

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

August, 2020



The July 2020 ALES Contest was a success,
with masks and appropriate distancing.



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020 - 7:45PM

—>> Online via Web Conference! <<—

(instructions will be sent via email list)

President's Message

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I hope you are well! Last month was a decent one for the club. Despite having to forego our dear July 4th exhibition, the ALES and NERDS events came off without a hitch. Both were well-attended (but not overly so), fun, and safe. With those events under our collective belt, we look forward to this month's Radian One Design event and others. There is more information about all of these events in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, a second favorite event that we will not be holding this year is the Winter Auction. After consideration by the BOD, we feel that it is unmanageable in terms of safe health protocol and impractical in terms of migrating to an on-line venue. For a little consolation, we can at least look forward to an epic turnout next year, as people will be chafing all the more to de-clutter their homes.

Most importantly, it has recently been a treat and "good medicine" to see our members flying together at our fields. Donning masks and not being able to share gear remains strange and surreal, but I want to thank everyone for having done a near-impeccable job – even to the point of providing encouraging examples for other passers-by ;-)

Please stay vigilant, stay well, and stay in touch!

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President

Reminder - From Yahoo! to Groups.io

Please remember that we've switched from Yahoo! Groups to Groups.io. If you aren't on the group but would like to be, members should contact Adam / webmaster "at" charlesriverrc.org, or send mail to crrc+subscribe "at" CRRC.groups.io.

Recently on Groups.io, Alfonso Ibarreta shared a message and great picture about flying at Davis on August 8th:

I was at Davis buddyboxing with my son. It was a beautiful morning and was surprised nobody else was flying. The grass is long though, so rolling takeoffs were impossible. Luckily my wife came with us and hand launched the Aeroscout. We brought masks, but there was no-one else there during that time.



Groups.io Member Directory

One of the functions supported by Groups.io is a voluntary Directory of members. Only mailing list members (club members) have access to this information. Since we haven't been sending out a paper club directory for a few years, this seems like a good way to share contact info and RC interests.

To set your CRRC-specific profile, log in to groups.io with your registered account, and then go to <https://crrc.groups.io/g/crrc/editprofile> (or click Directory at the left, then click on your name, then on Edit Group Profile). You can upload a profile picture, fill in other info to share in the "bio" space, etc. Make sure you set the "Profile Privacy" drop-down to your desired level: "Other members of your group" means that registered CRRC see it.

- Adam Smith, Webmaster

Upcoming Events

As a reminder, all meetings, contests, and event schedules are subject to updates as we approach their respective dates, depending on the public health situation and Sudbury policy regarding use of Davis Field.

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.

“Radian One-Design” Contest - August 29th

Join us for some friendly competition at the 2020 Radian One Design Contest! Conditions permitting, the event will take place Saturday, August 29th (rain date: Sunday August 30th). Setup: 8:00am, Pilots meeting: 9:00 am.

Radians equipped with a CAM or similar circuit get the full 30 seconds or 200 meters launch, all others without a limiter shut off motor at 20 seconds. If you don't have a Radian we let other foam 2-meter electric gliders compete.

Scoring will be man-on-man thermal duration with the flight time starting when the motor turns on. We have worked out a “No touch” landing with a 5m marked circle with up to 50 landing points, and will have a single pilot class.

Entry Fee: \$15 covers field fee and club costs. For another optional \$10 we will pick up lunch. Sorry no drinks supplied due to pandemic rules.

Registration Limited to 30 contestants. To register email David Spielman exofficio(at)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: [exofficio\(at\)charlesriverrc.org](mailto:exofficio(at)charlesriverrc.org)

Strict pandemic social distancing and masks are required. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Sorry, no portable toilet at the event.

Bruce Schneider Hobby Items - Sale and Liquidation

With the sad loss of club member and friend Bruce Schneider, several members have worked to make his hobby-related items available, with the proceeds benefiting his family. Please see the notice on the following pages - some items will be sold online immediately, while a broader collection will be liquidated in-person at 11AM on Saturday, September 19th, in Sudbury.

Thanks to David Walter, Anker Berg-Sonne, and Miner Crary for their care and efforts.

