

# Charles River Radio Controllers

# Flight Log

July, 2020



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 15th, 2020 - 7:45PM

—>> Online via Web Conference! <<—

(instructions will be sent via email list)

## President's Message

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Dear Fellow Club Members -

Summer is here. The fields (among dry spells) are as lush as they can be. I hope that you're finding some time and space to enjoy flying them. Although the world is still holding its breath (both literally and figuratively), we will be holding our first in-person events this month: one each for ALES and FPV quadcopter racing. These are our first forays into conducting "contemporary" community activities; and the BOD has worked hard to plan accordingly.

Please see our Safety Coordinator's message later in this letter for more details on how we've done so. If you feel confident and well enough to attend one or both, great! If not, great! We must each break this new trail according to our own situation and sensibilities.

Whether or not you participate in the field events, we will continue our virtual monthly club meetings. I look forward to seeing you, masked or pixelated.

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President

## Safety Corner

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Hello CRRC club members. As all of you know, we are in the midst of a global pandemic and Massachusetts is doing great during this first wave of Covid-19. We got to this point because we followed social distancing, hand washing and isolation guidelines put forth by Governor Charlie Baker. We are now in phase 3 of reopening and we see that if reopening goes poorly by lowering our guard, things can get very bad as in Florida and Arizona. We are a social club and we want to be able to involve everyone, so it is critical that we continue to wear masks when there is even a hint of you being close to or up-wind of another pilot. When you see another pilot on the field and they are acting anxious, it could be you're too close or not wearing a mask. Treat them with respect and put on your mask.

An acquaintance wrote this letter about masks and I thought I'd share it with you. It shows you can wear a mask all day!

Dear Friends,

Before I retired from surgery, I wore a mask in the operating room every day, often ten to twelve hours straight. This was also true of everyone else in the operating theater. We wore masks not to protect ourselves, but to protect the patient, the one who was vulnerable to the microbes we were carrying.

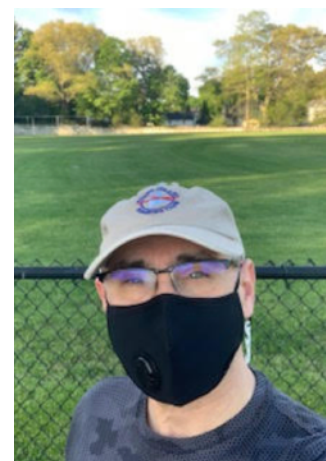
So it is with COVID-19. We wear masks not to protect ourselves. We know masks do very little in terms of protecting the wearer other than perhaps preventing the touching of one's face. We wear masks to protect others; to protect our friend who, unbeknownst to us, has leukemia and is receiving chemotherapy, our friend with prostate cancer who is receiving radiation treatment, our friend whose wife has just had kidney surgery and is immuno-compromised, our friend whose wife has breast cancer and has to take a little chemotherapy pill every day, our friend who had thyroiditis and now must take thyroid pills to counterbalance the deficit.

When you see people not wearing masks, they are not rugged individualists, displaying their disdain for the Corona Virus. They are selfish people showing their indifference and lack of consideration for family, friends, and community. They are, in a word, jerks. Don't be that person. Wear a mask – save a life.

Sanford A. Meyersfield, M., D.  
Fellow of the American College of Surgeons  
Former Chief of Urologic Surgery, Deepdale General Hospital, Little Neck, NY  
Associate Professor of Surgery, Long Island Jewish Hillside Medical Center  
Associate Professor of Surgery, North Shore Hospital, Manhasset, NY

Save a friend, wear a mask,

- David Spielman, Safety Coordinator



## Reminder - From Yahoo! to Groups.io

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Please remember that we've switched from Yahoo! Groups to Groups.io, after Yahoo! drastically reduced their services late last year.

If you aren't on the group but would like to be, members should contact Adam / webmaster "at" [charlesriverrc.org](mailto:charlesriverrc.org), or send mail to crrc+subscribe "at" [CRRC.groups.io](mailto:CRRC.groups.io).

Thanks again to Dave Walter, for managing both Yahoo! and [groups.io](https://groups.io) lists!

- Adam Smith, Webmaster

## Help with the Newsletter

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Do you have a recent build that you haven't been able to share since you're stuck at home?

A flying (or let's face it, *crashing*) story that everyone needs to hear?

Pictures from that perfect day at the field?

Send them to newsletter (at) [charlesriverrc.org](mailto:charlesriverrc.org) to be included in the Newsletter next month! We can always use more and different content.

Want to do more? I'm open to sharing either Newsletter or Webmaster duties with someone who could bring more attention to one or the other.

- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor

## Summer Events & Contests

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Of course, the current public-health situation is leading the club to serious consideration of whether and how to hold our typical summer events. Regrettably, the July 4th Demonstration Day was cancelled (Sudbury having cancelled their parade and other related events), and all other meetings, contests, and events are subject to decisions or updates as we approach their respective dates.

### Altitude Limited Electric Soaring - July 18th

Join us for some friendly competition at the 2020 ALES Contest! Conditions permitting, the event will take place Saturday, July 18th (rain date: Sunday July 19th). Setup: 8:00am, Pilots meeting: 9:00 am

Planes must be equipped with a CAM or similar circuit that cuts off power to the motor at 30 seconds or 200 meters of elevation, whichever comes first.

