

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

August, 2018



Next Meeting:

—> Saturday, August 18th, 2018 - 9AM <—

Davis Field, Sudbury

President's Message

August Meeting

The last outdoor meeting for summer will be at Davis Field on August 18th at 9AM. Notice that this is a Saturday, not the usual Wednesday. Hopefully, this will allow more people to come to the meeting and get in more flying. It also means that we don't have to pay for reserving the field on a Wednesday.

CRRC RES & 2M Glider Contest

The RES and 2M glider contest will be on Sunday August 26th . Please contact David Spielman for more information.

No Fall Float Fly

We will not have a fall float fly in September. Hopefully, we will have a float fly next year. If you need to get your fix for flying off of water, there is a three day event on September 14-16 in Greenfield, NH. It is sponsored by Southern New Hampshire Flying Eagles (www.snhflyingeagles.org).

- John Eppling, President



Past Meeting Notes

July 18, 2018 - Bill Martin Field, Medfield, MA

The July CRRC meeting, was held at the Martin Field flying site. Only 5 CRRC members were present so no new business was discussed. Martin field is in great shape; it's well mowed and a pleasure to fly on. As reported at previous meetings, the road is a bit rough, mostly due to a high crown in the center of the road that wants to scrape the bottom of one's car.

The CRRC members present flew some foamies, big piston engined craft and a brief attempt at combat was made. The combat attempt was cut short, however, due to the crash on launch of one of the competitors. We did get a nice streamer demo with the remaining combat plane.

ALES Contest

[A write up of the ALES contest was not received by press time - probably since I forgot to ask for one! There are pictures throughout this issue, though - most by Dave Walter, others as marked. Thanks for the contributions! From what I heard, the weather was reasonable and a good time was had! —Ed. / Adam]



First Place



Second Place



Third Place in Expert Class

Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In Contest

The CRRC Soar-in was dedicated this year to Fritz Bien, our CRRC founding member and soaring mentor, who passed away last summer while on vacation in the Galapagos Islands.

Held on August 4th & 5th, the Soar-In got off to a good start Saturday morning, with some early sun and moderately warm, humid air. About 14 brave pilots signed up in spite of the dire weather forecast. But after just two flight groups were launched, the storm front that was sliding up the east coast finally moved into Sudbury and began dropping moisture on Davis Field.

Flight operations halted, and we all huddled under the tents, nervously studying the weather radar as our cell phones erupted with the occasional National Weather Service alert ("Super-cell headed your way! Take appropriate action."). It was a tough call, but CD Dave Walter decided to cancel the flying for the day. Most of us stuck around for lunch, deli sandwiches and salad provided by John Nilsson, along with homemade cookies and brownies. There was a break in the rain at about noon, so the hardcore pilots set up a winch to get some practice in, but more rain moved in an hour later and drove the last of the stragglers away.

By Sunday morning the storms were gone and we had a clear sky and light wind. With the steady sun exposure, the temperature shot up fast, punctuated by high humidity. Fourteen Experts and four Sportsmen signed up, allowing CD Anker Berg-Sonne to run 5 flight groups for most of the day with 10 minute tasks. The biggest challenge for me was keeping the sweat out of my eyes... sun glasses should come



with windshield wipers. Several pilots experienced radio problems and had off-field landings; all ships but one were ultimately recovered, the exception Anthony Procino's beautiful model that went in at warp speed and probably is a total loss. After 5 rounds were completed, Mike Lachowski was at the top of the Experts, with Steve Lucke and Leszek Zyga close behind in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Istvan Sleder took 1st in the Sportsman class, followed by John Pinho and Anthony Procino. Mugs were awarded down to 6th place because of the Saturday cancellation.

As always, many folks pitched in to make the competition possible. I'll try to list them all here. Please forgive me if I miss your name.

Scoring - Dave Marshall

Food & drinks - John Nilsson, Lincon Ross, Chris Shuch

Winch retrieval team - Ed Perkins, Mike Kolk, Jake Megowen, Dave Beach, Welcome Bender

Winches & batteries - John Marien, Dave Spielman

Chargers & landing tapes - Steve Lucke

Other equipment - Miner Crary



Your CDs,

- Anker Berg-Sonne & Dave Walter

[Note that pictures from the Soar-In are not included in this issue due to some technical pragmatics - again, my own fault! I am hoping to publish an "addendum" soon with these, or otherwise get them on the club website. Again, pictures in the current issue are from the ALES event. — Ed. / Adam]



August Field Meeting

Meeting moved to SATURDAY

For a bit of a change, the August field meeting has been moved to **Saturday morning, August 18th, at 9AM.**

Reminder: We return to Goodnow Library for the Fall starting in September. Club meetings are open to the public (whether at the field or indoors). We welcome visitors and guests to learn about model aviation and CRRC.



ALES Sportsman Class - First Place



Second Place



Third Place



These two photos, and one of David S on the next page are thanks to Mike Bergerson.

Notes and Reminders

Acton School Street Fields

For those who fly in Acton, informal observation indicates that the cricket league is still using the soccer fields regularly, including on weekends.

Hampshire County RCers Fly-In (August 18 & 19)

The Hampshire County RCers will be holding their Annual Two Day Fly-In on August 18 & 19 at our flying field on Honey Pot Road, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035. For more info visit www.hampshirecountyrc.org or contact Mike Shaw, CD (mshaw.spfld@gmail.com or 413-330-1827). Landing fee \$10 / pilot / day. Camping - awards - raffles - spectators welcome.



Thanks to all who come out an fly in contests and events - and also to those who observe, kibbitz, and help out!

And a special thanks to David Spielman, proud ALES CD / participant at the right, for managing another fun event!



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Multirotor

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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

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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:

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You may pay by check or use PayPal.
 Make checks to **Charles River RC**, or use **PayPal** to:
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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	