

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

May, 2019



Next Meeting:

Saturday, May 18th, 2018 - 9:00AM

Davis Field, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Fellow Club Members,

This May has proved a little cooler and a lot more damp than expected; but the flying season is upon us and we've got some neat upcoming events to look forward to. The very first is our monthly club meeting, scheduled for **Saturday May 18th at Davis Field**. This is the initial outdoor monthly meeting of 2019 and promises to be a great opportunity for sharing not only what we've been building during the less hospitable months, but also to demonstrate how well it flies – or not :-). Looking at the forecast, the weather should be with us, too!

In other club news:

1. We attended a meeting at Bill Martin Field with MMAC, Koppers (the folks who did the wintertime railroad work), and DCR (the folks in charge of the land at the state level) to finalize what remaining work would be performed by Koppers to repair some minor road damage due to their trucks' passage. The short of it is that Koppers will flatten the upper (dry) portion of the road for us; but the lower road "moat" will remain in place as a staunch defense against any springtime marauding hoards.
2. The Bill Martin Field cleanup was deferred due to the aforementioned moat. Stay tuned for a follow-on date from MMAC.
3. In response to Dave Beach's F5J team sponsorship drive, we've opted to collect club member donations and pass them along to him. If you wish to contribute but missed John Eppling's email to the CRRC Yahoo Group, please contact John (membership at charlesriverrc.org) for instructions.
4. Mike Whidden has graciously volunteered to take on the task of keeping our "off-season" library meeting reservations up to date. Big thanks to Mike and to David Spielman, who is passing Mike the torch after years of impeccable reserving!

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President

Past Meeting Notes

April 17th, 2018, Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA

Club Business

Davis Field is reported to be in good shape apart from some canine excavations near the front of the field. The field cleanup went well, with little needed on the field but two bags of trash collected around the parking area.

Medfield / Bill Martin Field is also said to be in good shape, though the road is a bit more rutted than usual and there have been water-level issues.

The membership secretary reported 103 active members (including junior and senior memberships).

Note also that we don't expect Sudbury Youth Soccer to be using Davis Field on Memorial Day weekend, so watch the weather and charge your batteries!

There was a discussion of flight practices at Davis Field, including whether a more formal "flight line" or stronger attempts to notify non-flyers of the risks in different areas. Several ideas and suggestions were raised, and the topic seems likely to continue to generate discussion. [Editor's note: For the time being, please continue to be aware of non-flyers (canine and human) at the field, and when needed politely communicate the need for coordination to avoid accidents. In the end, the club and each of us have both an interest and a responsibility to fly safely - for ourselves and those around us.]

Show-and-Tell

[I don't have show-and-tell notes written down - I think the section has handled informally since we wanted to get to Carl's presentation. -Adam]

Speakers

Carl Facer made an interesting presentation on "Part-107 sUAS Operations" - how to get a drone-operator's license from the FAA, as well as what to do once you get it. Carl is a private pilot, Part-107 operator with an aerial photography/videography business, and Part-107 trainer/consultant - all in addition to his day job! His presentation clarified the level of knowledge to get your certification, and showed his diligent approach to designing and flying safe missions, while also capturing beautiful and effective footage. [I can share Carl's presentation info if you get in touch directly, but he's asked me not to post it publicly. -Adam]

Raffle Winners

[I didn't write this down either, but I recall two of our junior members taking home airplane kits, and John Eppling with a tiny pair of pliers. -Adam]

Other Notes

David Beach is coordinating the US F5J (electric-launch glider) team, traveling to the world championships in Slovakia in 2020. As mentioned in the President's letter, contact John Eppling (membership at charlesriverrc.org) if you would like to contribute to a donation to support the team via the club. The event will have approximately 120 competitors from 40 countries, including three junior and three senior pilots on the US Team. They are fund-raising for half of the \$41k needed for travel and team expenses.

Finally, a plate of delicious cupcakes was generously provided to the attending members by Gabrielle Whidden! Thank you!

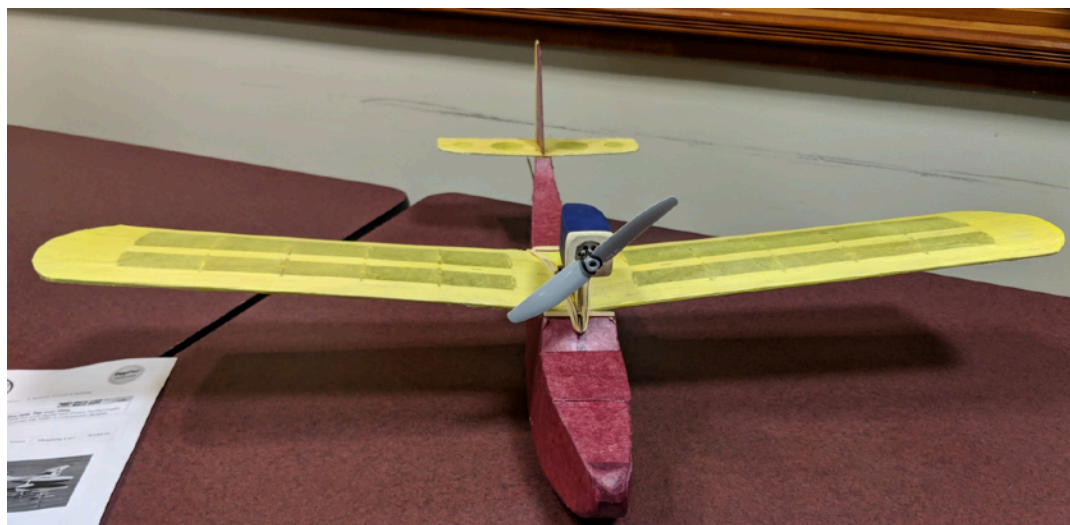
- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor

This Month's Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18th, 9AM**, at **Davis Field** in Sudbury.

We will be trying an outdoor meeting in May, and on a Saturday morning!
Bring something to fly before and/or after!

Club meetings are open to the public, we welcome visitors and guests to learn about model aviation and CRRC!



Club Information

Officers - 2019

President

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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	