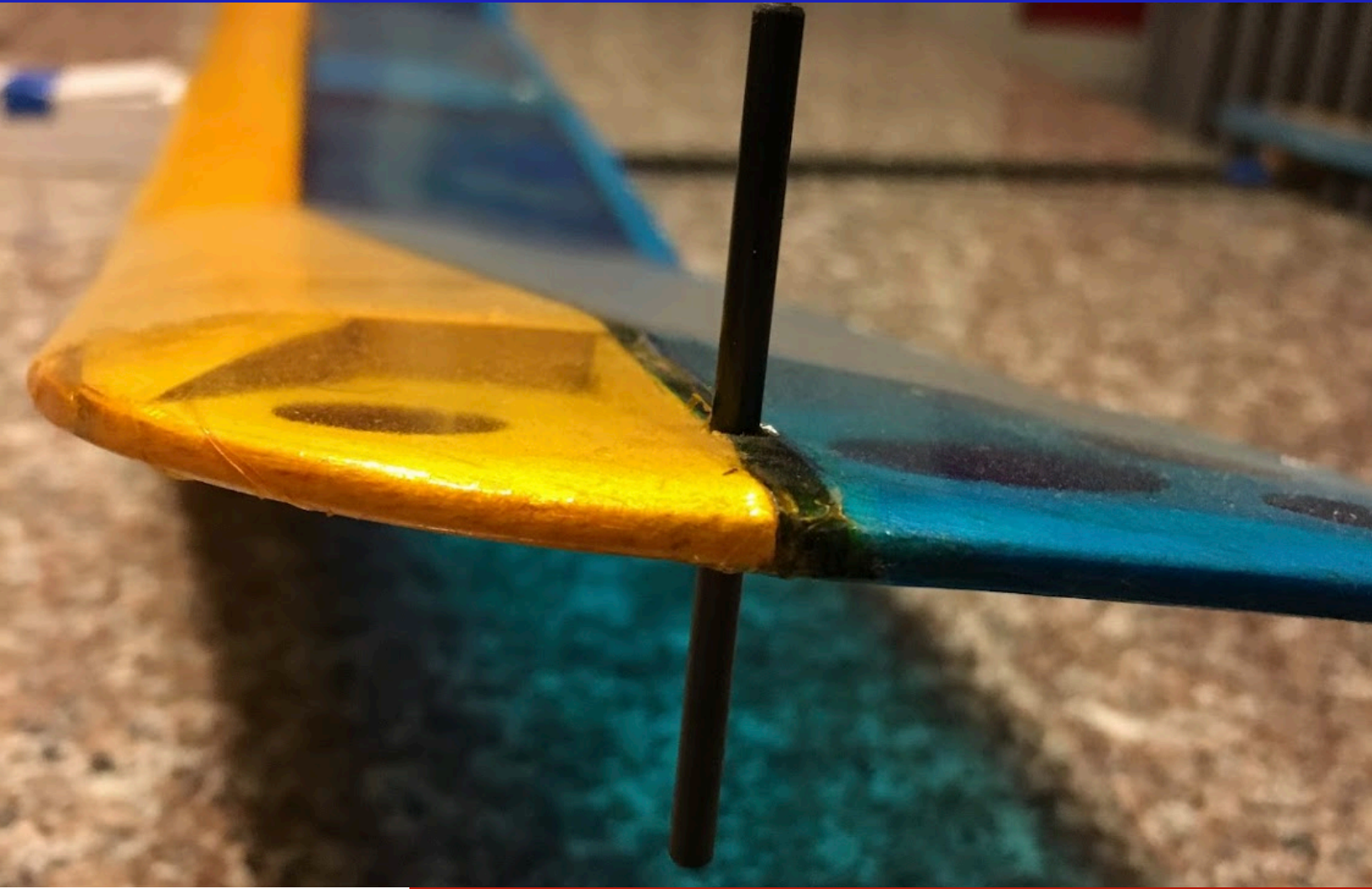


Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

September, 2020



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 16th, 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! Once again, summer is drawing to a close. While it has been a challenging season for us, there have been high points, too. We've held some great events, we've continued flying together, and (as far as I know) we have kept coronavirus at bay among our members. These are good things!

As I write this note, it is muggy and pouring outside. With fall will return crystal clear skies, bright colors, crisp air, and all of the good flying that comes along. Already, when the wind is right, you can catch the scent of ripe concord grapes drifting over Davis. Other than our own reserved times, the fields' schedules still appear uncertain. While I regret fewer sports events for our local youngsters, I expect we'll continue to find extended opportunities to fly.

Meanwhile, our club meetings have remained virtual. This month, John Eppling has successfully petitioned AMA District One VP Andy Argenio to speak. It should be a great chance to learn about recent developments at the AMA and FAA.

As always, I look forward to seeing you on the field and in the air!

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President

Davis Field - Liability Waiver

Covid-19 has imposed mask-wearing and minimum 6-foot distancing rules. CRRC requests all members to follow state guidelines at all field or meetings, and maintain safe and healthy practices for our own and other members' sakes, as well as for the sake of other users of our shared fields.

Sudbury Parks and Recreation has asked for all participants in Davis Field activities (our rental of the field counts) to sign and return a waiver of liability in return for access to the field. Please see the club email list for a copy of the form and further details, if you come to Davis Field. The form can be signed, scanned, and sent to David Speilman at exofficio (at) charlesriverrc (dot) org.

Recent Events

Quadcopter Racing Event with “NERDS” - July 25th

CRRC hosted the first-ever drone race at Davis Field this on July 25 th . The club partnered with North East Racing Drones (NERDs), a MultiGP chapter based in Amesbury MA, who provided the race gates, flags, safety netting, and most of the pilots. MultiGP is a Special Interest Group of the AMA.



Several of the NERDs leadership arrived with a trailer and were hard at work setting up the race course by 8am. Approximately 400 feet of bird netting enclosed a well-received race course which included obstacles such as hurdles, corkscrews, split-S, and ladders. Pilot Christian “BearShampoo” Vance so enjoyed the course that he recreated it in the Velocidrone simulator. There were a few spectators, including members of the public and some CRRC members.

Fifteen pilots attended, including CRRC president, Scott "ScottR" Ritter, and Michael "hubris" Whidden.

Nationally-ranked pilots Ethan "EthanFPV" Kling and Tim "timbo_fpv" Amero took the top two places, completing 3 laps in 46.9 and 47.5 seconds, respectively.

Some might say that the show was, at times, stolen by the hay mower and the hay tedder, which were unexpectedly in operation at the edge of the course. The equipment earned the humorous moniker "The Quad-Tosser".

Race footage can be seen on YouTube https://youtu.be/_OBuJDGmxfo, and the race course can be found in Velocidrone in the download section of the track editor, titled "NERDs at Davis Field".



Reminder - From Yahoo! to Groups.io

Please remember that Yahoo! Groups is no longer used for CRRC. If you aren't on , members should contact Adam / webmaster "at" charlesriverrc.org, or send mail to [crcc+subscribe "at" CRRC.groups.io](mailto:crcc+subscribe@CRRC.groups.io).

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://crcc.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.

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, September 16th, 7:45PM**. Once again ***we will hold the meeting virtually using Zoom conferencing***. We'll also be joined once again by **AMA District One VP Andy Argenio**, and possibly other AMA representatives, to update us on AMA, FAA, and other goings-on in these "interesting" times.

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](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 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>	