

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

December, 2019



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 - 7:30PM

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Fellow Club Members,

The weekends have grown colder. And wetter. And windier. So the days flying at the fields have grown fewer. Our club, however, has not been idle!

At our last club meeting, all of the proposed bylaw updates were voted into place, along with the 2020 Club Officers. After working with non-club-members for most of the month, it is sometimes surprising and always a joy to again interact with our fine group of members. Yes, we occasionally have our differences and we are not shy about speaking our hearts, but those hearts are loyally and thoughtfully in the same place when it comes to our hobby. The voting went quickly and last year's club officers generously acquiesced to renew their responsibilities for the coming year, albeit with some shuffling of roles.

Since then, we also enjoyed our 2019 Annual Club Auction. Thank you very much to all who contributed, either by organizing or just attending! Despite the threat of snow, the turnout was decent and there were many happy buyers. The single downside was that the event yielded somewhat less than zero profit. In response, we will be reviewing prospective changes to our auction-related costs for next year.

Meanwhile, as Yahoo shutter's its hosting of non-email data, Adam Smith has been working with Dave Walter to review and select among options to accommodate us. Importantly, Dave has already archived copies of our existing content for future transplantation. Rather than subject everyone to early alternative hosting experiments, the current plan is to use the Board of Directors as guinea pigs prior to rolling out anything new. In the meantime, Yahoo still works for email and our CRRRC website will persist.

One result of the aforementioned bylaw updates is that we are aggregating various member guides into a common Club Handbook. David Spielman has been penning this new document and is now putting finishing touches on a draft version that we will soon share. The plan is for the handbook to grow

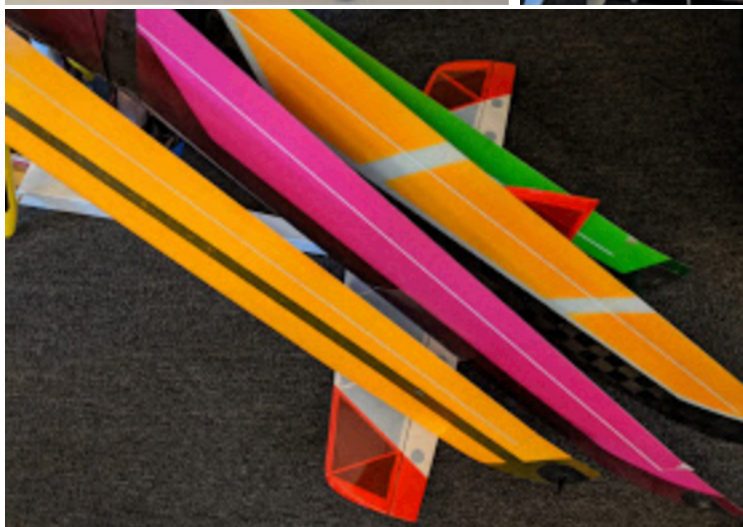
and evolve with relative ease, in contrast to the bylaws, which have a much longer scope.

The 2020 Frozen Finger Fun Fly will be upon us in no time, but in the available time spent grounded by cold and dark, please think about and *share* your ideas for meeting events and speakers; and consider writing up any stories about your adventures, builds, techniques, or philosophies regarding the hobby.

You may contact anyone on the Board of Directors with the former, and Adam would be glad to receive any of the latter for the newsletter.

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President



Past Meeting Notes

November 20, 2019 - Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA

Business

The meeting was chaired by Scott Ritter, CRRC president. Secretary and treasurer's reports were approved.

Amended bylaws were presented to the club and approved by the members present.

Elections

Elections for club officers were held. Club officers for 2020 are:

President: Scott Ritter
Vice President: Jake Megowen
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster:
Adam Smith
Safety Coordinator: Dave Spielman
Treasurer: Dave Marshall
Secretary: Daniel Sullivan
Membership Secretary: John Eppling



Show and Tell

Jake Megowen showed some high Kv brushless motors
Jon Currier showed a nicely reconditioned foam motor-glider conversion



Raffle Winners

Dave Spielman: "Miss Bohemia" balsa kit

Richard Phipps: "SkyVolt" balsa kit

Mike Whidden: Pliers

Adam Smith: Scale machine gun

- Dan Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Safety Reminders

With the colder weather here and potentially new models arriving in Santa's sleigh, you may be tempted to start an electric plane indoors. Always remove the prop before you do that. A second of time in close contact with a high speed spinning blade is unforgiving. Remove those props.

Highly recommended for the icy flying field are Creepers, a wondrous little invention that adds spikes to shoes and boots. If you're out there flying in the winter, get a pair. PS they are also good for late night dog walks on you slippery driveway.

Fly Safely,

- David Spielman, Safety Coordinator

December Raffle

We have some great raffle prizes this meeting. First prize is a Benji for you pilots that like a fast moving electric conversion.



Second Prize is a Hobby Eagle A3 gyro and stabilizer for airplane use. Smooth out those bumps for a better flight.

Third prize is a Flite test Spitfire airplane kit.

- David Spielman, Raffle Chair



This Month's Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 18th, 7:30PM**, at **Goodnow Library** in Sudbury.

