

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

January, 2019



Next Meeting:

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

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

Happy New Year, Fellow Club Members!

It is an honor to be taking on the title of president in 2019. John Eppling has been and continues to be a great role model; and he has "turned over the gavel" with all affairs in good order. Thank you, John.

I was first introduced to the CRRC about twelve years ago by my electric heli mentor and then-dentist, Bruce Schneider. (I knew that if he could rebuild a heli, he could certainly fix a tooth.) From that point on, I've been won – and humbled – by every club member I've met. The skill, enthusiasm, and generosity of our membership make the CRRC a very special organization.

This year, in addition to maintaining the club's existing membership and excellence, I hope to foster the same inclusivity and encouragement that brought me (a bit of a "black sheep" – being primarily a freestyle FPV mini quad pilot) into the CRRC fold. I would like to see us to bring in new pilots from all corners of the hobby, with whom our seasoned experts can share their wisdom, inspiration, and safe and respectful practices.

I look forward to meeting more of you and working together to keep the club strong, in good standing, and growing.

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President

Cover photo: Dramatic skies (and substantial winds) graced the Frozen Finger Fun Fly on January 1st

Past Meeting Notes

December 19, 2018, Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA Club Business

The November club Raffle was reported to have raised approximately \$350. Davis and School Street fields had both had recent flyers, reporting good conditions.

Raffle Results

- First prize was a Pixhawk flight controller, taken home by Adam Smith.
- Second prize was some soldering iron tip cleaner, claimed by Alan Cross-Hansen.
- Alan Marshall received the third prize, a battery alarm.



Show and Tell

Stuart Strong showed a very impressive 20% (around 6' wingspan and ~19lbs) Waco Biplane, scratch-built from plans bought on Ebay. Using basswood, birch plywood, and balsa, the covering fabric is a scaled down version of the material from the full-size plane. The 33cc radial engine and other details like the accurate instrument panel gathered a crowd at the beginning and end of the meeting.



Jimi Two-Feathers also had a striking biplane to show, a blue custom balsa model bought receiver-ready at the NEAT Fair 2018 from designer/building Tom Decker. At 13 pounds and a 62" span, this blue beauty sports a size-25 electric power system using two 3S batteries for balance, and had several attractive features, like the fact that it is assembled without screws that could get lost at the field...

Finally, Dan Sullivan showed a unique P-38 model cleverly constructed from coro-plast and foam "pool noodles" - the former used for the surfaces and the latter for the fuselages. He had yet to fly it, but it should be fun (especially with two electric motors to get it moving)!



Membership Report:

So far this year we've received \$290 in donations, along with the following renewed memberships:

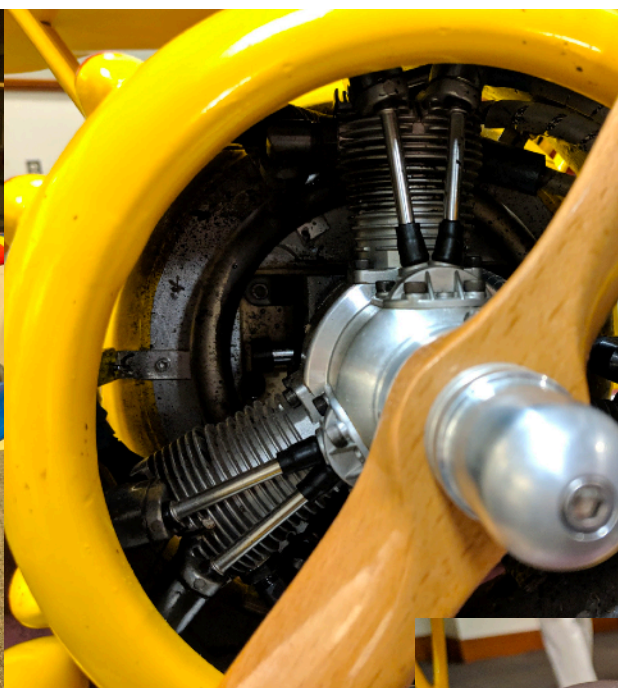
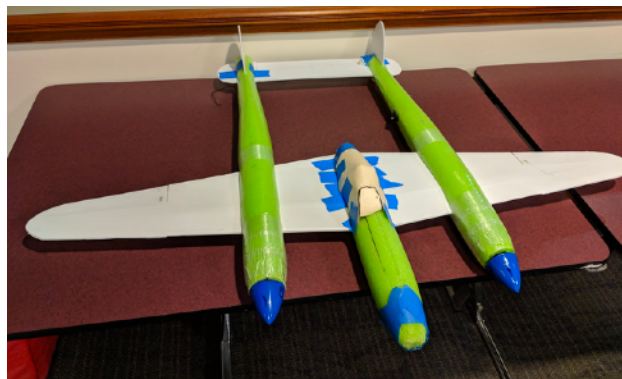
Total members renewed: **68**