Bruce Schneider Hobby Items

Sale & Liquidation



RC For Sale and Liquidation

Bruce Schneider, our CRRC friend and modeler, passed away in May of 2020. The vast majority of his extensive collection of RC hobby tools and models has been moved to Miner Crary's residence in Sudbury. The high value items will be listed and sold online immediately, while the lower value items will be liquidated in an event to be held by Miner at 11 AM on Saturday Sept. 19. Further details are below.

Online Sale

Anker Berg-Sonne is hosting a sale of the more valuable items from the collection, effective immediately. You can see a list of the For Sale items at the below link.

<https://tinyurl.com/y253qpiw>

Items will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. To see the details and price for a particular item, click on the photo and then click on the comments icon on the left. If you wish to purchase an item, send an email to anker@ankersoft.com. Anker will reply whether the item is available. If available, the item will be marked as pending sale. The buyer should write a check made out to **Christina Schneider** and send it to Anker at the below address. On receipt, Anker will mark the item as sold. If he



Eflite Timber electric with floats (For Sale)



Various battery chargers (Liquidation)

hasn't received a check within a week the item will go up for sale again.

Check to:

Christina Schneider

Mail to:

Anker Berg-Sonne
8 Middlemost Way
Stow, MA 01775

Note that we will NOT ship items. They need to be picked up from Miner's residence on September 19.



Supra Pro sailplane (For Sale)

Sept. 19 Liquidation

Miner Crary will host a liquidation of the remaining hobby tools and models at 11 AM on September 19. See the address below for his location in Sudbury. Attendees are encouraged to donate a reasonable amount for any items taken. All donations go to Chris Schneider.

Miner Crary
1 Hunt Rd
Sudbury, MA 01776
(617) 733-3840

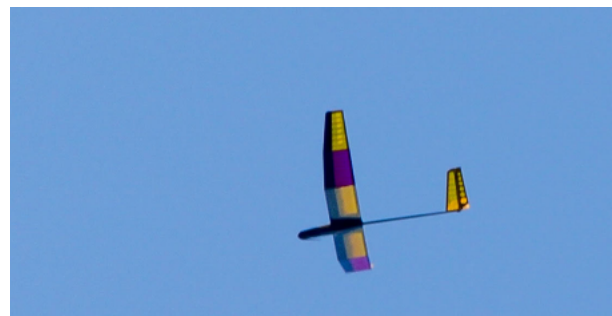
A selection of the available liquidation items can be viewed at the below Flickr link. There are also numerous items available that are not included in the photos.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/davewalter/albums/72157714984931068>

July Event Notes

Altitude Limited Electric Soaring - July 18th

I was worried that our event would be cancelled due to the pandemic, but there were enough CRRC people interested in attending that we went ahead with the event. Everyone who attended the contest was great at following the reopening requirements and we were able to concentrate on flying rather than policing. Thank you!



We had really great flying conditions, other than a bit of heat. 12 pilots fought for top spots.

People were getting their flight times and hitting the targets better than expected, so we added another smaller bullseye inside the 5-meter radius. This allowed us to differentiate and minimize ties.

Who took top spots? David Immanuel took first, Tom David took second and Kenny Sharp took third. The two top pilots were flying the VOLO and pretty slick plane. David did some very serious flying and always looking to fly his best.

For some pilots, the day was too long to be out in the sun and they had to leave early. Luckily, we had Joel fill in and finish off flying two rounds. During the day, some pilots experienced mechanical problems and had to remove their limiter circuits, and we are able to accommodate them by imposing a 10 second penalty to the launch time. This helped level the playing field and





allowed us to have more pilots involved. We didn't need to push out pilots so we could move up in the standings. It's better to lose to a better pilot than to win due to mechanical difficulty.



The contest consisted of five rounds with 4 pilots per flight group. After the second round, pilots were grouped by their scoring, high scorers together in a man on man scoring system with 1000 points awarded to the pilot with the highest score. Thank goodness for Dave Marshall and his software.

The contest ended at about 3:00 pm after 6 hours of flying and wouldn't you know it, some pilots flew more.



Thank you everyone who helped and participated to make this event a success in a very difficult year. Special thanks go to Mike Whidden, Dan Sullivan, Jake McGowan and Dave Marshall for making things go seamlessly.