The theme is foam plane repair. David Spielman has been successfully repairing foam planes for a while and has been helping out fellow pilots to salvage all sorts of planes. We will have at least one plane to repair using tools and materials you will most likely have in your own shop. For this meeting, bring in a crashed plane you would like fixed and David will attempt to complete a repair, or at least plan and start the job. The trick is to bring all the parts, no matter how small, to the meeting. Also, if you have materials to perform a repair, please bring them. David will bring parchment paper to protect the library tables and a supply of Foam Tac, Foam finish and reinforcing materials (tape and fiberglass). Hope to see you there and have you leave with a plane well on the way to being back in the air!

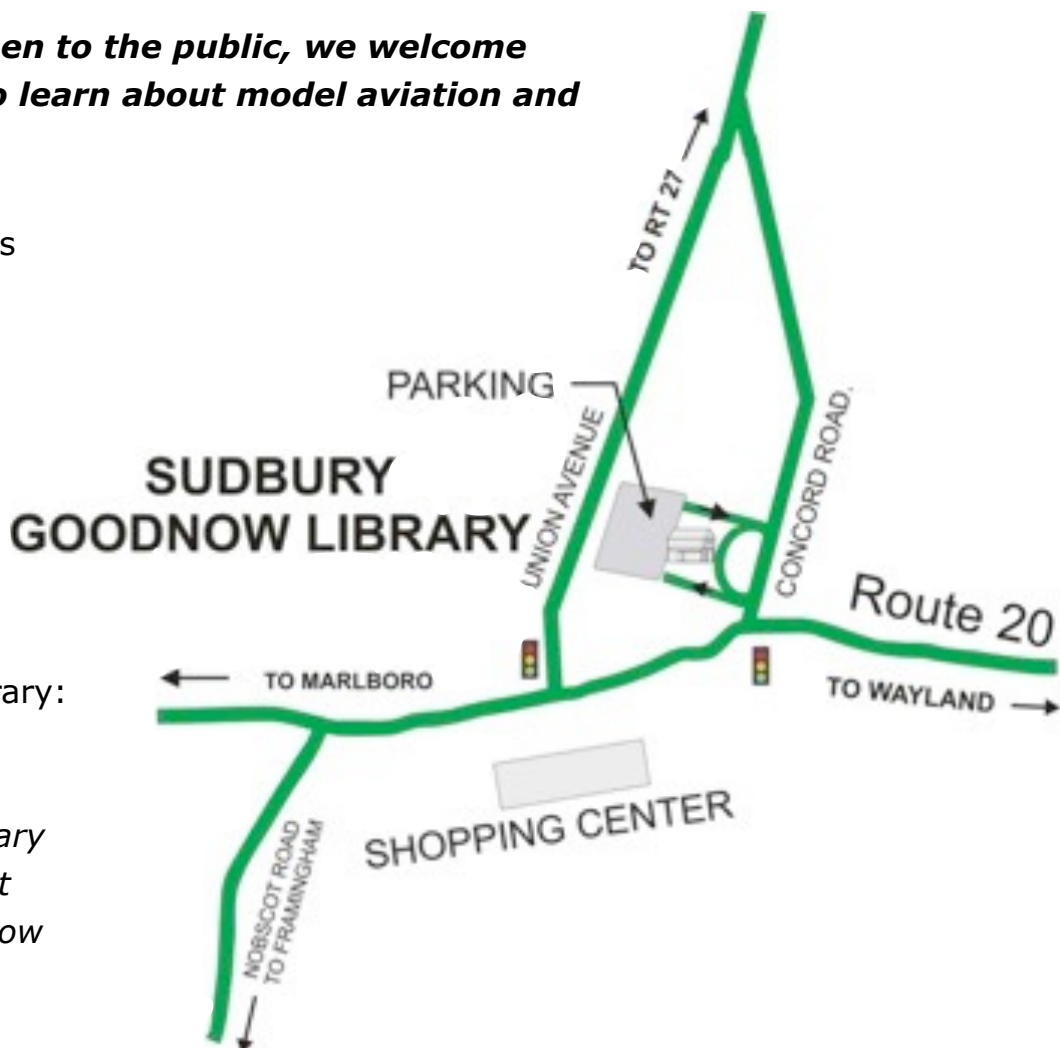
Club meetings are open to the public, we welcome visitors and guests to learn about model aviation and CRRC!

Additional indoor meeting dates
for Winter & Spring 2020:

1/15/20
2/19/20
3/11/20 (note: **2nd Weds**)
4/15/20

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

President

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Dick Williamson

[chiefinstructor at charlesriverrc.org](mailto:chiefinstructor@charlesriverrc.org)

Raffle Chairman

David Spielman

[xofficio at charlesriverrc.org](mailto:xofficio@charlesriverrc.org)

Instruction

To inquire about 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

David Spielman - B,E

[dspielma \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:dspielma@gmail.com)

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 - 781-891-0332

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 2019 season is key #4. 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 - 2020

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 a membership card, 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

Member category	Before March 1, 2020	After March 1, 2020
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		
NON-FLYING member If age 75 before July 1st	<i>(Voluntary donation appreciated)</i>	(Voluntary donation appreciated)
Full time STUDENT	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
Additional / optional donation <i>(supports field rental)</i>	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	