Scoring will be man-on-man thermal duration with the flight time starting when the motor is turned on. We have worked out a "No touch" landing with a 5m marked circle with In or Out landing points, and will have a single pilot class.

Entry Fee: \$25 includes take out lunch. Sorry no drinks supplied due to pandemic rules.

Registration Limited to 30 contestants. Go to [www.flyesl.com](http://www.flyesl.com) to register email David Spielman [safety\(at\)charlesriverrc.org](mailto:safety@charlesriverrc.org). I will fill out roster ahead of time so only a little more than signature will be needed at the field.

For more information, contact CD:  
David Spielman: [safety\(at\)charlesriverrc.org](mailto:safety@charlesriverrc.org)



CRRC ALES rulebook event focused on fun competition.

*Covid-19 has imposed Mask and minimum 6-foot distancing rules. Bring your own drinks, chair, stop watch, mask and spare mask, insect repellent and sunscreen. We will have hand sanitizer, disinfectant and limited disposable masks. Coordinate with a friend for shade. Do not share equipment. Most of all respect others by distancing and wearing a mask. We have some older and high risk attendees who will leave the contest if not respected, including your CD.*

Sanction #10319

## Quadcopter Racing Event - w/NERDS - July 25th

CRRC members (and other AMA members) and spectators are invited to Davis Field as CRRC and North East Racing Drones sponsor the first multi-rotor race on Davis Field.

Pilots must register at [MultiGP.com](https://www.multigp.com):

<https://www.multigp.com/races/view/?race=20580/NERDs-at-Davis-Field>

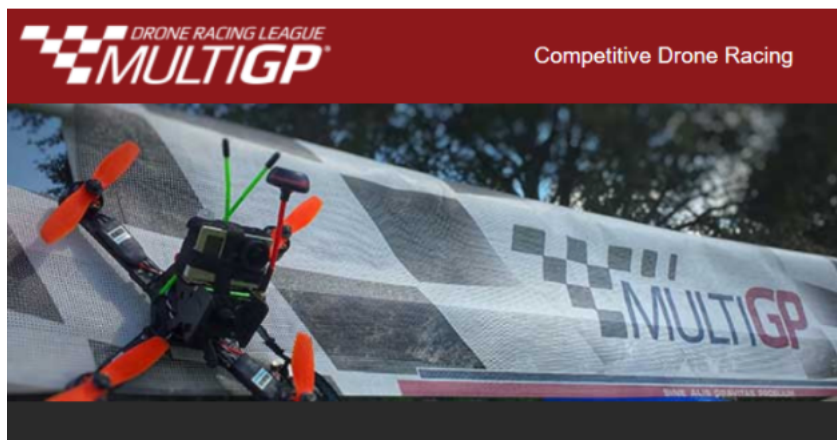
Planned for Saturday, July 25th / Rain Date Sunday, July 26th

Racing starts at 10AM!

Video transmitters must be set to 25mw. Antennas must be CP. Frequencies will be assigned shortly before the race.

Looking forward to seeing some CRRC racers out there. No prior racing experience is required -- all skill levels are welcome.

Mike Whidden is coordinating this event on behalf of CRRC.



## This Month's Meeting

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Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 15th, 7:45PM**. Once again we will hold the meeting virtually using Zoom conferencing.

Instructions to join the session will be sent to the Groups.io mailing list a day or two before the meeting. We all hope to be able to resume in-person meetings soon, but meanwhile let's enjoy a different form of connection!

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

*For access instructions regarding online meetings, please contact a member or email [webmaster@charlesriverrc.org](mailto:webmaster@charlesriverrc.org)*

## No Raffle :(

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We'll be holding off the raffle for now, in hope of being able to do it at an in-person meeting soon!

## Bill Martin Field Keys

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It's time again to swap out the keys for access to the Medfield field. Key# 15 is in use this year.

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

## Club Information

### Officers - 2020

#### *President*

Scott Ritter

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

#### *Vice President*

Jake Megowen

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

#### *Treasurer*

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#### *Recording Secretary*

Dan Sullivan

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#### *Webmaster*

Adam Smith

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#### *Chief Instructor*

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](mailto: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](mailto:thescomer@gmail.com)

# Membership Application - 2020

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| 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](http://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](mailto:membership@charlesriverrc.org)

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

| Member category                                           | Before March 1, 2020                                               | After March 1, 2020                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OPEN Member                                               | \$60                                                               | \$65                                                               |
| SENIOR member<br>If age 60 before July 1st                | \$50                                                               | \$55                                                               |
| SENIOR member<br>If age 75 before July 1st                | Free if AMA member<br>(Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50) | Free if AMA member<br>(Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50) |
| JUNIOR Member<br>Under 19 before July 1st                 |                                                                    |                                                                    |
| NON-FLYING member<br>If age 75 before July 1st            | (Voluntary donation appreciated)                                   | (Voluntary donation appreciated)                                   |
| Full time STUDENT                                         | \$40                                                               | \$45                                                               |
| Family member additional to<br>OPEN membership            |                                                                    |                                                                    |
| Additional / optional donation<br>(supports field rental) | Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc                                 |                                                                    |