

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

February, 2020



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 - 7:30PM

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Fellow Club Members,

We've come around to that time of year when outdoor flying opportunities are at what feels like their lowest point. I hope you are all weathering it well! Thoughts of warm spring days, YouTube videos of sunny flights, chatting with other pilots who live (and fly) in warmer lands, and occasionally practicing on the simulator have been a refuge for me.

Unfortunately, the specter of the proposed rule for "Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft Systems" continues to loom, and the above comforts provide less consolation there. What does, however, is the growing counter-response that I am seeing in the media and, more importantly, among our own club. The letters we have written and those we have yet to write (poke, poke...) remain one simple way to add our influence to this protest and feel better for doing so.

Meanwhile, the CRRC BOD is finalizing our common letter of response from the club. It is true that there is no perfect vehicle with which to make our point. Even now, many of these same points have since been made by others - but we'll add our own words to the force of others'.

Another important action that we can (continue to) take is to share the hobby at every opportunity - be it via social media or just by reaching out to the curious folks we meet at the field. Recently, a couple of us were flying FPV at a small park and noticed a few fellows watching our aircraft. We waved them over, introduced ourselves, and set them up with spare goggles for a "ride-along". Presto! New friends!

What's more, they became a few less people who might otherwise be indifferent to model aviation at best, or against it at worst.

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President

A Safety Moment

Davis field reservations have been submitted for spring flying. We will be sharing the field with soccer this spring, and unofficially with dogs and their owners. Pedestrians have the right of way when it comes to aircraft operations. We will need to be off the field during soccer which starts at 11:45 am Saturday and Sundays. For the dog walkers, we need to communicate with them and let them know that the field is rented between 8:00 am and 11:30. Direct them to safe areas where they won't interfere with our flying. They are our friends, so play nice and they will support us when it comes time to protect the field.

As always fly safe!

Sincerely,

- David Spielman, Safety Coordinator

Bill Martin Field Keys

It's time again to swap out the keys for access to the Medfield field.

According to John Holcomb of the Millis MAC, "It is time again to undertake our yearly key exchange routine. I have looked at the previous patterns, and I have decided that Key# 15 is due to serve duty for 2020." The locks will be changed late February 25th or early February 26th.

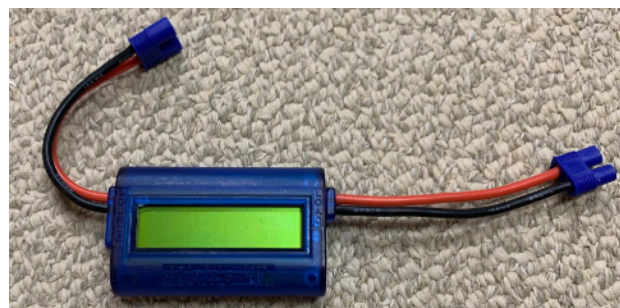
Ken Antonellis continues to serve as the CRRRC key-master, so please get in touch with Ken before heading to Bill Martin this spring.

February Raffle

This month we have a first prize 400 size motor and Flight Test Bushwhacker kit.



Second prize is a current meter. Great for analyzing your motor, battery and speed control.



Third prize is a Flight Test Mini Guinea kit.

- David Spielman, Raffle Chair



This Month's Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19th, 7:30PM**, at **Goodnow Library** in Sudbury.

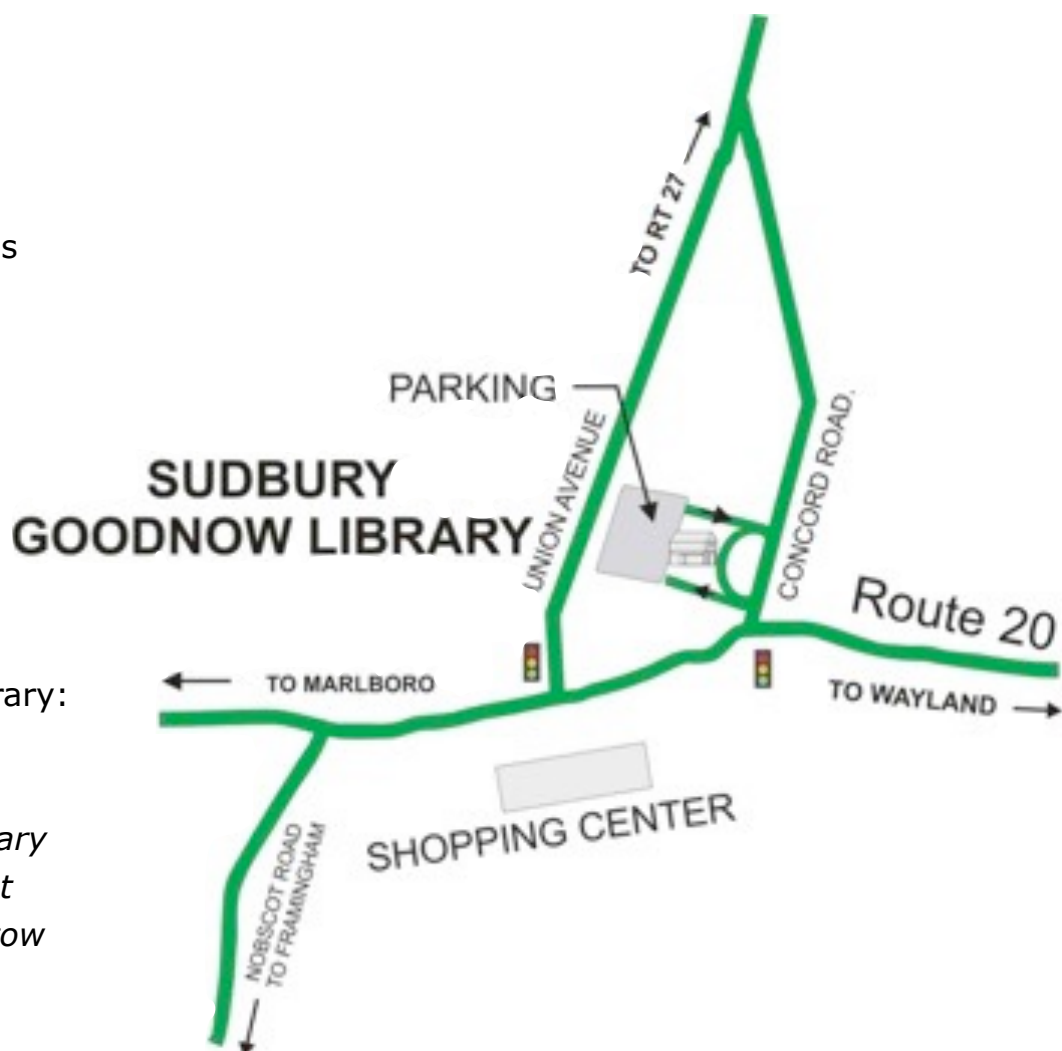
Club meetings are open to the public, we welcome visitors and guests to learn about model aviation and CRRC!

Additional indoor meeting dates
for Winter & Spring 2020:

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 - 2020

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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

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Dave Walter - G

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Jon Leehey - F

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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
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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	