Paid members: 24

Seniors: 25

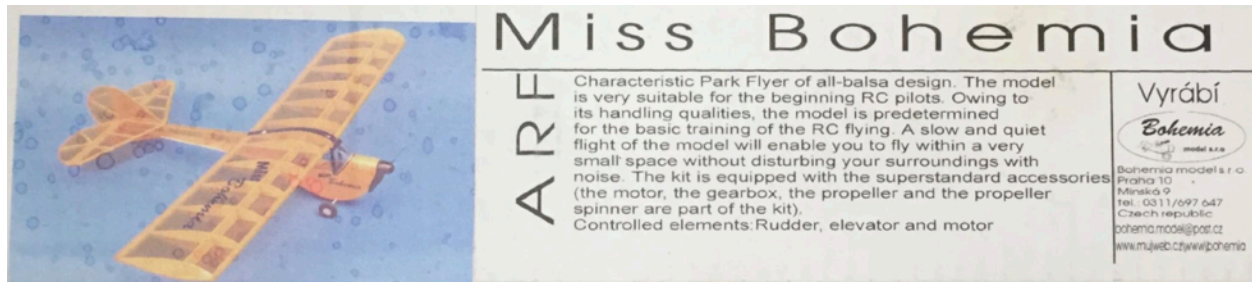
Juniors: 19

- John Eppling, Membership Secretary



January Raffle

First prize is Miss Bohemia, a winning design and expertly built ARF. This will be a fun spring flier for nice light wind free days.



Second prize is a Benji, a 550 size ARF made for fast flight.



Third prize is A bottle of glue. The question is, what kind?

- David Spielman, Raffle Chairman

Frozen Finger Fun Fly

January first was not too cold, but significant and variable winds kept everyone but Jake Megowen out of the air, until a couple of freestyle quads were lofted later in the morning. The ground-level conversation warm as well, with perhaps a dozen club members making appearances at one time or another. The coffee, donuts, and coffee cake didn't hurt either (thanks!).



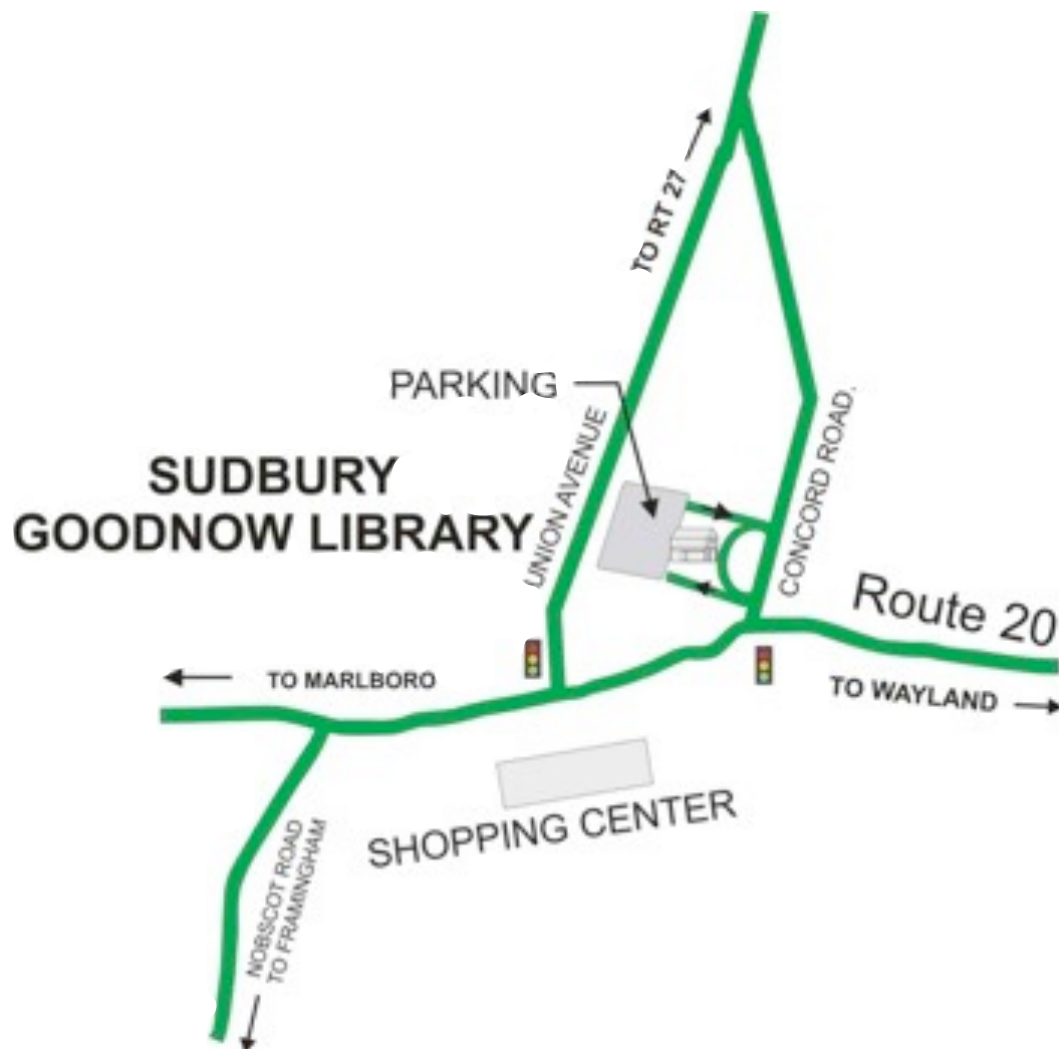
This Month's Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 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!

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

Officers - 2019

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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 - 2019

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:

John Eppling
Membership Secretary CRRC
43 Nylander, Acton, MA 01720
membership@charlesriverrc.org

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

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Member category	Before March 1, 2019	After March 1, 2019
OPEN Member	\$60	\$65
SENIOR member If age 60 before July 1st	\$50	\$55
SENIOR member If age 75 before July 1st	Free if AMA member (<i>Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50</i>)	Free if AMA member (Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50)
JUNIOR Member Under 19 before July 1st		
Full time STUDENT	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	