- David Spielman, ALES Contest Director

ALES 2020 photos by Joel Foner

CRRC 2020 ALES**Round 5 Combined - 07/18/2020**

Plc	Pilot	Cl	Grp	Flight Time	Land	Round Score	Pct.	LSF Points	Cum. Raw	Cum. Score
1	Immanuel, David	EX	C	10:07	25	1000.00	100.00	1300	3124	5000.00
2	David, Tom	EX	C	9:20	25	946.60	96.13	1154	3002	4806.55
3	Sharp, Kenny	EX	B	10:03	0	921.30	91.64	1008	2936	4581.88
4	Walter, David	EX	B	10:02	50	1000.00	89.48	895	2798	4473.77
5	Hill, George	EX	C	4:55	25	517.80	87.66	789	2796	4383.12
6	Bender, Welcome	EX	B	8:31	0	788.58	81.56	652	2551	4077.96
7	Kranish, Steve	SP	A	4:48	0	837.21	76.71	537	1832	3835.68
8	Spielman, David	EX	A	5:07	0	892.44	75.80	455	1789	3790.10
9	Haro, Alex	SP	A	2:51	0	497.09	71.96	360	2071	3597.78
10	Sullivan, Daniel	SP	B	10:13	0	905.86	69.06	276	1889	3453.00
11	Higgins, Mark	EX		0:00	0	0.00	48.81	146	1537	2440.70
12	Foner, Joel	SP	A	5:44	0	1000.00	38.93	78	930	1946.69
13	McGowen, Jake	SP		0:00	0	0.00	21.04	21	496	1051.89

Quadcopter Racing Event - w/NERDS - July 25th

A complete report wasn't received by "press time" for the newsletter, but it sounded like a good and well attended event, with a few CRRC pilots venturing out among a dozen NERDS members ranking from near-beginner to national-status. Hoping to have more to share next month. Mike Whidden shared this awesome image grabbed from on-board video during the race:



Safety Corner

CRRRC members have been great as social distancing and wearing masks! Thank you all for working hard to keep us safe and flying. This is not just a good thing to do, its required as part of our permit to use Davis Field. We are all required to follow the governors phase III reopening plan. The Sudbury park and rec director reminds us that we can only use Davis Field if we follow the states guidelines. For a full copy of the phase III guidelines, please go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/safety-standards-for-youth-and-adult-amateur-sports-activities-phase-iii-step-1/download>

These same guidelines are required at all of our fields, especially those rented from the state of Massachusetts, like the Bill Martin Field. In an effort to keep flying at our sites, abide by the guidelines so we don't get penalized and fined.

- David Spielman, Safety Coordinator

Newsletter Content

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 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

This Month's Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 19th, 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

No Raffle :(

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

Key# 15 is in use this year for Bill Martin Field in Medfield.

Ken Antonellis continues to serve as the CRRC key-master, so please get in touch with Ken if you need a key.

Club Information

Officers - 2020

President

Scott Ritter

president at charlesriverrc.org

Vice President

Jake Megowen

vicepresident at charlesriverrc.org

Treasurer

Dave Marshall

treasurer at charlesriverrc.org

Membership Secretary

John Eppling

membership at charlesriverrc.org

Recording Secretary

Dan Sullivan

secretary at charlesriverrc.org

Webmaster

Adam Smith

webmaster at charlesriverrc.org

Newsletter Editor

Adam Smith

newsletter at charlesriverrc.org

Chief Instructor

Dick Williamson

chiefinstructor at charlesriverrc.org

Raffle Chairman

David Spielman

xofficio at 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 (at) 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

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](#) 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 2020 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 - 2020

Name					
Street					
Town		State		Zip	
Telephone		Email			
AMA No.		Birth Date			
I agree: []	Club membership and activities are bound by the CRRC handbook, available at: http://charlesriverrc.org/newsite/Documents/CRRC%20Handbook%202020.pdf				

IMPORTANT: You must be an Academy of Model Aeronautics member to join CRRC.
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 send **PayPal** to the email above.

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		
<i>Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)</i>	<i>Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc</i>	