

H = Helicopter

Q = Quadcopter/

Multirotor

Dick Williamson - B,G,E

Sudbury - 978-618-5475

Derick Veliz - B,E

Acton - 978-337-7867

John Weigel - B

Natick - 508-655-2138

Richard Gammon - B,G,E,F

West Boylston -

508-835-2049

Ken Antonellis - G,E,F

Natick - 508-653-8369

Bruce Schneider - G,E

Hudson - 978-460-0305

Lincoln Ross - G,E

Waltham - 781-901-0332

Dave Walter - G

Hudson - 978-562-5400

Jon Leehey - F

Wayland - 508-358-5721

Tony Davids - H

Stow - 978-568-9598

Scott Ritter - Q

Sudbury - 978-443-2373

General Info

Flying Sites

Go to the [CRRC Website](http://www.charlesriverrc.org) and select the Flying Sites tab to see the various sites. The site page will give current weather and site 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. The key for the 2016 season is key #15. Ken may have keys at the meeting. A \$5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key.

Tree Climbers

Lloyd Keyes(Wayland)

508-358-9197 or

508-341-0110

Scott (Sudbury)

508-203-3845

Stephen Canessa

The Tree Guy

978-460-1000

Hartney Greymont (Medfield)

Sean Comer

781-444-1227

thescomer@gmail.com

Membership Application - 2018

Name					
Street					
Town		State		Zip	
Telephone		Email			
AMA No.		Birth Date			
☐ DO NOT include my personal contact information in the club phone book					

IMPORTANT: You must be an AMA member to receive a CRRC membership
 AMA Junior membership is free! <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 found at: www.modelaircraft.org/documents.aspx

To receive membership card and field pass, bring this application to a club meeting or mail to the membership secretary:

David Spielman
Membership Secretary CRRC
66 Oak St
Wellesley, MA 02482
781-489-5450
membership@charlesriverrc.org

You may pay by check or use PayPal.
 Make checks to **Charles River RC**, or use **PayPal** to:
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Member category	Before March 1, 2018	After March 1, 2018
OPEN Member	\$45	\$50
JUNIOR Member Under 19 before July 1, 2018	Free if AMA member	Free if AMA member
Full time STUDENT	\$25	\$30
SENIOR member If age 60 before July 1, 2018	\$35	\$40
SENIOR member If age 75 before July 1, 2018	Free if AMA member	Free if AMA member
Family member additional to OPEN membership	\$25	\$30
Totally optional Club donation (Supports field rental)	Optional \$10	