

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

December, 2020



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 16th, 2020

7:45PM

—>> Online via Web Conference! <<—
(invitation will be sent via email list)

President's Message

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I hope you are well and have enjoyed a good Thanksgiving! The last snow is still lingering with the recent cold temperatures and it's becoming hard not to acknowledge the impending winter. With so much virtual activity this year, I think many of us have found more opportunity to build and repair models; but now begins the time of year when most of our families know they *officially* have to give in ;-)

In recent news, we elected our new officers at the last club meeting. They will be taking (or swapping into) their new roles after this month and we owe them our gratitude. Among them is Mike Whidden, the new president, whom I am excited to welcome into the role with no vote recount. Mike is a great man, a talented multirotor and fixed-wing pilot, and a thoughtful person. I know he will carry the office well for us.

Coming up is the 2021 Frozen Finger Fun Fly - our next organized opportunity for some good in-person socializing and flying (with mask-warmed faces). I'm very much looking forward to seeing at least your eyes there. In the intervening time, between tinkering and getting in what flights you can, please think about and *share* your ideas for meeting themes and speakers, and also 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.

I want to end this last letter of 2020 with a heartfelt thank you for my enjoyable two years "in office", and for always making this the excellent club that it is.

Sincerely,

- Scott Ritter, President

Election Results

No, not THAT election . . . CRRC's annual elections occurred at the November meeting. Please welcome and support the Board of Directors for 2021:

President: Mike Whidden

Newsletter Editor: Adam Smith

Vice President: Dan Sullivan

Webmaster: Joel Foner

Treasurer: Dave Marshall

Safety Coordinator: David Spielman

Recording Secretary: (vacant, will be assigned per-meeting by VP)

Raffle Chairman: Scott Ritter (Ex Officio)

Membership Secretary: John Eppling

Chief Instructor: Dick Williamson

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.

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.

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.

- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor

Safety Corner

Covid! Covid! Covid! We have heard that so much lately that we are getting tired of it and maybe desensitized. A phenomenon called Covid Fatigue has been used to describe lowering our defenses because you are tired of masking up and distancing. Don't give in, we are all dealing with the same issue and will be through this nightmare soon. We have successfully piloted model aircraft in the heat of summer while wearing masks and sunglasses so flying in the winter with a face mask should be a breeze. We just need to take a few minutes before launching and adjust sunglasses to avoid fog.

In Massachusetts, we are asked to wear a mask and whenever possible keep six feet apart. Our club flies on state and town properties and we don't want to be kicked off those properties for breaking the guidelines. Please comply with governor Baker's request. If you must fly with your mask off to prevent fogging your glasses for safety reasons, absolutely maintain a minimum of 6 feet between you and your spotter, other pilots and observers and then put on your mask right after landing and shutting down your motor. CRRC is not taking a political position on masks or distancing and requires all members to comply with state guidelines while flying on our rented and borrowed sites. We cannot afford to lose a field because we don't follow a simple mask and distance rule from local lawmakers. There are more important threats to our hobby such as noise, urban development and FAA changes which we have less control over and will impact us equally as badly.

Davis Field users: It's still hunting season in Massachusetts and the bow hunters are in their hides at the far edge of the farmers fields. Please do not disturb the hunters by walking around in the woods from Monday through Saturday. A good day to go looking for lost planes in the woods is Sunday. Hunting season ends in January.

- David Spielman, Safety Coordinator

COVID Protocols & Davis Field Waiver

COVID-19 has imposed mask-wearing and minimum 6-foot distancing rules when sharing public spaces. CRRRC 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.

FAA Registration Renewal

As noted recently on the club mailing list, if you registered with the FAA as a Recreational Flyer in 2016 when they launched the program, **your registration is probably expiring in December**. Please remember to visit <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/> to check and renew your registration. You should be able to Log In, then click the "Dashboard" for Recreational Flyers and see your FAA registration number and expiration date. Click the "Renew" button under your number/date/address details to renew.

Also, beware some commercial entities who are claiming to process registrations - often for increased prices. Go directly to the [FAA.gov](https://www.faa.gov) site - the fee is \$5 for a three-year registration / or extension from your existing expiry.

This is also a good time to make sure that your FAA number is on all of your (flyable) planes and copters!

This Month's Meeting

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 16th, 7:45PM**. Once again ***we will hold the meeting virtually using Zoom conferencing.***

In December will welcome Tim Amero and Jay McCarthy from NorthEast Racing Drones to talk with the club about staging and participating in top-class drone racing events!

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 - 2021

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 (Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50)	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	(Voluntary donation appreciated)	(Voluntary donation appreciated)
Full time STUDENT	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	